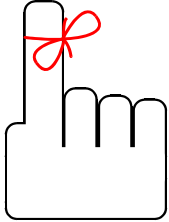




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JUST A REMINDER!!! TO COME AND
HAVE FUN AT OUR FAMOUS

ANNUAL CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS

WIN FAME, FORTUNE, FUN GAMES & PRIZES,
FUN RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES!!! COME ONE AND ALL

PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE AND DRINKS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHI

WHERE: KAULUWELA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CAFETERIA)
1486 AALA STREET, DOWNTOWN AREA,
The school is located between North School St. and Vineyard Blvd.,
bordered by Liliha St. and Aala St. The entrance to the school is
from Aala Street. See map on back.

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2003

TIME: 1:30 PM

Schedule of Events

1:30 - Meeting

2:00 - Olympic Games with wonderful prizes

2:30 - Agility Demonstration

3:00 - Raffle - Grand Prize is a Rolling Crate/Pet Carrier with wheels. Other prizes are several Club T-shirts, and other smaller prizes which may include dog toys, and dog food.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

We look forward to seeing you all. Prizes have been donated by various individuals, including Ursula Freitas of Island Dogz.

CLUB AKC 'B' MATCH

Our first B match went very smoothly, and we wish to thank our judge, Stacia Ohira and our Steward John. It was a big success with an attendance of 15 Chihuahuas. The American Kennel Club has accepted and approved our records for the match. See Match pictures in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone involved with the match.

The Club proposes to create a Perpetual Trophy to commemorate and honor each winner of our matches and shows. If you wish to contribute a donation for this trophy, please contact us.

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 ***NEXT MEETING*** 

HALLOWEEN FUN COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER 2003

*LOCATION, DATE AND TIME TO
BE ANNOUNCED*



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GENETIC LINK BETWEEN WHITE CHIHUAHUAS AND DEAFNESS?

By Mary Novak

I was asked if there is a genetic link of white Chihuahuas and deafness, so just for fun, I went to all the web pages I have read about the white dogs and deafness. I find color genetics interesting. It is really a complex topic at certain levels, but it's so interesting to explore.

There are several different genes that can produce a white looking dog, and some of those produce up to 25% deaf white puppies, while other breeds, this deafness connection to the color white is very unusual. This 25% percentage is not accurate for every breed, but is meant as a significant proportion of the white puppies produced in some breeds have a genetic connection to deafness. As an example, the Dalmatians (liver spotted especially), white collies, white Shetland Sheepdogs, white Boxers, white German Shepherds, and white/Merle Australian Shepherd all have a frequent incidence of deafness in their puppies.

This is more prominent when the white color is over the ears, and they claim it is because the inner ear filaments are weakened by lack of pigment, thereby making the dog deaf. This lack of pigment is linked to the S gene for spotted or piebald dogs.

Not all breeds of dogs share the same color genes. Some are breed specific. Chihuahuas share this S color gene which includes our popular Irish Spot pattern of having a white collar and white socks (like a collie).

We have a lot of white Chihuahuas, and a lot that are spotted and are perfectly healthy. I have only known of one white with a brown ear Chihuahua that was deaf (from birth). I have been around the breed for over 40+ years. Unless everyone has been silent about how often a deaf Chihuahua occurs (it seems rare in my experience), it doesn't seem to add up that the Chihuahua's color genes are a direct connection to the deafness found in these other breeds. Therefore, the majority of predominantly white Chihuahua must be created from another color gene.

The Great Pyrenees, Samoyed, Borzoi, and West Highland White Terriers all are white with black pigment, but they are genetically tan or cream colored, with a dilution gene that make their cream colored spots almost invisible. Think for a minute when you have seen a Great Pyrenees with the hint of cream spots? It's more common than you may have recalled at first. Next time you go to a show, report back to us about the color of these dogs. This dilution of the cream color to make a dog appear white, has no connection to the white spotted gene S that can be connected to the gene that removes the pigment in the inner ear and can cause deafness.

We have all seen Chihuahuas that are almost white, but have a touch of cream color to their coats too. So, it is hard to say if the same genes are working. If we share how many Chihuahuas are deaf, and their color, and their sire/dam colors, we might be able to piece the parts together to see if there is a **color** connection in our breed. So far, I don't see a strong connection to deafness. Please educate me.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 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—CLUB MEETING, HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **DECEMBER—CLUB MEETING, CHRISTMAS MEETING**

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INTERESTING WEBSITES TO VISIT

Websites on toxicity and veterinary information

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

<http://www.vspn.net/VSPNSearch/VINLibrary/>

Online at:

http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=apcc_poisonsafe

List of Toxic Plants - Database with detailed pictures and describes signs of ingestion. **Also has a list of non-toxic plants.** (ASPCA).

Online at:

<http://www.asPCA.org/site/FrameSet?style=User&url=http://www.asPCA.org/toxicplants/M01947.htm>

(800) 365-8951 PetPlace Pet Poison Hotline -- a 24-hour veterinary medical call center available from PetPlace.com and PROSAR International Animal Poison Center (IAPC). You can call our toll-free number and speak to our staff of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and toxicologists for assistance with any kind of animal poison exposure or inquiry. There is a per incident fee of \$35 payable with a major credit card.

Online at:

<http://www.petplace.com/ppch/default.asp>



****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. The Club has more information on our website under "Finding a Chi"

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

Ursula's Chihuahuas. Are you looking for a Chihuahua to show? In search of stud service? Or simply seeking a well bred pet Chihuahua? Ursula is catering to the needs of Chihuahua lovers. Offering long/short coat Chi's with unique qualities. Call or email today Ursula...689-7119...or Ursula@prodigy.net

Lamaki Chihuahuas Oahu Ph. 226-0703
 Long-coat and smooth-coat pups occasionally - for pets and for showing. Breeding for health & soundness and beauty & quality, using imported British and U.S. Mainland lines.
 Email: ozako@hotmail.com

O' Kaneohe Kennel Oahu 239-2735
 Looking for that "special" dog? We breed champion line chihuahuas, both long and smooth coats. Bred for temperament, health, and conformation. Stud services available. Puppies occasionally. Health guaranteed! You won't be disappointed! Speak with Monique.
 Email: menasianm001@hawaii.rr.com

Kiana's Chihuahuas Big Island ph.885-4176
 AKC long-coat and smooth-coat Chihuahuas from imported Australian and U.K. lines. Puppies and adults occasionally available to approved homes for pets and show.
 Email: kianas@hgea.org

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The Club is handing out Club information cards with this Newsletter. If you wish to have more cards please contact us.