



Ay Chihuahua!

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President's Message

Hello Members! The month of May was a busy one for the club. We participated in the Hawaii Pet Expo, and our booth attracted a lot of attention from Chihuahua lovers. The Chihuahua Olympics Demonstration at the Expo on both mornings was also very successful. We really showed people that Chihuahuas are not only lap dogs! We want to thank everyone who joined in and helped the club at the Pet Expo. Thanks!

This issue of the newsletter has a lot of Club information on it, and references and explanations of Club activities that everyone in the club is welcome to join. So please take some time to consider joining in any or all of these activities. The Easy Reference card goes along with all the activities we list in this newsletter, as a guide for contacts. We are also starting new projects, like the Pet Pal programs that could use some help. See the articles below for more information and the contact people for these projects. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of these people for volunteering to head up these projects. We really appreciate all your hard work.
Lorene Maki



COME OUT FOR THE CLUB'S NEXT MEETING AT THE PETWALK

At the *Humane Society Petwalk 2001*
June 24, 2001

Petwalk at the Kapiolani Bandstand
@ 7:30 am to 12:00 pm

Club Meeting @ 10:00 am or earlier,
if we are already together at the park

Bring a snack, something to sit on, and water for your Chihuahua, look for us on the Diamond Head side of the Bandstand, under the trees. Look for our club sign and a lot of Chihuahuas.

Optional: To enter the Humane Society's Petwalk 2001 event for guaranteed prizes, your entry form and minimum pledge of \$25 must be turned into the Humane Society by 5 pm., Monday, June 18. You may turn in your entry form after this, but they cannot guarantee prizes. To request your entry form call 946-2187, ext. 370, and leave your name and address.

PLEASE RSVP-We really appreciate it: Lorene, ph. 226-0703
Please leave a detailed message if you reach her voicemail.
Email: cchawaii@hotmail.com

EASY REFERENCE CLUB CARD IMPORTANT!!!

The Club is enclosing for your use a Club Information card. It contains contact names and information on activities you may be interested in pursuing with your Chihuahua. Contact the club if you need more cards. We will be giving you extra cards with your newsletter. We would like to get the word of our club out to people, so PLEASE MAKE IT A POINT TO HAND OUT ALL BUT ONE OF THESE CARDS TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!! KEEP ONE FOR YOURSELF.



PET PALS PROGRAM

The Hawaiian Humane Society has asked our Club if we would like to help them in this new program. It's a volunteer program to help people and their pets stay together by providing emergency assistance to pet owners. For example, one of the services is temporary foster care for animals whose owners are hospitalized, or in the case of victims of domestic violence, seeking a safer environment in which to live. This would be a program of volunteering to do short term foster care. All vet costs, pet food and supplies are still the responsibility of the original owner.

Some of our members have expressed an interest in joining this program. If you would like to help out with this program, please call our Foster Care and Rescue Coordinator, Marika, at 487-7434.



☆ ADOPTION AND RESCUE ☆

We wish to thank a club member who has volunteered to be our Adoption Coordinator for our club. Sheri is interested in Rescue and spearheading efforts to help people in and out of our club adopt Chihuahuas or Chi Mixes. So please call her if you have any questions about adoptions. Our club may start to work more closely with the Kauai Humane Society in the future. We are already working with the Hawaiian Humane Society here on Oahu, and we will be doing more to help with temporary foster care and rescue efforts. For questions on participating in the club's efforts in foster care and rescue, please call Marika, at 487-7434.

If you have questions on adoptions, please call Sheri at 840-1122.

List of Exhibitors At Recent All Breed Dog Shows and Matches

- Claire Ching—Long coat
- Gail Esperago—Long coat
- Ursula Freitas—Long and Smooth coat
- Diane Kimura-Sugiyama—Smooth coat
- Lorene Maki—Long and Smooth coat
- Bill Risso and E. Nanashima—Smooth coat
- Jean and Raymond Sampaio—Long coat
- Vera Van Verst—Long coat
- John Werner & Stan Kakae—Smooth coat
- Earl Takahashi—Long coat
- Amy Kaneta and Paul Ritz—Long coat

Congratulations to everyone!!!

Are you interested in showing? Call or email us. You do not even need a dog to show. You could help out at the show and practice showing to see if you like it before you actually get a show quality Chihuahua.



IN CELEBRATION OF DOGS

When: Sunday, July 29, 2001

Where: Thomas Square

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Activities: Dog clubs can participate in this free activity to help show the public a positive approach to dog ownership. All aspects of dog ownership, from obedience to conformation, from field work to just choosing the right dog for the right family will be shown. Parade of Purebred dogs, Center Ring Exhibitions, Fly Ball Challenge, and Awards for booth presentations (Most Educational, Most Historical, Best Costumes, Best Overall). The last Celebration had 39 booths and 12 demonstrations. Well, shall we join the Celebration this year with a Chihuahua Club booth???



BREEDER REFERRAL POLICY

The Chihuahua Club of Hawaii will provide some information/handouts on things to consider when getting a pup, which are available upon request and on our website under Chihuahua Information. It is up to the buyer to make every effort to see that the puppy you purchase is healthy. It is truly BUYER BEWARE. A puppy is a living creature, so any mistake can be very costly in vet bills and heartbreak.

We also feel that breeders should make every effort to ensure that every puppy sold is healthy, both genetically healthy, and healthy meaning without canine diseases or illness, and without temperament problems. Call Lorene at 226-0703, if you wish a referral.

CHIHUAHUA CLUB SPECIALTIES International and the Mainland

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.

- October, 2001—Chihuahua Club of America Specialty in Chicago.



SOCIALIZE YOUR CHIHUAHUA Come join us in a fun group activity!!

Starting: June 30, 2001

Cost: Free to club members

Day and Time: Every Saturday @ 1:00 pm.

Location: Blaisdell Park on Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City

What should you bring? A leash, water, wear shoes, something to sit on, flea & tick protection for your Chihuahua.

Our club will be starting a class for members who wish to do extra socializing for their Chihuahuas. It'll be a fun hour at a park to learn more about your chi and romp with other Chihuahuas. Different activities will be covered, such as playing nicely with others, some grooming tips, table and leash guidance, etc. Fully immunized pups, and older Chihuahuas are welcome. So contact Claire at 595-3765 or Lorene at 226-0703, if you are interested.



NEW WEBSITE GALLERY

We are collecting pictures of our Chihuahuas to put on the Club website in a new gallery. If you have a digital picture of your Chihuahua that you would like to submit, please email it to our club address. We will note your Chihuahuas name down on the picture, and your first name(s) as the owner. You may send us one or two pictures of each of your Chihuahuas. They may be doing an activity or not, its up to you. At this time, we are only accepting digitized pictures. You may mail in a floppy disk with your picture if you want to.

This is very convenient, but OPTIONAL!!! Just for your information. Kodak Premium Processing at Longs Drugs, will make a floppy disk or a CD of your pictures when you turn in a roll of film for developing. It only costs \$5-8 more, but you must indicate that you would like to order this at the time you turn in your roll of film. It takes a day or so longer to process the pictures. It's good because the picture files are very small JPG files. The disk is very easy to install on your computer and email out to friends and family. Email the club at cchawaii@hotmail.com. Call Verna if you have any questions about the gallery, at 734-7549.

CLUB NOTICES

- Chihuahua Club of America 2000 Handbook. About \$28.00, First Class mail. Make your check or money order to the Chihuahua Club of America. Pedigrees and advertisements of Chihuahua exhibitors and breeders. Mail to Tanya Delaney 987 W. Center Ave. Rd., Essexville MI 48732-2033
- June 24, 2001—Hawaiian Humane Society Petwalk at Kapiolani Park****A club activity.
- July 8, 2001—Tropical Toy Dog Fanciers of Hawaii Sanctioned Match. Entry \$5. Deadline July 1, 2001.
- July 15, 2001—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc. All Breed B Match at King Intermediate. Entry \$5.
- July 15, 2001—Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed B Match.
- July 29, 2001—In Celebration of Dogs at Thomas Square
- August 18, 19, 2001—West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- August 26, 2001—Obedience Training Club of Hawaii All Breed Trail.
- September 1, 2, 2001—Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows at NBC. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- September 23, 2001—Fantasies in Chocolate, Hawaiian Humane Society.
- September 29, 30, 2001—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc. All Breed Dog Shows at King Intermediate School. Entry about \$20 per dog per day.
- October 6,7, 2001—Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed Dog Shows.



AGILITY WINNERS

On Sunday, June 3, 2001, the Agility Class for small dogs, had a fun match. Chihuahuas owned by two club members, Claire and Vera, won their class!!! CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE! HORRAY!!! If you wish to try Agility out, call Claire at 595-3765. Or if you are interested in Obedience training, call Vera at 623-2260 or Jean at 682-4716 .



2002 HUMANE SOCIETY CALENDER CONTEST

The Humane Society is having a pet picture contest for their annual calender. Entry fee is \$15 per picture. The entries must be in color, horizontal layout, no larger than a 4 x 6 picture, no digital or polaroid pictures. 14 pictures will be chosen for the calender, but all the entries will be included in the calender as part of the "Best Friends Collage." Deadline is July 31, 2001. Entries can be obtained by calling 946-2187, ext. 370.

CHIHUAHUA OLYMPICS VIDEO

Thanks go to Ursula Freitas and her family for helping us out with this video. They filmed our practice olympics and edited it. We sent it off to the Animal Planet Channel, and now we wait and see if they like it.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH URSULA, VIRGIL, AND CHRISTINA!!!!



ONCE A YEAR DEAL! ORDER CLUB T-SHIRTS

The Club is offering to order Club logo t-shirts this year, so now is your chance to get them. The t-shirts have our wonderful logo in color in Men's and Women's sizes and styles. If you would like to place an order in time for the Chihuahua Olympics, we need your order by the deadline on the form. The order form should be included with our newsletter, if not, or you would like more forms, contact our club. Submit it at our next meeting, or mail in your order to the club address. Our logo, which you can see on the top of our newsletter, was drawn by Claire Ching. She is a wonderful graphic artist.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

We would like to request Club members to volunteer their skills in scanning pictures into digital format, organizing Club activities, and any ideas you all wish to share with us. The Club would also be happy to accept contributions of prizes and raffle items for Club meetings and activities. The current contact is Lorene Maki at ph. 226-0703, at P.O. Box 17425, Honolulu, HI 96817 or email at cchawaii@hotmail.com

This issue contains a couple of ideas from our club member Sheri Goo, who gave us the idea for the Club Information card and the Socialization class. We would like to also thank Tia Barclay for her idea about the Secret pal activity. Thank you very much Sheri and Tia!



CHIHUAHUA SECRET PAL

Are you interested in exchanging greetings and small gifts with a Chihuahua pal? We will be doing a Chihuahua secret pal exchange this year. Your chi partner will be randomly chosen and the details will be explained very soon. Participation is voluntary, but it is a nice way to get to know your fellow club members. At the end of the year, when the club gets together, everyone will reveal who their secret chi-pal is. We will have more details about this at the next meeting. Or you can call the club, and we will let you know who to contact with more information.

DEALING WITH THE GUILT

By Ginger-lyn Summer

September 10, 1999

Guilt. It's a word that can invoke in us the deepest, most terrible feelings of loss, horror, anger, and helplessness. Why did I do what I did? Why couldn't I have done more? Did I kill my beloved pet? Did I not do enough? Did I do too much? Did I put him/her down too soon? Did I wait too long? If only I had closed the gate. If only I had noticed sooner. If only I had waited longer. If only I had more money. If only I had rushed to the vet sooner. If only I had known more at the time. If only I had listened to my gut feelings. If only I had gone to a better vet.

And we beat ourselves up for all these questions and "if-onlys". Why do we do this? Because we loved our pets. Because we wish we could have done more, or wish we had not done what we did.

But we cannot bring them back. We cannot change what we did or did not do.

What we can do is stop hurting ourselves over the guilt. Each of us, in our own way, did what we thought was right at the time, using what we knew and felt. Each of us tried to do the best we could, and did it with the intention of love.

We are human beings, with frailties and faults. We don't know everything. We make mistakes. But we make them with the best of intentions.

To hurt ourselves with the terrible additional pain of guilt is to do disservice to the love we felt for our pets. With very, very few exceptions, we did the best we knew to do at the time. Even if we feel that we didn't do what we should have, or did what we should not have, we have learned, and everyone will benefit from that knowledge now.

Our beloved pets are gone, and out of pain. We still torture ourselves with the pain of guilt and doubt. It's human to do that, too, but are we being fair to ourselves?

We loved, deeply, and that says that we have a deep capacity for love that many do not. We are basically good people. Should we not recognize that goodness, instead of inflicting pain on ourselves for what we could, or should, or should not have done?

We took in a beloved creature, and gave him or her everything we could. We petted, we walked, we fed, we changed litterboxes, we played, we stroked, we sat sleepless on difficult nights. We cared, and did everything we knew to do at the time. And we looked in their eyes, and knew they understood that we loved them, and knew that they loved us.

If we didn't know enough, or made an innocent mistake, do we believe that they did not understand, and love and forgive us in spite of it? I believe they did, and that they do.

We need to forgive ourselves. If we can, we can

increase our knowledge, reach out to help others, and use our pain to make things better for our pets, for others' pets, and for those animals out there who are alone and lost. We can make a difference. But only if we quit hating ourselves, blaming ourselves, for being human.

Let the guilt go. Know that your furbabies don't blame you; they understand, because they know your heart. Let yourself forgive yourself, and allow all the love you have to be there for another. There are so many who need it.

Learn, and then teach. Keep learning, and don't stop. Every pebble of knowledge and caring you send out will ripple throughout the world, and keep growing. And perhaps in time, every animal will be loved, and well-cared for, and there will be a great golden age for the animals, and for those of us who love them.



CLUB CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT

Our club has just opened a Credit Union Account at the Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. This Credit Union is one of the largest in the state. All our members are now eligible to open accounts with the credit union. We have flyers and information about the Credit union that we will be handing out at the meetings. If you would like us to mail you the information, please call or email the club.

Perfect Paws Store

Windward Mall

Bring in this newsletter to Perfect Paws on the second floor at Windward Mall and they will give us a 10 percent discount on merchandise. Their website is <http://www.purrfectpaws.bigstep.com/>

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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