



# Ay Chihuahua!

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## President's Message

Hello Members, I am really honored to be your new President. Tracy left a legacy that really cannot be matched, and it's a difficult job to step into her shoes. But, I know one of the most important things for her was that the club continue to grow and develop into a full and well rounded club; a club for all people that love Chihuahuas. A well rounded club with people that are interested in all aspects of the breed. A club that does community work, education, pet visitations, rescue, fostering, obedience, agility, exhibiting, breeder referrals, etc. A club that supports terrific organizations, such as the Hawaiian Humane Society, and other Humane Societies around the State of Hawaii, through donations and our club's participation in their activities. We have begun to achieve part of this, and we are looking forward to continuing and expanding our role in the community.

We welcome and encourage all of you to participate in one or more of these activities throughout the year. We also welcome your ideas and energy, so come on out!

Lorene Maki

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## A Visit Down Under

By Claire Ching

I hadn't really planned on going to Australia. It was a wish that I thought would never come true as I listened to Gail (Esperago) talk about her upcoming journey to that far away place in the south Pacific. The birthplace of our beloved Chihuahuas. To see two great dog shows on back-to-back weekends. The Sydney Royal Easter Dog Show at the Olympic Park and the Easter Royal Chihuahua Specialty Show at Erskin Park. To see the best of the best compete in the ring.

Needless to say, I broke down and decided to go just one week prior to departure time. The most spontaneous thing I ever did. It felt good, and bad. But I tried to make the most of it and just tried to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We went to the Olympic Park to see the first show. It was a big event, with a carnival like atmosphere and state fair all in one. There was livestock and horse judging, car racing, all kinds of food to try, products tent, arts & crafts tent, food

tasting tent, leather crafts, and lots of dogs. We met a lot of Chihuahua people there. They were very friendly and kind. We made a lot of friends. They had to stay there from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. because they were an exhibit for the public to come and see them. There was a fenced walkway where the people could walk through the dog holding areas and see all the different breeds.

The following Sunday was the Easter Royal Chihuahua Specialty Show put on by the Chihuahua Club of New South Wales. This show had more entries than the other show and was held on Easter Sunday. We rode to the show with one of the people helping with the show so we got there early. They decorated the ring with all kinds of plants and big cardboard easter eggs and we helped them put up some of the decorations, making it look very festive. They started with the long-coats at 10:00 and the smooth coats after that and everything ended at around 5:00. We got to schmooze with all the big-time show people and see all the different handling techniques too. There was a baby puppy class for dogs 3-6 months old. It was very cute. Some of the puppies were bouncing along instead of walking like the older dogs. At the end of competition, they introduced Gail and I to the crowd and wanted us to give out the awards to the new grand champions. 1000 points are needed to be grand champion. It was a large picture of their dog in a frame with an engraved plaque. Then they had a costume contest, a "best head" contest, "best gait" contest and "parent-offspring" contest. Then we helped them clean up the ring and it was dark when we finally left.

As our stay there was coming to a close, they kept asking us this question: "There's going to be a big show in Brisbane for the 2002 Nationals. You're coming, aren't you?" Well . . . .

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

We would like to request Club members to volunteer their skills in scanning pictures into digital format, organizing Club activities, and any ideas you all wish to share with us. The Club would also be happy to accept contributions of prizes and raffle items for Club meetings and activities. The current contact is Lorene Maki at ph. 226-0703, at P.O. Box 4545, Kaneohe, HI 96744 or email at [cchawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:cchawaii@hotmail.com)

## PET EXPO MAY 12, 13, 2001

Our Club has been asked by the Pet Expo Organizers to do a demonstration of our famous Chihuahua Olympics on both days of the Expo. The club will also have a booth where we will be sharing information about our Club activities, breed information, and we will also be selling some Chihuahua biscuits, beds, small toys, and Chihuahua pens. The pens of course are for Chihuahua owners.

We'll have a lot of FUN at the Expo!  
Come and join us!!!!

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### List of Exhibitors At Recent All Breed Dog Shows

- ⊞ Claire Ching—Long coat
- ⊞ Gail Esperago—Long coat
- ⊞ Diane Kimura-Sugiyama—Smooth coat
- ⊞ Lorene Maki—Smooth coat
- ⊞ Bill Risso and E. Nanashima—Smooth coat
- ⊞ Jean and Raymond Sampaio—Long coat
- ⊞ Vera Van Verst—Long coat
- ⊞ John Werner & Stan Kakae—Smooth coat
- ⊞ Earl Takahashi—Long coat
- ⊞ Amy Kaneta and Paul Ritz—Long coat

Congratulations to everyone!!!

**Are you interested in showing? Call or email us.**

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### CHIHUAHUA CLUB SPECIALTIES International and the Mainland

If you wish more information or are interested in taking a trip to a particular specialty, let your club members know. Other members may wish to join in the fun too.

- April 27, 28, and 29, 2001—Chihuahua Club of America Rotating Specialty is being hosted by the Chihuahua Club of Northern California in San Francisco. Villa Hotel near the SF Airport.
- April—Large dog shows in Australia. If anyone has more detailed information, please contact the club.

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## CLUB NOTICES

- If you wish to enter a dog show, but need an entry form or other information, we would be happy to help you with this. Contact Lorene at the Club contact.
- ⊞ May 12, 13 **Pet Expo**—Free Admission, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Chihuahua Olympics Demo, Cooking shows, Parade of Dogs, Petting zoo, Hawaiian Kennel Club Puppy Match on Sunday, \$5 entry fee. \*\*\***Club Project**.
- ◆ Chihuahua Club of America 2000 Handbook. About \$28.00, First Class mail. Make your check or money order to the Chihuahua Club of America. Pedigrees and advertisements of Chihuahua exhibitors and breeders. Mail to Tanya Delaney 987 W. Center Ave. Rd., Essexville MI 48732-2033
- ◆ April 28, 29, 2001—Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui All Breed shows and Obed. At Wailuku War Memorial.
- ◆ May 20, 2001—West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed B. Match. Entry fee \$5.
- ◆ May 27, 2001—Obedience Training Club of Hawaii All Breed Trial at Thomas Square.
- ◆ June 10, 2001—Seminar, Preparing for Success. For info call Barbara and Peter Ankersmit, 261-8102.
- ◆ June 10, 2001—Hilo Obedience Training Club All Breed Trail.
- ◆ June 24, 2001—Hawaiian Humane Society Petwalk at Kapiolani Park\*\*\*\**A club activity*.
- ◆ July 8, 2001—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc. All Breed B Match at King Intermediate. Entry \$5.
- ◆ July 15, 2001—Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed B Match.
- ◆ July 29, 2001—In Celebration of Dogs at Thomas Square
- ◆ August 18, 19, 2001—West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- ◆ August 26, 2001—Obedience Training Club of Hawaii All Breed Trail.
- ◆ September 1, 2, 2001—Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows at NBC. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- ◆ September 23, 2001—Fantasies in Chocolate, Hawaiian Humane Society.
- ◆ September 29, 30, 2001—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc. All Breed Dog Shows at King Intermediate School. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- ◆ October 6,7, 2001—Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed Dog Shows.

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## Chi Club Members

We would like to introduce one of our club members in our newsletter.

Lorraine Beham

Lorraine's BooBoo (no, not a ouwee kind of booboo) is a Chihuahua Fox Terrier mix, about 2.5 years old. Lorraine is a nature tour guide and can share geology, history, and the flora and the fauna of Hawaii. Booboo loves to fetch balls and frisbees. She can also jump through a hula hoop and walk on her hind legs. She can also pick out each of her toys by name, and is very smart and friendly to all people and kids. Lorraine's other hobbies, besides teaching Booboo to shake hands, beg and lay down, likes to surf, travel, go hiking, and take pictures.

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## Some Thoughts About... Showing Your Chihuahua

By Lorene Maki

Many of you have considered briefly, showing your Chihuahua at a 'real' dog show. Or you have perhaps wondered why you should do this. I'd like to share some thoughts with all of you about showing. Showing your Chihuahua can be fun. It is not a sport for all of us, just like obedience and other types of activities are not for all of us, but showing does have a place as an activity to do with your Chihuahua. I'm sure you have all heard stories that showing is a "dog eat dog" kind of thing, where competition and winning is all important. And I cannot say that this is not true for many of the folks in the dog showing world. However, my personal opinion is that kind of attitude, particularly if practiced here in Hawaii, only brings down the sport of showing and exhibiting, and eventually drives people out of the sport. So what is the sense in that? If everyone else has been scared away from the sport because of selfish competitive attitudes? I've been told that here on Oahu and on Maui, the number of entries at our dog shows have declined recently. Perhaps its happened because of such attitudes. However...

Could there be such a thing as "Healthy competition" among dog show people? I want to say that YES! we have had fun and companionship showing our dogs. We have only started showing our dogs for a little over a year, and it has been fun, and something we want to support and see continue.

The decline in show entries is a trend that we Chihuahua people are trying to reverse. I believe we can only do this by steadily encouraging as many people as possible to try it out. To build a base of

people who see showing as something for fun and socializing. To support each other in the ring and out of the ring. To cheer each other on, and help each other to show our Chihuahuas. To focus our efforts on the challenge of the Toy Group and Best in Show competition rather than the Breed competition.

I believe we can do this; a Chihuahua can win Best In Show if we wholeheartedly and collectively support our breed. Well, some may think that this goal is somewhat unimportant in the scheme of things, and that would be true if it were only for that reason. But, consider this goal as representing a shift in thinking about winning as a BREED triumph versus an individual win, and then I hope, it becomes clear that a collective effort does more to further the Chihuahua breed in Hawaii than we could each do as individuals.

We've all experienced the warmth of friendship and share the love of the breed. Come and join us. ☺

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## Perfect Paws Store Windward Mall

Bring in this newsletter to Perfect Paws on the second floor at Windward Mall and they will give us a 10 percent discount on merchandise. Their website is

<http://www.purrfectpaws.bigstep.com/>

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## **\*\*Breeder Section\*\***

NOTE: The Club does not endorse any particular breeder, and reserves the right to pull any ad for any reason.

Giron Chihuahuas Oahu Ph. 946-0006  
AKC Smooth coat and Long coat  
Chihuahuas  
Most 4 pounds and under. Raised with  
Children. Excellent Temperaments.  
Health Guaranteed. Dogs from New  
Zealand, Australia, and the Mainland.  
Email: [Commish123123123@aol.com](mailto:Commish123123123@aol.com)

Lamaki Chihuahuas Oahu Ph. 226-0703  
Long coat stud, smooth coat and long coat  
pups occasionally. Pet and show quality.  
Imported British and U.S. mainland lines.  
Email: [ozako@hotmail.com](mailto:ozako@hotmail.com)

# The Sydney Royal Easter Dog Show at the Sydney Olympic Park



Dogs in the ring



Winners wait for ribbons

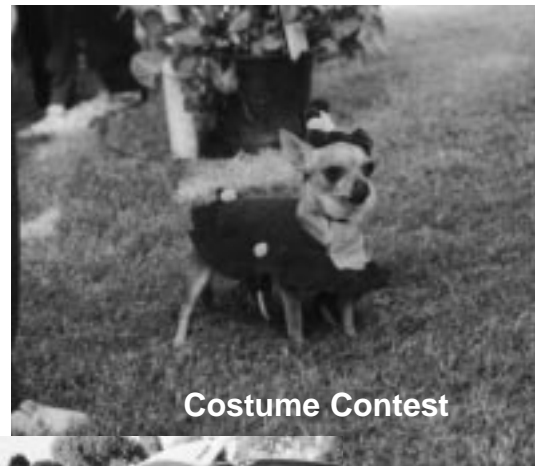


Waiting for table exam

## The Easter Royal Chihuahua Specialty Show



Dogs being judged



Costume Contest



Grand Champions