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## CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!



**GRAB BAG, RAFFLE,  
AND HOLIDAY CHEER**

**DECEMBER 16, 2001  
VCA Kaneohe Animal Hospital  
1:30 PM**

**Don't forget to bring  
a \$5 Grab Bag Gift!**



## Halloween Fun Fest By Claire Ching

On Sunday, October 28, 2001, the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii met at Pearl City Nursing Home for some Halloween fun to share with the residents. There was a very good turn out of chihuahuas and their families. The costumes worn by the chihuahuas were funny and imaginative. The residents had a very good time watching us parade around. Then we had a picture taking session for our costumed critters. We will be posting the pictures on our web site soon. It was a very rewarding and moving experience to know that we brightened these people's Halloween. A very big Mahalo to all those who participated!



## Club Match

The Club is happy to announce that we will be holding a Match at Thomas Square, in the afternoon on June 1, 2002. A fun activity is also planned after the match. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded for both activities.

The Club will also sponsor a workshop in April. This workshop will help answer questions and concerns you may have about showing and what it's all about. Our Match Co-Chairs are Gail Esperago and Claire Ching. Our Match Secretary is Janet Yoda.

If you do not have a dog that you feel you can show, you could help out at the match and at shows, and practice showing to see if you like it before you actually get a show quality Chihuahua.



## Upcoming Events

- December 16, 2001, Christmas Party.
- January 19 and 20, 2002, West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed Shows.
- February Club Meeting.
- February 11, 12, 2002, Westminster Kennel Club at Madison Square Garden.
- February 16, 17, 2002, Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club All Breed Shows.
- March 2, 3, 2002, Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows.
- April Club Meeting, workshop on showing your Chihuahua.
- April 13, 14, 2002, Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc. All Breed Shows.
- April 27, 28, 2002, Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui All Breed Shows.
- May 2 to 5, Chihuahua Club of America Rotating Specialty and the Evergreen Chihuahua Club Specialty at the Best Western Executive Inn in Fife, Washington State, and will be accessible from Seatac International Airport by shuttle.
- May 11, 12, 2002, Hawaii Pet Expo.
- May 12, 2002, Hawaiian Kennel Club Puppy and Junior Showmanship Match
- June 1, 2002, Club Fun Match, at Thomas Square, 1:00 pm



## IT'S SHOWTIME!!!

**By Lorene Maki**

In this article, I am going to cover some of the basic aspects of dog shows in Hawaii, and how dog shows generally work.

## Kennel and Breed Clubs

We currently have about 6 kennel clubs that are authorized by the American Kennel Club (AKC), and that hold regularly scheduled "All Breed Dog Shows." These kennel clubs are: Hawaiian Kennel Club, at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, West Oahu Kennel Club, at Barber's Point Elementary School, Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assoc., at King Intermediate,

and the Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club, Inc., at the Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-purpose Stadium. Each organization holds 2 weekends of dog shows, (4 shows) a year, except for the Valley Isle Kennel Club and the Kona Coast Kennel Club, which may hold one weekend (2 shows) a year each. All Breed Dog Shows are Championship shows, that is, points leading to championships are awarded at these shows, and they are, as the name implies, for all breeds of dogs that are currently recognized by the AKC, and are registered with the AKC. Normally, two shows are held on a weekend, one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

There are other types of Clubs that are also recognized by the AKC and are authorized to hold shows. These are mostly "breed" clubs that are either for a specific breed of dog, like our own Chihuahua Club of Hawaii, or a "group" of dogs. The term "group" as it relates to dog shows are the groups that the breed is categorized by the AKC. Chihuahuas are within the Toy Group. The Toy Group also contains the Toy Poodles, Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terrier, Maltese, Pomeranians, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and many others. For example, the Tropical Toy Dog Fanciers of Hawaii has just been recognized and approved by the AKC to hold shows for toy dogs. These shows are also called "Specialties" because they specialize in certain breeds or breed. Our own club is working towards gaining AKC approval to hold Chihuahua Specialty shows in the future. The match that we are having next year will help our club get approval from the AKC to hold Specialties. No points can be awarded at matches.

These Kennel Clubs and the Toy and other breed clubs also hold "Matches" at various times throughout the year. No Championship points are awarded at these shows. The entry fees are generally much lower, \$5 to \$10 a dog. The entry fees for a show are about \$20.00 per dog. Matches are mostly for fun and practice.

### Show Organization

Each show held by the respective Kennel Club will have a "Show Committee" that organizes the shows. The Committee will set the judges slate, and hire a Show Superintendent. The Superintendent will send out the "Premiums" for those shows, and assist the Committee in running the shows. Premiums will be explained in more detail below. The AKC may also send out a representative that will oversee the show.

The show sites are generally outdoors in open fields or indoors, such as the ones held that the NBC Exhibition Hall. The All Breed Shows here are relatively small shows with about 400 dogs entered, shown in 4 or 5 rings. Rings are shaped in a square, and marked off by ropes or short fencing. The Show



**The judge looks over the dogs at the Chihuahua Specialty Show in Sydney, Australia.**

Superintendent makes up a schedule of the breeds, with the times they are expected to be shown in a particular ring.

So if you were interested in only seeing the Chihuahuas, just call us to find out what time the Chihuahuas are expected to show, and come at that time. Generally, the individual breeds of dogs are judged in the morning, and the Groups and Best in Show are judged after lunch. The long and smooth coat Chihuahuas are considered two separate breeds/varieties, and will not compete against each other except within the Group competition. So we can send two Chihuahua representatives into the Group competition.

### Championships

We do not win money at these shows, in fact, mostly you would spend money. You win points, ribbons, and perhaps some standing. You've probably all heard about Champions. So what does that term mean? Sometimes people will say his dog "finished" or earned his Championship. At each show a dog could earn from 0 to 5 points. A Champion must have 15 points minimum, including two shows where he/she earned 3, 4 or 5 points (called majors or major wins), and under two different judges for those major wins. The other points can be earned 1 or 2 points at a time. The AKC sets the points a dog can win by geographic area. So the point schedule is like this: 1 dog = 0 points; 2 dogs = 1 point; 3 dogs = 2 points; 4 dogs = 3 points (major); 5 dogs = 4 points (major); 6 dogs or more = 5 points (major). There are some complex variations on how you can earn points, but this is the basic structure.

### Entering a Show

When you enter your dog in a show, you will see that there are several "classes", set by age and other

categories, under which you may enter your dog. You must choose only one class to enter in, per dog. The Premium, which contains the entry form and other information, is where the classes are listed. Be sure you are entering all the information correctly, and in the correct class, otherwise any points won at the show may be canceled by the AKC. You can get on the mailing list for a Premium if you call the Show Superintendent or if you have entered a show before with the same superintendent or with the same kennel or breed club.

**Showing within the Breed/Variety**

To sum up what generally happens in the ring: the males go first. The judge would pick the male that would earn the points for the males. Then the females would show next, and the judge would choose the female to award points to. Then that male, female, and any Champions entered for Best of Breed would show together next, and from this lot the judge would then choose one dog, male or female, that would represent the variety/breed in the Group competition.

**Group and Best in Show**

Within the Group competition, all the representatives of the toy breeds would compete for Group Placements. There are 4 placements, called Group I, II, III, and IV. All of the group placements are prestigious placements, however, only the dog that earns Group I, will continue to compete. The Group I winner would compete with the other Group I winners for Best in Show.

**Note on Judges**

The judges for these shows are approved by the AKC to judge either all breeds or just certain breeds of dogs. They are from the mainland or live outside of the United States or are local judges from Hawaii. Generally speaking, on each of the show days, the Kennel Club holding the show will switch the judges around so that each judge will judge different breeds at each of the shows that weekend.

**Conclusion**

Showing can be an absorbing hobby, because there is so much to learn. This article only touches on the basic structure of a dog show. You would need to learn details of showing your dog by doing some reading and research, from actual experience, and/or asking more experienced people about particular situations. In April the club will be holding a workshop on showing. There are also conformation classes that may help you feel more comfortable about showing your dog. Also, grooming and training your dog is another tale.

**Chicken Liver Cookies**  
By June Rogers

2 c Flour  
1 c wheat germ  
1/2 c chicken broth  
1 c Cooked, chopped chicken livers  
3 T vegetable oil  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
2 T chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.  
Combine flour and wheat germ. In separate bowl, beat egg with oil, then add broth and parsley, mix well. Add dry ingred. to bowl a little at a time, stirring well. Fold in chicken livers and mix well. Dough will be firm. Turn out dough on lightly floured board and knead briefly. Roll out 1/2 " thick and cut into shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet 1" apart. Bake 15 min. or until firm. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 24 servings.

**Breeder Section**

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*Mahalo*

*To all those wonderful members who participated in our  
Halloween Care Home Visit!*