



Ay Chihuahua!!

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CHI CLUB QUILT Sewn Together by Lee Ann Lee



FEATURING OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Kim Matsuzaki

Club Membership Chair

Our Membership Chair has a Chihuahua named Nina. Kim tells us, "I bought Nina right around the time of the first Taco Bell commercial, so as a tribute to the Taco Bell theme, I gave Nina a Spanish name. In Spanish, Nina means "little girl". I thought of every possible Spanish name and finally decided on Nina. Nina will be two years old in August." Kim also has another dog, Ashley, a miniature schnauzer, and her family also loves dogs, and has others. Nina has remarkable tricks, and is very athletic. Kim says that, "as a little tiny puppy, she used to climb over the baby gate! She used the wire of the gate as her steps and climbed over! Also, when we take her outside to use the bathroom, she used the bathroom on TWO legs. HONEST! I was absolutely astonished when my mom told me that she did that and I just saw her do it a couple of days ago! She stands up on her two front legs and lifts her two back legs to use the bathroom!" Well, it sounds like Nina will be extremely competitive at our next Chihuahua Olympics. Kim

herself is a full-time student at the University of Hawaii, majoring in Management Information Systems(MIS), and also works at Oahu Educational Employees Federal Credit Union as a part-time teller. In her free time she lets Nina run her life and boss her around. She is also artistic, because her other hobby is making jewelry.

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SHOWING OUR CHIHUAHUAS!!!

By Lorene Maki

Showing is fun because you can meet new people as well as socialize and make friends with other exhibitors and club members. Its also fun (really!!) to train your chi in conformation classes with other chi people. All of these activities can be shared with your chi, and all you need is one 'good' AKC registered chi to show. There are shows on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island sponsored by dog clubs, and anyone can enter and participate. Dog shows are usually held on both Saturday and Sunday. One show is held on each day, and there are different judges on each day. In Hawaii there are about 8 weekends of dog shows in a year, and a few other matches of various types. A schedule of dog shows and other dog related activities is in the Ilio Magazine. This magazine also has a form you can use to enter your dog in any AKC show. You can get a copy at Vet's offices or the bookstore.

Of course it takes a bit more preparation than just filling out the entry form, and we would like to introduce our Chi club members to the sport of showing your dog.

One important thing to look at is the American Kennel Club standard for the Chihuahua. This will set the general guidelines or conformation that our chis would be judged on at the show. This standard does not mean your dog is a good or bad companion to you, but if you are interested in showing, this is what the judge will be thinking about when he looks at your dog. You may also want to look at chi breed books and magazines to see examples of chis that may be showing and/or

winning in the show ring. People have different views of the look they like in a Chihuahua, and you will certainly develop your own preferences, if you don't already have one.

When you decide what chi you are going to show, another consideration is training your dog to show and present herself well. On Oahu there are several conformation training classes in all parts of the island. Training is important, because you want the judge to make a fair comparison of your dog. The judge for that day will be looking at all the other chis in the same class and/or breed/variety. Your chi will have a better chance to place first if he is presented well. The judge will only pick the chihuahua he/she feels is the best representative of the breed, in his opinion, on that particular day. So don't get discouraged if the judge does not pick your dog that day. If your dog has good conformation and has 'attitude,' meaning he can show well, either by training or personality, he will always have a chance for the Best of Breed/Variety ribbon. And remember...

Owner pride, no matter which way the judge may point on any given day, is the secret to dog show happiness. (Elizabeth Bickel, Brite Star Chihuahuas, 2000)

While the club recognizes that showing is only one aspect of chi ownership, our club would like to encourage club members to show chis at dog shows as one of the club's activities in furthering the breed in the State of Hawaii. If you have any questions, you may contact me at ph. 226-0703 or email me at L_maki@hotmail.com

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VICTORIA COSTA-TORRES

Victoria works at Kuakini Medical Center, and has one Chihuahua named Princess. She is tan and white, two years old, and is about 6 pounds. Princess is really a princess and wears a pretty puka shell necklace all the time. She only takes it off when she takes a bath. How Cute!! She's very playful and loves her toys, tennis ball, stuffed animals and squeakies, and they all have names of their own. So when her Daddy calls out a toy's name, Princess will get that one, and start playing with it. She also loves to dance around on two legs for treats. I think we have another game for our olympics this year!

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WALKING ON A LEASH

By Vera Van Verst

Place the collar on your puppy. Then play with your puppy to get it used to wearing it. Then put the leash on the collar and let your puppy drag it around until your puppy knows that this doesn't hurt. Again you can use treats, toys and praise your puppy. Slowly grab the lease and call him/her. Using praise, toys or treats to coax your puppy to follow you while you are holding the leash.

You can use any object, in fact that attracts your puppy. But, always use praise to make it into a positive experience, because this will be the main training technique you end up using. After all, you don't want to drag your puppy across the floor do you? ☺

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List of Exhibitors At Recent All Breed Dog Shows

- ❖ Gail Esperago—Long coat
- ❖ Diane Kimura-Sugiyama—Smooth coat
- ❖ Bill Rizzo and E. Nanashima—Smooth coat
- ❖ John Werner and Stan Kakae—Smooth coat
- ❖ Jean and Raymond Sampaio—Long coat
- ❖ Lorene Maki—Smooth coat

Congratulations to everyone!!!

**Are you interested in showing Chihuahuas?
Please contact us for more information.**

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DIANE KIMURA-SUGIYAMA

One of Diane's favorite hobbies is showing dogs, and she's good at it too. She has shown many Brittany's and Sugar, a smoothcoat Chihuahua, to their AKC championships. She also has Mocca, a longcoat chi, who loves to play at being a bird dog, and retrieves her toys. Diane, a health aide at a school, has trained her Brittany's to bird hunt, and since she lives on the big island of Hawaii, she has plenty of birds and room to go hunting, camping, and hiking, some of her favorite activities. When Diane and Sandy, her husband goes camping on the high slopes of Mauna Kea, the chis go along, wearing their warm sweaters and cuddling up with them in the warm downy sleeping bags. Hmm...sounds cozy doesn't it?

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AUGUST MEETING

Get ready for the CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS!!!

AUGUST 27, 2000

**PRIZES, GAMES, GOOD FOOD, MATCH
FUN, FUN, FUN!!!**

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CHIHUAHUA CLUB SPECIALTIES

International and the Mainland

There are many Chihuahua clubs on the mainland and in other countries that hold 'specialties'. They are called specialties because the show features only one breed of dog. In this case, our favorite breed, the Chihuahua. 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' or BISS!!

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.

- 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.
- Chihuahua Club of America Specialty—October 8, 9, 2000 in Chicago.
- Northern California Chihuahua Club Specialty and Chihuahua Club of America Rotating Spring Specialty, San Mateo, CA, Ap. 28, 29, 30, 2001

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FIREWORKS LEGISLATION UPDATE

By Verna Lee

The Legislature recently passed a fireworks bill (SB680 SD1 HD1 CD1) which the Governor is expected to sign into law. The new law would require a \$25 county permit to buy up to 5,000 firecrackers. Aerial fireworks would still be banned and there would be tougher penalties for the possession and importation of illegal aerial fireworks. The law would also require importers to have a license and raises their fees, so county legislation may also be needed. Whether this compromise bill will work to alleviate the fireworks problems remains to be seen. In the meantime,

let's follow the advice of the Hawaiian Humane Society and take precautions to care for our pets.

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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 always 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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UPDATING MAILING LISTS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to update our mail and email lists for Club members. If you have recently changed addresses or now have an email address that you consistently use, we would appreciate being notified and using the email address to contact you. You can either email the club at L_maki@hotmail.com, call 226-0703 or write us at P.O. Box 17425 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

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CLUB NOTICES

- July 16, 2000—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Match at King Intermediate School.
- **AUGUST 27, 2000 CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS**—is the Club's biggest yearly event, last year it was filmed and shown on the Hawaiian Moving Company!! We would appreciate any help or donations for prizes you wish to contribute. This year we will include a conformation match just for club members. Contact us to volunteer or make a donation.
- August 19-20 West Oahu Kennel Club Shows, Barber's Pt. Elem. School.
- September 2-3, Hawaiian Kennel Club Shows Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
- September 30, Oct. 1, Windward Hawaiian Dog Club Shows, King Intermediate School.
- Oct. 7-8 Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club Shows, Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-purpose Stadium in Hilo.
- Oct. 28-29, Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui Shows.

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