



Ay Chihuahua!!

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CLUB MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Club will be participating in the
HAWAII PET EXPO 2003



SATURDAY, MAY 10 AND SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2003
NEAL BLAISDELL CENTER EXHIBITION HALL
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM BOTH DAYS
PETS ARE WELCOME @ THE EXPO

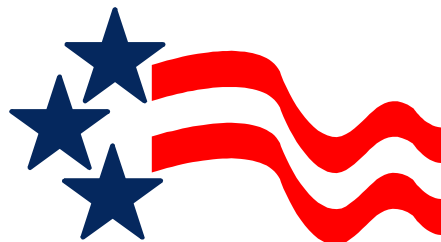
*The Club has obtained a booth at the upcoming Pet Expo
This is where we need your help...*

We ask that you spare us an hour or two of your time and volunteer to man the Club booth at the Pet Expo. We welcome your Chihuahua in the booth. A carrier or crate for your dog might make him more comfortable while you are busy helping in the booth. Also, please bring a chair for you to sit on, and some water for your Chihuahua.

We appreciate all the help and support you can give to the Club. Please contact Laverne at 574-3814 (day) or 833-1085 (eve) to volunteer your time. Laverne may call some of you personally to ask for your help. Or you can email the Club at cchawaii@hotmail.com

OR

Go to the Club booth at the Pet Expo, and ask for Claire. She can tell you how you can help.



EASTER MEETING

We had a fun filled Easter meeting with Easter Bonnet glamour, and some new members. We appreciate the support and help from Kim, Tomomi, Tam and her mom and friend, and all the rest who joined in our festivities. Thank you for coming.

We talked about the Pet Expo and our upcoming Club B Match. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for every Chihuahua that enters the Match and there will be another fun activity and prizes for the Chi spectators that come to see the match. A treasury report was also given.

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NEXT MEETING FUN MATCH AND GAMES CLUB B MATCH APPROVED!!!!

Sunday, June 29, 2003

VCA Kaneohe Animal Hospital

From 1:00 pm

Please join us at our next meeting on June 29, 2003. The AKC has approved the Club's request to hold a B match. We will also have a fun activity and prizes for all the Chihuahuas that come to the meeting, whether in the Match or for the fun activity.

Activities:

- 1:00 to 1:30 pm--Entries may be mailed early or submitted at the meeting from 1:00 to 1:30
- 1:30 pm—Club meeting
- ~2:00 pm—Match
- ~3:00 pm—Game

The Match is limited to Club Members, and professional handlers are not allowed to show any dogs. Prizes are ribbons, a dog bed, a handmade Chihuahua pillow, Chihuahua related theme items, and other prizes. Every Chihuahua at the match and meeting will win a prize or goodie bag. An Entry form is included. Donations are welcome. We appreciate all the support. For more information contact Claire, Match Chair at 595-3765 or Kim, Match Secretary at 239-6979 or email the club: cchawaii@hotmail.com

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HAWAII BOARD OF AGRICULTURE ELIMINATES QUARANTINE FOR QUALIFIED PETS

The Hawaii Board of Agriculture voted six to two to approve a five-day or less rabies quarantine proposal, which would essentially eliminate quarantine for pets whose owners complete pre-arrival requirements and submit all required documents in a timely manner. The proposal now goes to the Attorney

General's Office, the Departments of Budget and Finance (B & F) and Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) for review and then to Governor Linda Lingle for final approval.

"The approval of this new program is a positive step in reducing the burdens of quarantine on pets and their owners and also reducing the cost of bringing pets to Hawaii," said Governor Lingle. "The program will also allow Hawaii residents to travel with their pets and return to Hawaii without quarantine if they follow the specified procedures before they leave."

"We are pleased that the Board has approved the five-day or less quarantine as proposed by the department," said Sandra Lee Kunimoto, Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. "It is a progressive move, with adequate safeguards to prevent the introduction of rabies into the state."

Under the new program, pets may be released within five days or less, ideally at Honolulu International Airport, depending on the time it takes owners to provide all the required information regarding pre-arrival requirements that include:

- Two rabies vaccinations, with the last vaccination administered no more than 12 months prior to arrival if it was a one-year vaccine, or no more than 18 months prior to arrival if it was a three-year vaccine. (The two vaccinations may not be administered within 90 days of each other; and the last vaccine must be administered no less than 90 days prior to the pet's entry into the state);
- Microchip implantation for identification purposes;
- Blood serum test results with sufficient level of rabies antibodies; and
- 120-day pre-arrival waiting period between the time the lab receives the blood sample and the earliest date the pet may enter the state under the new program. The pre-arrival waiting period is necessary due to the long and variable length of rabies incubation, where the virus may hide in an animal before clinical signs of the disease become apparent. There is no test that can determine if an animal is carrying the rabies virus other than post-mortem.

The five-day or less quarantine program is a new option. The 30-day and the 120-day quarantine programs remain in effect for those pets who do not satisfy the new requirements. Fees for the five-day or less program will be \$224 for up to five days of quarantine, and \$165 for direct release from the airport. The cost of the 30-day and the 120-day quarantine programs remains at \$655 and \$1,080, respectively.

In September 2002, the Board sent a five-day quarantine proposal to public hearings. The proposal was later amended include the option of a less than five-day quarantine if all documents regarding pre-arrival requirements are submitted by the owner and can be verified in a shorter period. Public hearings were held in March 2003. During the public comment period, 387 individual written and oral testimonies were submitted to the board for consideration.

Hawaii is the only rabies-free state in the nation. In 2002, there were 4,681 dogs and cats that completed quarantine in to Hawaii. About 75 percent of those pets qualified for the 30-day program. The expectation is that the new option will effectively end quarantine in Hawaii for about half of arriving pets.

For more information on Hawaii's rabies exclusion programs, go to the department's website at: www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/

A COUNTRY BOY'S PRACTICAL THEORY OF GENETICS AND GOOD BREEDING

By Joe Smith

Having bred and shown pure-bred dogs for over 52 years, I have read many books on genetics written by serious scholars. You must have a dictionary (and now there is one that requires a calculator) at hand to understand the technical wording. I finally reached a point, where the more I read the less I knew or understood.

The following is one of my own that has been very successful for me.

To begin with—let's give each characteristic a color coded marble, then we will have a code which gives a gene as represented by the respective coded marble. Go back four generations (the number is up to you), break down the characteristics of each dog and bitch and assign a respective code. Do this for the dam you are going to breed and also for the sire you wish to use. You place all the coded marbles on the dam's side in a jar and you place all the coded marbles on the sire's side in a separate jar. Now we are ready for a breeding; To do this breeding, we place all the marbles from both jars in a third jar and mix them thoroughly. This mixing of the marbles from both dam and sire represent a breeding. To represent the whelping, we shake out enough genes (coded marbles) to make each puppy. Each time you shake out the marbles you get a different combination of coded marbles; this is why there is no cloning --each whelping is made up of a different batch of genes.

Since the coded marbles represent the good characteristics as well as the bad, if we have more marbles carrying the good characteristics, the odds are that we will get a puppy with more of the good

characteristics; this is why linebreeding is a good thing, but only if you are truly selective in your breeding specimens. Bear this in mind, if you use specimens with bad faults you will increase the risk of puppies with these bad faults. To improve the Breed, you must mate only good specimens.

Genes cannot be mixed like cake mix -- a good longcoat is one gene, a poor longcoat is a separate gene. If you breed a poor longcoat gene into the system, you are interjecting that poor longcoat gene, whereas, if you continue to be selective and breed only good longcoats to good longcoats, you strengthen the odds on consistently getting good longcoats. This procedure applies to good bites and bad bites, good fronts and bad fronts and so on with all the characteristics that make up a good or bad Chihuahua.

If you select specimens with good characteristics in themselves and their parents and grandparents, it will enhance your chance of getting more of these good characteristics -- whether it is a linebred or outcross breeding; however, with line breeding, you have more of the same dogs and this makes the study much easier and with better odds.

Some strains will respond favorably to close breeding, some will not. When you study most of my pedigrees you will find occasionally a complete outbreeding with no ancestors in common. In selecting this outcross, my choice was made by assuring myself both lines were good and regardless of whether the puppies look like the sire's side or the dam's side, they should be good puppies.

According to the above procedure, if you have a bitch with a lot of faults and say "but she has such good breeding behind her, she should produce good puppies" . How can this be? Well she had to acquire her faults from her parents, grandparents, etc. and when you breed her you are putting her faulty marbles back in to the jar to possible come out later. We have far too many breeders breeding Chihuahuas with disqualifying and/or major faults and are causing these faults to be put back into the line to come out in a future breeding. I have heard them say "BUT THEY PRODUCE SUCH NICE PUPPIES, EVEN THOUGH SHE WEIGHS 7 POUNDS, HER PUPPIES ARE ALWAYS SMALL". What happens to these major or disqualifying faults?

This study may seem much too simple, but to me it has a lot of good practical reasoning and produced good results. Think about it! Have you found a genetics study that works any simpler? I know this procedure can be questioned and a more detailed version could be more written, however, I think this one is "**SHORT AND SWEET AND HARD TO BEAT**". It works for me and has produced a stable and a similarity in my Chihuahua program.

As for color -- I have yet to find a theory that even comes close to predicting or controlling color in breeds like the Chihuahua which can be of any color or any combination of colors, (there are a few color exceptions).

**GOOD BREEDING ETHICS
ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS A PERSON'S
SELF ADMINISTERED CONVICTIONS.**

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*Authors Note: "My idea of good breeding has served me well. There has been quite a few clubs published [this article] in their Club journals. I would be in hopes you would review my REGALAIRES pictures in our national breed manual. [Chihuahua Club of America Handbook, 2000.] I believe there is a similarity. I believe in line breeding BUT it must be properly understood as it could be a disastrous process as well as a successful one. If proper study is not made on the ancestors, the faults can be multiplied. A breeder's conviction and sacrifice is most important."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **May 10-11—Hawaii Pet Expo 2003, Neil Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Free. Pets are welcome. Club will have a booth at the Expo.**
- ◆ May 11—at the Expo, Hawaiian Kennel Club Puppy Match.
- ◆ May 25—Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, All Breed Obedience Trial at Thomas Square.
- ◆ June 22--Hawaiian Humane Society Petwalk at Kapiolani Park.
- ◆ **June 29—Club "B" Match, Judge Stacia Ohira, AKC approved. Limited to Club Members, and professional handlers are not allowed to show any dogs. VCA Kaneohe Animal Hospital, Kaneohe. Meeting is from 1:00 pm, match starts at 2:00 pm. Entries are available from the Club.**
- ◆ August 16-17—West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed Shows at Barber's Point Elementary School.

- ◆ August 24—Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, All Breed Obedience Trial at Thomas Square.
- ◆ September 6-7—Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows at Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
- ◆ September 27-28—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fancier's Assoc. All Breed Shows at King Intermediate School.
- ◆ October 4-5—Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed Shows at Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium, Hilo
- ◆ October 19—Tropical Toy Dog Fanciers of Hawaii Toy Group Show at Thomas Square.
- ◆ November 23—A Heart for Dustin Benefit Match at Thomas Square.

****Breeder Section****

NOTE: The Club does not endorse any particular breeder, and reserves the right to pull any ad for any reason. If you would like to place an ad, please contact the club, as noted above.

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