



# Ay Chihuahua!!

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**CLUB FUN MATCH AND GAMES!!!!  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2003  
VCA KANEOHE ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
FROM 1:00 PM**

## **ACTIVITIES AT THIS MEETING**

**1:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Entries may be mailed early  
or submitted at the meeting until 1:30 pm.**

**1:30 pm Club Meeting**

**~ 2:00 pm Match**

**~ 3:00 pm Games**

**NOTE: The Match is limited to Club members. Professional dog 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 receive a goodie bag or prize. We would appreciate receiving your entry early. Donations are welcome. All your support is appreciated. An entry form with more information is attached.**

**Please bring water and a drink for you and your dog, and a snack to share with your fellow members.**

## 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\* 🔔

## THE ANNUAL CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS

*PRIZES, GAMES, FUN FOR ALL!!!*

*AUGUST 24, 2003  
LOCATION TO BE  
ANNOUNCED*

*PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE  
OPEN, AND WE HOPE TO  
SEE YOU ALL 😊*

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Excerpt from "The New  
Chihuahua"  
by E. Ruth Terry.

Common Faults and Problems (of Chihuahuas)  
Every breed of dog has some common physical faults, usually brought on by Man. Many of these faults will not alter the life span of the dog, and a pet with these faults may live to a very ripe old age. However, if these faults appear in potential breeding stock, these dogs should not be bred. They should be castrated or spayed and sold to loving homes as pet

companions. The only way to breed out a fault is to use stock that does not have it.

**Subluxation of the Patella exists** in many breeds. This is when the knee cap, or patella, does not slide smoothly in the trochlear groove. The lips or ridges surrounding the groove are not developed enough, or the groove is not deep enough to carry the movement of the patella. Surgery can alleviate a serious case, but with mild cases, the dog gets along very well, requires no surgery and leads quite a normal life. As the dog gets older, however, arthritis may set in.

Occasionally a puppy is born with a **cleft palate**. This is more common in the brachycephalic, or short-muzzle, round-skull breeds. In simplest terms, it is a defect involving a hole in the roof of the mouth. Dogs with this condition are unable to eat properly and usually have to be euthanized.

There is an occasional **heart murmur** problem. A puppy usually can live a full and happy life, just as humans with a heart murmur do. However, these dogs should not be used for breeding, only as pets.

**Overshot or undershot mouths** sometimes occur when muzzles are too long or too short. This is one of the most difficult things to breed out, and it sometimes takes a few generations of breeding to get rid of the problem. These dogs make perfectly good pets, although they should definitely not be used for breeding.

**Hypoglycemia** is a case of low blood sugar. It is occasionally seen in early puppyhood, and frequently the puppy outgrows this condition. It manifests itself with seizures, rigidity or limpness, poor mobility and sometimes unconsciousness. It may last for a few seconds or for several minutes. Puppy should be kept warm and fed some kind of sugar, such as syrup or sugar mixed with water. Administer the sugar mixture slowly and carefully, so the puppy does not choke. Seek immediate veterinary help.

**Hydrocephalus** is excessive fluid in the cranium, manifesting itself in an unusually large head for the size of the dog. There is sometimes 'east-west' eye placement, impairment of mobility, falling down frequently or just unsteadiness on legs. Most puppies do not live long with this condition, and euthanasia is recommended.

**Death from anesthesia** is not a truly common experience, but it occurs enough for breeders of small dogs to become very wary of the use of anesthesia for anything but the most necessary circumstances.

**Ears that will not be erect** are not noticeable in most Chihuahua puppies until after eight to ten weeks of age. During the teething stage, which can last a few months, the ears may go up and down. They may also go up and down several times during one dasy. If however, the ears do not become erect at all by the time a puppy is ten weeks of age, it is time to help the ears to stand erect.

Taping the ears can be helpful, but this requires considerable care to prevent injury or permanent damage. One method is to take one paper match per ear and remove the flammable heat of the match. Round the four corners of the paper match with an emery board to

get rid of the sharp edges. Clean the inner ear, then place the prepared match, center wise, over the fold. Take the match on to the inner visible ear with "breathable" adhesive tape or "new skin" tape. With the match taped in place, put your forefinger behind the ear and bend the match and ear over the forefinger with your thumb. This will make the ear tip curl backwards, assisting it in becoming erect.

The tape and match should be removed every three days to let air circulate in the ear for a few hours, then retape. Treatment may take several weeks, enough time for the ear to grow strong.

Some breeders have used cod-liver oil tablets along with taping, the dosage adjusted for the weight of the puppy. Others use a vitamin/mineral/calcium supplement.

Before taping the ear of the Long Coat Chihuahua, the ears should be free of hair on the inside and the outside, to avoid carrying excess weight. Be very careful of the edges of the ears, which are thin and can be easily cut.

The New Chihuahua, by E. Ruth Terry. Howell Book House. Cp. 1990. ISBN 0-87605-125-5. 230 p. Photos.

Note: This book is out of print, but if you are interested in learning more about the history, background, and breeding and showing Chihuahuas, this book is a very good reference. There are excellent pictures in this book of Chihuahuas that have excelled in conformation competition, and also Chihuahuas that have been successful in agility and obedience.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ June 22--Hawaiian Humane Society Petwalk at Magic Island.
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ July 6, 2003—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fancier's Association All Breed "B" Show Match at King Intermediate School.
- ◆ 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 Blaisedell 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.

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## INTERESTING WEBSITES TO VISIT

*A discussion about the Chihuahua standard and its interpretation.*

[http://www.thedogplace.com/Reference/Chihuahua/Talk\\_About\\_Type.htm](http://www.thedogplace.com/Reference/Chihuahua/Talk_About_Type.htm)

*A discussion of the types of ribbons awarded at AKC dog shows.*

<http://www.bhejei.com/ibid.htm#ribbons>

Our Match Judge's website: Stacia Ohira

<http://ohirastaffs.homestead.com/>

*An article on tear staining on light or white coats.*

<http://www.bhejei.com/tearsta.htm>

*Some Chihuahua Breeders websites around the world:*

<http://www2.odn.ne.jp/~aai16970/>

<http://mayflowers.xox.to/>

[http://www.geocities.com/gratom\\_chis/](http://www.geocities.com/gratom_chis/)

<http://members.tripod.com/~TributesTG/acres.html>

<http://vayacondios2000.tripod.com/>

<http://www.angelfire.com/ab7/amberleighchis/>

<http://www.hickorytech.net/~chchiud/chihuahua.htm>

*Pedigree generator website*

<http://www.sitstay.com/pedi/>

*Chihuahua stuff*

<http://www.passionfordogs.co.uk/acatalog/Chihuahua.html>

<http://www.dogwise.com/>

*British Chihuahua Club website*

<http://www.the-british-chihuahua-club.org.uk/main.htm>



**\*\*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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