



Ay Chihuahua!!

Newsletter of the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii
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NEWS FLASH!!! DON'T MISS THIS!!!!

THE 2ND ANNUAL CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS
WILL BE TELEVISED ON THE HAWAIIAN MOVING COMPANY
ON SEPTEMBER 19TH. SHOWTIMES ARE AT 6:30 PM AND REPEAT AT 10:30
PM ON CHANNEL 9 (7 ON CABLE)

The Hawaiian Moving Company will be starting their 22nd year on Sept. 19th and Our Chihuahua Olympics will help kick off the season!!!
Be sure to watch early. It may be the first segment on the show.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2nd Chihuahua Olympics was a great success. We had over 30 Chihuahuas show up for the activities! All of our Chihuahuas were winners! I want to thank some special people who made the Olympics run smoothly and did so much. Big thanks go out to the following people: Lee Ann Lee for creating the games and setting them up, Janet Yoda and Claire Ching for taking care of the T-shirt orders and distribution. Claire also created the Chihuahua size obstacle course. Lorene Maki took care of the RSVP's and pot luck. Verna Lee made the adorable winner's medals and great winners podium Thank you also to everyone who participated in this event. It was really a great sight to see so many members coming out for the fun. I think we all went away a little darker from the sun, with tired dogs and happy memories...*Tracy*

Note: Tracy gets the credit for encouraging HMC to join us out there!! Thank you Tracy.

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INTRODUCING OUR WEBMASTER!

IVAN LEE

I'm a technical writer for a financial institution, married, and have one dog, Koa. My wife Lorna is a high school English teacher for the public school system. Koa is a dachshund/terrier mix. A friend of ours adopted Koa from the Hawaiian Humane Society and subsequently Lorna and I adopted Koa from our friend. Koa was taken away from her original owner because she was being used for a puppy mill (yuck!). Koa is very happy now and loves to lie around the

house and sleep. But when she gets outside, she loves to run and run and run. She also loves to chase birds and lie in the sun. We call her the sun goddess.

Ivan also tells us, "My hobbies are pretty much anything that I can find to do. I like crafts (yes, crafts), collecting things, designing web pages, hiking, mountain biking, spending time with family/friends, and catching movies with Lorna."

PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR CLUB WEBSITE

We are very grateful that Ivan has volunteered to create the website for our club. He has done such a terrific job. The club wishes to show our thanks for his time, hard work, and creativity with a small gift of appreciation. Here is the permanent address for the site. Thanks again Ivan.

www.geocities.com/Petsburgh/1230/cch.htm

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IN MEMORY OF VP GLEN TANIGUCHI

A Letter To The Club

Dear Fellow Members:

Kari and I want you all to know how very much your thoughtfulness at the time of Glen's illness and death has meant to us. Your sympathy and kindness will always be remembered.

Glen was a unique person – someone who loved life and took advantage of it. One of his most treasured moments was being involved with the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii. Being Vice President meant a lot to Glen and he was so overjoyed that he had the chance to be part of the development in

making the Club a reality. He often mentioned how remarkable you all were and how fortunate he was to be in an organization with so many talented and caring people. Please know that Glen enjoyed working with all of you.

Before Glen died, he told us to tell everyone that, "Life is not to grumble, life is to live every single moment to its fullest"...and it was his hope that everyone would stop, breathe and reflect on their lives and see how fortunate they were.

On behalf on Kari and myself, our gratitude goes out the all the Chihuahua Club members and friends who join in missing him and who knew him as the wonderful man he was. Thank you.

Jo-Ann, Kari, Missy and Jolee Taniguchi

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CLUB THANK YOU

The Club wishes to thank Jo-Ann, Kari, Missy and Jolee Taniguchi for a \$200 donation to the club in Glen's memory.

CLUB DONATION

The Club has made a donation in memory of Glen to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your donations.

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MEMBER PROFILES

Hi Members. We would like to continue introducing Club Members, and here are the next four...

Rosemary Kataoka

Once upon a time, a cute Chihuahua named Coco was born. She was soon bought and came to live in an expensive condominium. There were, however, two mean step-brothers, a Shih Tzu and a miniature Doberman, already living there. The two dogs made sure Coco knew that she was the last one to be adopted to this home. They ordered her around and always picked fights with her. Coco had no place to relax nor a space on her master's bed to sleep on at night. Finally, the fight got so bad that while defending herself, Coco lost one tooth and another was bent outward. As a result, her tongue always hung out of her mouth. The cute little Chihuahua was now deformed for life.

On day, the master decided that she could no longer keep all three dogs. She called her friends and they called their friends. Finally, there was a loving family who was eager to adopt a cute doggie. Their house was not as big, but the new family thought Coco was perfect. They loved her and Coco loved them back. Everybody took Coco for a walk so that she got to go outside at least 4 times a day. But best of all, Coco now had a place to sleep at night – on the middle of a futon between Daddy and Mommy!!

Rosemary has 2 furkids, Coco, a longcoat chi, fawn with brown nose and amber eyes, and Chibi, a rabbit. The Kataokas also have 2 human kids, Asuka

at age 17, and Erika, 14 years old. They both attend Kalani High School.

Rosemary loves drawing cartoons, and working at the Accounting Department at a tour agency in Waikiki.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Teresa Lee

Two Puppies, by Jane & Michael Stern, is a heartwarming look at the stories of two very different puppies. The story of Parnell, a Labrador Retriever, is one of delight and joy. The story of Clementine, a Bullmastiff, however, is one of chaos and havoc. It follows the lives of these two dogs from puppyhood to adulthood, alternating between the humorous, nerve wracking, uplifting, and ultimately happy journeys.

Clementine is the authors' own puppy, whereas Parnell is one of Guiding Eyes for the Blind Breeding Center star puppies. Clementine was bred in hopes that she would be a prime example of her breed. An offspring of a stud and a dam of genetic quality, she turned out to be completely unlike her esteemed progenitors. Parnell was bred for a life of service, like generations of his forebears. An offspring of a breeding pair for the Breeding Center, he turned out to be a black angel for one visually impaired person.

Jane & Michael Stern will lighten up one's day with their first hand account of life with Clementine and how they made it through the trying time with such a naughty puppy. They not only do they tell the tales of Parnell and Clementine, but they also provide practical advice for anyone who owns or is considering owning a puppy.

Judy Dugan

Judy has a lot of pets in her home; one smoothcoat female, 3.5 yr. old chi; a poi dog named French Fry; Mango, a tom cat; and Kolohe and Puanani— Cockatiels (miniature like Cockatoos). She also has 3 kids, Sean at 16, Sherra, 14 years old, and Chelsea, who is 9 years old. And we can't forget her husband, Patrick.

Judy is currently a substitute teacher. She likes to help out both daughters' Girl Scout troops, make crafts and surf the net.

Her lil Cha Cha loves to run and jump into a laundry basket full of just dried towels, and bury herself into it. "Hmmm...its nice and warm, Mommy", says Cha Cha. Cha Cha can also do tricks like sit, shake hands, roll over, and play dead dog. But her favorite is tug of war!!

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THE SHOW SCENE

By Diane Kimura-Sugiyama

How many of us have wondered how a dog becomes an AKC conformation champion? It is definitely a task to achieve, but once it is done, your dog will carry the title Champion, or CH before its registered name.

To become a champion, a dog must have a total of 15 points or more. Two of the dog's wins must be majors of 3 points or more and under different judges.

The number of points at a particular show are based on the number of dogs or bitches entered. The maximum amount of points won at a show are 5.

There are many classes to enter your dog in. First is the puppy class, which is for dogs less than a year old. Next is the 12-18 month class, which is a popular class for many people. The novice class is for dogs that do not have much experience. There is a limit on how many times you can enter the novice class winning blue ribbons. The Bred by Exhibitor class is just what it said. The breeder of the dog being shown must show the dog or an immediate family member of the breeder can show it. The American Bred class is also self-explanatory. The Open class is usually for dogs with experience and most times the toughest competition in a huge entry. After each of these classes are judged, the first place winner of each class now competes for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. This winner will receive the points for the day.

The Best of Breed class has all the champions of record competing, and the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch also will compete for this award. The judge selects one Best of Breed, one Best of Winners, (either the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch), and a Best of Opposite Sex to the Best of Breed. It is everyone's dream to win a Best of Breed.

For more information, you can go to the AKC website, or read "The Dog Sport" in the Complete Dog Book, the official publication of the AKC.

List of Exhibitors At Recent All Breed Dog Shows

- ❖ Gail Esperago—Long coat
- ❖ Diane Kimura-Sugiyama—Smooth coat
- ❖ Bill Risso and E. Nanashima—Smooth coat

Congratulations to everyone!!!

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Sandi Mitsunaga

Sandi has two chis, Max and Kitty, both longcoats. Max is 2.5 years old, and Kitty is about 1.5 years old. She also has a Turtle named Gonzo. Sandi has four other kids, the human kind that is, Michi, Daniel, Catherine and Kelly. She loves to spend her time hiking, reading, taking pictures, and being a hockey coach. So she must love ice skating too!! Max's favorite trick is to beg. Sandi also tells us that she would love to have a Veterinarian come to one of our meetings and teach our club about the health and genetic aspects of our favorite breed, the Chihuahua!! Yes, great idea Sandi!! Club members, do you have any suggestions for a Vet we can invite?

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HELP!!! SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Does this headline look familiar? Well, our club has been lucky enough to get volunteers on an ad hoc and regular basis. Ivan Lee, who you just met in this newsletter, has volunteered for our wonderful website, and various people are helping with our activities.

These people include Claire Ching, Vera Van Verst, and new member Stephanie Sellick. Thank you to these members. If you wish to help out, please call or email Lee Ann Lee at 685-5010 or leeann@hawaii.edu



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CLUB NOTICES

- The Club has a new post office box address, donated by our Treasurer, Janet Yoda. Chihuahua Club of Hawaii, PO Box 17425, Honolulu, HI 96817
- The Club has written a letter of concern to K-mart. We had learned that one of their employees so mistreated a chi that had strayed into the store, chasing it and beating at it, that it died. Unbelievable right!? This happened on the mainland. If you wish to get more information or a copy of the Club letter, please call us at our contact information below.

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CHIHUAHUA CLUB SPECIALTIES

Australia and the Mainland

There are many Chihuahua clubs on the mainland and in other countries that hold specialties. These specialties have all kinds of activities like, conformation, obedience, costume contests, etc. Of course different clubs hold different activities. Many of these specialties attract a lot more than 100 Chihuahuas to compete against each other, and often there are nationally ranked top winning chis attending. You can imagine with that kind of attendance, there is much prestige to winning 'Best in Specialty Show'!!

The following are only a few of the many specialties being held during the year. Feel free to contribute to this list. 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.

- A club member is planning a trip to Australia to see several famous dog shows (like our West-minster), and a Chi Specialty, in early April 2000. *Anyone interested in going?*
- Chihuahua Club of America, the National Club, Annual Specialty Show, Sweepstakes and Obedience Trial, October 8 to 10, 1999 at Lincolnwood, Illinois, Radisson Hotel Lincolnwood.
- Chihuahua Club of Northern California—Del Valle, Pleasanton, CA, Oct. 23, 1999. Del Valle All Breed Show is Oct. 24, 1999.
- Evergreen Chihuahua Club—Centralia, Washington State, Mar. 10, 2000, Costume contest, Sweepstakes, Conformation, Obedience Trial. Judges—Steve Arnold, and Victoria Lovely. March 11, 12 there are also two all breed shows there. The Evergreen Specialty attracts about 170 chis, and is an indoor show.
- Chihuahua Club Of America— May 19-21, 2000 Spring Specialty Show, hosted by the Nashville Chihuahua Club, Nashville, Tenn.

- Evergreen Chihuahua Club—Enumclaw, Washington State, Aug. 18, 2000, Costume contest, Sweepstakes, Conformation, Obedience Trial. Judges—Elaine Young, Marlene Presser. There are two all breed shows at this site on the weekend. There are also two all breed shows in Olympia Washington the weekend before the specialty. Lastly, there is one all breed show in Woodinville, WA the weekend after the specialty weekend. *A club member may be going to this specialty. Members are welcome to join in. Enumclaw is relatively near to Seattle.*

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CHIHUAHUA QUILT SERVICE PROJECT Attention All Crafters!! (But Not Only Crafters)

We can make a difference, one square at a time. Do you like to do crafts, sew, or play with fabric? Let's raise some money for a dog shelter, humane society or, rescue group. Help make the CCH Quilt. You just need to make a block from a 6.5" square of fabric. We'll join these squares together to form the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii quilt. At our December 1999 meeting we will raffle the quilt and donate the money to a dog charity. The theme of the quilt is--you guessed it--Your Chihuahua! If you have any questions please contact Lee Ann M. Lee, at 685-5010 or email her: leeann@hawaii.edu. If you wish to participate for this worthy cause, and wonderful quilt, please give Lee Ann your squares at the October meeting or mail it by Nov. 15. Please call for her address.

Here are the guidelines

1. Use prewashed and preshrunk 100% cotton fabric.
2. Cut the square 6.5", I'll be using the outer 1/4" for the seam allowance. Once the blanket is put together the blocks will be 6". Remember not to use the outside 1/4" of your blocks.

Suggestions: stitchery, applique, piecing, fabric paints or markers, dying, batik, or a combination of any of these techniques. You can use fabric glue, but not hot glue.

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Sherri Giron

Sherri is a foster parent, and says that she, "got into breeding Chihuahuas to do dog therapy for my kids." She goes on to say that, "Contrary to what most people think about Chihuahuas being unfriendly—snappy—they are very loving and tolerant, as us Chihuahua owners know."

Sherri has a total of 23 chis and almost as many kids with 16!! Wow, that sure keeps her busy. Her human kids range in age from 2 to 19 years old. She also has a boxer named Anna, who is very sweet. As you can imagine, her chis come in all colors, sizes and both coats. The names of her Chihuahuas are varied;

Shannon, Denny, Simba, Angel, Tres, Tex, Buddy, Hercules, Zeek, Pearl, Manaha, Hoku, Kona, Hershey, Lena, Lilly, Buffy, Misty, Poppy, Carrie, Shanita, Chinoa, and Shea.

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ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE! PICTURES FOR NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The club wishes to include pictures of our activities on our website and newsletter. The pictures, in digital and/or photographic format will only feature your dogs. We will not be identifying the owner of the dog in any way. If you have any concerns about this policy and/or do not want your dog featured like this, please contact us as soon as possible at the contact information below.

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NEWSLETTER AND CONTACT INFO

We welcome any and all news items that you may want to contribute. Volunteers for features are welcome. The current contact for the newsletter is Lorene Maki at ph. 226-0703, at P.O. Box 4545, Kaneohe, HI 96744 or email at L_maki@hotmail.com

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HOME MADE FROSTY PAWS

By Lee Ann Lee

I haven't tried making this but it looks pretty good for keeping your chis cool during these hot days. If you try it let me know how it turns out.

- 32 oz. vanilla yogurt
- 1 mashed banana or one large jar of baby fruit
- 2 Tblsp. peanut butter
- 2 Tblsp. honey

Blend all together and freeze in either 3 oz. paper cups or ice cube trays. Microwave just a few seconds before serving.

You can also make this with baby meat instead of the fruit and peanut butter and the dogs REALLY like this version, although I'm not so sure I want to taste it.

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October 24, 1999

JOIN IN THE FUN

For the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii's
HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Get your chi's costume ready for
the costume contest!!

Time and Location to be Announced