

CHIUAHUA CLUB OF HAWAII

NEWSLETTER

OFFICER'S PROFILES

Hi Members. We thought we would give you some idea who your officers are, so in this issue mixed in with the news, we have something about the 6 officers of our club. And we start off with...

EL PRESIDENTE!!!

Tracy Lehmann, President. Tracy is a freelance writer and actress and owns Josephine and Pepito. She's currently starring in a role a little off Broadway, at Hawaii Pacific University in Kaneohe. She also has many cats, birds, and vagrant ducks. Pepito is a rascal. Tracy told us, "On the first night Pepito slept in my bed he ate the pearl off of my necklace. I didn't know it was him. When I woke up I searched for it because I thought it had rolled off the bed in my sleep. On a hunch I took Pepito to the vet. The vet came back with this x-ray and was laughing. Yes, Pepito had eaten my pearl as a midnight snack. We thought it would pass but since a pearl is natural it dissolved in his belly. Now I call him my little Oyster boy." Pepito won Best of Breed at the Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Show in March! Hooray! Congratulations, Tracy & Pepito!

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Keep your Chi warm with this...

By Lee Ann Lee

Sweaters can be great in cold weather to keep your Chi cozy, other than snuggling up with you in your bed, that is.

You can find instructions on knitting a chihuahua sized sweater on the Internet. Use your web browser and visit this site:

<http://www.tiac.net./users/stacey/chihswe.html>

These instructions are good if you have previous knitting experience. Another site to look at is:

<http://www.concentric.net/~Katfrano/sweaters.html>

The pictures are from a Leisure Arts leaflet, #934 called: "Dog Sweaters: ten designs to knit and crochet" by Carol Carvalho. If you don't have access to the internet, just call us and we'll be happy to get you a copy of it.

For those that don't knit or crochet you could use a variety of things, such as an old sock, an old pair of leggings, the sleeve of an old sweatshirt, or if your Chihuahua is on the bigger side use a sweatpant leg to make the sweater. Cut to the proper length, use the cuff as the part that goes around the neck and cut holes in appropriate places for the legs.

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VICE PRESIDENT

Glen R. Taniguchi, Vice President. Glen lives in Pearl City, with his wife, Jo-Ann, daughter Kari, and 2 loving Chihuahuas, Missy & Jolee. Glen graduated from UH, Engineering, with a Masters in Public Admin. He's now with the Board of Water Supply. Missy is 5 yrs old, sable color, non-AKC. Jolee is 4 mon. old, fawn color, AKC. Glen said, "We love to play with our beautiful dogs and watch our daughter participate in soccer. I took over for Jo-Ann in Missy's obedience class. But I expected such great things from Missy that she developed "stress" problems and could not perform in class, and in fact, we had to drop out with only one class left. And the day after we dropped out, Missy was normal." Glen just got Jolee, and he says, "We've been watching the two dogs learning to get along with one another and how the "alpha" dog finally comes out on top."

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NEXT MEETING

Please keep June 6th, Sun. morning/lunch open for our next meeting at the Hawaiian Humane Society Pet Walk/Chi club potluck lunch at Kapiolani Park. Keep your eyes open for the coming flyer!



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BREED INFO

On June 13th, Sun. afternoon, the club will be going to the Pet's Discount Warehouse to hand out information on our FAVORITE BREED—THE CHIHUAHUA! We'd appreciate everyone's help. A flyer will be sent with more info. on this.

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Do You Want To Show Your Dog?

By Diane Kimura Sugiyama

Are dog shows for me? What should I expect? What do I win or what happens if I lose? These are some of the real questions that need to be addressed by everyone who is contemplating whether or not to succumb to this sometimes additive sport. Yes, dog shows are a sport. It is where a AKC licensed judge gives his subjective opinion of your dog based on his/her interpretation of the standard of the breed. Only one dog from each breed can win each day to compete in the group. That winner for the day is called the BEST

OF BREED. No one likes to lose. But, if you can't really accept defeat, then dog shows are not for you. The true sportsman sometimes wins and loses and accepts this as a game only. Not everyone can win. Only one male and one female will win points for a day in every breed if there are enough dogs entered to make points.

To find out if dog shows are something you want to do, try entering a fun match ('B'Match, no points awarded) first to see what it is like. There, you will get first hand knowledge of a mini dog show. First of all, read the AKC standard for our breed and decide if your dog meets the standard. You may also decide to get another's opinion on this, since it can be difficult to decide. Check to see if your dog has any disqualifying faults (listed in the standard), and if your dog does, then entering a show with him may mean great disappointment. Next, watch the announcements for handling classes where you will learn how to present your dog in the ring. There are several classes offered by different organizations around town. Then you are ready to go to a 'B' fun match, and see if you would enjoy showing your dog in competition for real points at a regular dog show.

As in any sport, there are good and poor losers. Expect to see both. The excellent part of participation in dog shows is meeting different people who have the same love of dogs as we all do. I find it exciting to meet a lot of different people with different breeds of dogs. You also learn about other breeds and see them if you have not seen them before. Remember, winning is not everything. If you lose today to this judge, the next judge may like your dog. You just never know. If you do win, you will get a ribbon. If you are lucky enough, you might win Winners Bitch or Winners Dog, which may give you points toward your dog's AKC championship. Of course winning Best of Breed sends you on to further competition in the Toy Group, and the winner of the Toy Group goes on to competition for Best in Show.

Just remember, that even if your dog loses, there is always another day. He or she is always FIRST PLACE in your heart.

Aloha till next time. Any questions?

Email Diane at: kianas@hgea.org or call at (808) 885-4176 after 6:00 pm. Next time we will discuss classes to enter your dog in.

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\$ TREASURER \$

Janet Yoda, Treasurer. Hello! My name is Skeeter Yoda. I am a two year old long coat female Chihuahua. I'm fawn and weigh 5 lbs. My mommy is Janet. She likes to call me other names such as "Little Girl," "Petey," "Babes," etc. Mommy is a bookkeeper and sometimes she takes me to work with her in the afternoon. I get to sit and lie on a chair and her co-workers stop by to carry or talk to me. I'm very quiet and sometimes I do fall asleep.

The best part of going to work with her is the great snacks that she brings for me - cheese and garlic animal cookies, yummy!

My daddy is Kelvin and I love to lick his knees. Don't know if it's the leg hair or that manly scent. Daddy is a computer technician and I get to go in computer stores all the time. My favorite and daddy's too, is CompUSA. Then there's my sister, Val. She's going to graduate from Mid Pacific Institute this May. She gives me the best baths. When Val gives me a bath, it's a combination bath and massage. I sleep with my sister and her stuffed bear - Humphrey. I know a few tricks, but I get confused when I'm excited. I first learned "please" and "dance" from my four legged mommy. Since then, I've learned "sit", "shake hands", "play dead", "beg" and "high 5" from sister, daddy and mommy. The next trick mom wants me to learn is how to catch food. Hope to see you at the next meeting and please say "HI" to us when you do.

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TASTY TREATS

(good for you and your dog)

By Lee Ann Lee

Cheese Treats

1 cup butter or margarine
4 cups (1 lb.) Shredded Sharp Cheddar cheese
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sesame seeds, parmesan cheese or garlic powder

All ingredients should be at room temperature. Cream butter with mixer or food processor using steel blade. Blend in cheese, and flour. Chill about 1 hr. Shape into 1-inch balls. Put sesame seed, Parmesan Cheese or Garlic powder on small plates. Dip the tops of the balls into the chosen topping. Place on ungreased baking sheets to bake. Keep the balls not cooking in the refrigerator. Bake at 400 degrees F about 10min. Do not brown. The balls will not be dry when done. Cool on baking sheets. Store in airtight containers in cool place.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

Lee Ann Lee, Recording Secretary. Lee Ann is a computer specialist at UH, and a mom of a 9 month old baby boy, although Rocko is still her baby chi. She also has a husband and a cat. BB (before baby) in her spare time she likes to do homey things like cook, bake, garden, quilt, sew, and crafts. She said, "Rocko was a gift to my husband and I from my sister in-law, her dogs' first litter that had produced two puppies. At that time I really was not interested in chihuahuas. My only past experience with the breed was with a grade school friend's dog. That dog would always nip at me when I tried to pet her so I thought all chihuahuas had that type of

disposition. My family had always had dogs, but not small dogs, medium sized dogs and they were always kept outside. One day I was sitting on the floor, I must have been watching TV, and Rocko comes over and sits in my lap and curls up as if he was going to sleep. You may not think that is a big deal but no dog had ever done that to me before and I thought that was totally adorable. Rocko was my baby and he wanted to be close to me. Now I know why people love chihuahuas, they may be tiny dogs but they have the biggest hearts. Now I can't get enough of chihuahuas ... I'm on the chihuahua mailing list ... I'm secretary in the chihuahua club ... I'm starting a chihuahua collection... what's next?"

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CLUB LOGO

Claire Ching has come up with some fantastic designs for our club logo. We all saw and voted on this at our April meeting. The final design (just needs some tweaking) will be used for our club stationary, newsletter, and club t-shirts, etc. Thank You, Claire. ★★★★★

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HELP!!! STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The club needs help to organize club activities at our meetings. The club would also be grateful if someone would create and maintain a web site for us. If you are interested or want to volunteer yourself or some other talented person, please call or email Lee Ann Lee at 685-5010 or leeann@hawaii.edu ❖

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Lorene Maki, Corresponding Secretary. Lorene is a planner with State Office of Planning. She's married, and has two sons, Clint, 13, and Kyle, 9, and 4 and a half dogs. Amber, who is a Shih Tzu, was the first. 6 yrs now and very sweet. Amber puts up with a lot from the Chis. Harry, 2 yrs, 5.25 lbs., a longcoat reddish fawn, with a couple of litters under his belt, but he's still acts like a puppy. Chibi, 4 yrs, 5.75 lbs., smoothcoat, black with white markings, super, wonderful mother. She co-owns Yuki, 1 yr, 4.75 lbs, a smoothcoat fawn with white. Yuki is a daughter of Harry and Chibi, and is just as playful as her father. And last, is Sassy, 2 yrs, 4.25 lb., a longcoat, black with white markings. She's very proud of her, as Sassy finished her championship early this year. Interests are reading, and breeding Chis. Would like to learn to show Chis too. Maybe she can get some tips from Diane!

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BARK PARK FUNDRAISER

April Meeting

The club had our meeting at the Bark Park fundraiser, which was a complete success, both our meeting/picnic, and the fundraiser. The Bark Park people sold 100 tickets to the event. Our members also contributed to the fundraiser. It was nice to see all of you again, and some new faces too.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Verna Lee, Membership Chair. Verna is a librarian and a terrible typist. Verna feels strongly that, "It is my privilege to serve as your membership chairperson this year." She and her husband, Waymond are the proud doggie parents of Max. Verna said, "Five years ago, after much 'gentle persuasion,' I finally convinced my husband to get a dog. He agreed, but under three conditions. 1) He would have to be small. 2) He would have to have short hair. 3) He would not cost more than \$300. And I guess that pretty much sums up our little Max. He is white with brown cow spots and a cherished member of our family." Verna and Max's favorite past time is to take long naps on Saturday afternoons, while dad, Waymond, is at work.

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UPDATES/NOTICES

Quarantine Fees--The State Department of Agriculture (DOA) is proposing to change the fees for Animal Quarantine. Our club provided testimony against the large increase, and for the State to look for alternatives. On Ap. 29th, the DOA, at a meeting for the Board of Agriculture, plans to recommend the rate increases, with some revisions. The fees for the 30-day quarantine will be gradually implemented over a 4 yr. period. They had originally proposed a \$350 fee, now they are changing this fee to \$150 for the first 45 days (after the fee is implemented), then from 46 days to 2 years, the cost will be \$250. From 2 to 4 yrs. it changes to \$270. From 4 years after the start date, the fee will be \$290. The Board meeting is on April 29th at 9:30 am. We will keep you informed.

American Kennel Club—We have informed the AKC about the formal organization of our club. They have responded by opening up a file for us. We will keep them up to date on our club's progress.

Chihuahua Club of America—We have also informed our 'parent club' of our organization, and will also keep them updated on our club's progress.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Teresa Lee

Impossible. Difficult. Incorrigible. Does this sound like your dog when it comes to training him? Do you get frustrated when your dog doesn't want to do what you're trying to teach him and wonder to yourself 'why train him at all?'

Training your dog is important to its overall well being. Not only does it shape him into a desirable companion, but training also makes for a stronger relationship between dog and owner. But what is one to do when training becomes a real challenge for the owner of a difficult dog or independent breed?

Betty Fisher and Suzanne Delzio's book, So Your Dog's Not Lassie: Tips for Training Difficult Dogs and Independent Breeds, will teach you how to work with your dog by employing or overcoming the traits that make your dog difficult to train.

Fisher and Delzio will show you how to use body language, rewards (food and verbal/ physical), training structure and style to get your dog to do what you ask. They start off by providing brief descriptions of traits of hard-to-train dogs and how to correct them. They move on to inform you what you need to know and have before you can even start to train your dog. Throughout the book photos are provided in addition to description or instructions to give you a semblance of what they're talking about.

The authors provide tips that can help with the training process and warnings that may hinder progress. And should progress be slow or not what you expected, Fisher and Delzio don't advocate correction by hitting or yelling. They believe in using your intelligence to correct, by asserting your dominance using your voice, and praising when appropriate.

By following their guidelines, you'll soon get your dog performing basic commands such as sit, stay, and come, and he'll be on his way to being a perfect companion or even a successful show dog. You can pick this book up from our public library.

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NAME CONTEST—WIN PRIZES!

Hi Members! We got a lot of suggestions for the name of our club newsletter, and we'd like you to take a moment and vote for your favorite name...just one. Bring this form to the next meeting or mail/email it to the address below.

- Ay Chihuahua
- Chi Bites
- Chi Chatter
- Chi Chit Chat
- Chi Chat & Stuff
- Chi Newsflash
- Chibi Chat (Chibi means small)
- Chihuahua Advertiser
- Chihuahua Chat
- Chihuahua Times
- Chihuahua Tribune
- Chi-size Tidings
- Da Scoop
- Da Pooch Scoop
- Little Buddy Chi News
- Little Buddy News
- Que Passe, Porrito (means Whats up, little one)
- Small Talk

(Picture) Sorry, it was cute, but couldn't adapt this one.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

We welcome any and all news items that you may want to contribute. You may submit text or photos. If we have room we will try to get photos scanned and printed in black and white. Volunteers for features are very welcome. Tell us your ideas, we'll include it in the next issue.

The current contact for the newsletter is Lorene at ph. 226-0703, at P.O. Box 4545, Kaneohe, HI 96744 or L_maki@hotmail.com