



Ay Chihuahua!!

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CONDOLENCES TO VERA

Speedy, Vera's longcoat Chi, passed away this November 1999. Our club wishes to express our condolences to Vera Van Verst. Speedy excelled in obedience, and was a winner at our Chihuahua Olympics. He will be greatly missed, Vera.



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MEMBER PROFILES

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

Marika Hall

Marika lives with a 1 year old Chihuahua, named Romeo. He's white with light fawn spots, with, according to Marika, "an adorable face." She also has two cats, named Cecil and Julius. Marika must really be busy, because she not only has 3 pets, she also has a husband, Kevin, and 2 stepchildren who visit during the summer and holidays. Marika is an Executive Assistant. She enjoys movies, the outdoors, going to the beach, with Romeo too, loves to spend time with her family, and quality time with Romeo. Romeo gets to go almost everywhere that Marika goes, he is one lucky chi, isn't he?

Marika says that Romeo treats Julius, the cat, like another chi. "They often play together, and actually wrestle, tackle and roll around on the floor. Romeo loves people, especially children. He thinks he's

human too. He loves to 'give kisses' which means you'll end up getting a lot of doggie licks."

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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. However, we still need help!! Please let us know if you can help us with a special project or if you have an idea for our meetings. If you wish to help out, please call or email Lee Ann Lee at 685-5010 or leeann@hawaii.edu ❖

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Stephanie McDowall

Stephanie is a nail technician, and likes art, swimming and the sunshine in Hawaii. Her husband Jesse, who is in the U.S. Army loves his computer, diving, swimming, and fishing. Their furkid, Rio, is a 2 year old boy, light fawn with white, and about 5 pounds.

Rio has a lot of likes and dislikes, likes pig ears, kisses from everyone, and car rides, and dislikes cats, grrrrr..., frogs, geckos and strange noises, says Stephanie, "we call them bad guys." Stephanie also says that, "Rio is a very curious pup, and when we go shopping, he has to look in every bag to see if anything is for him. Her favorite story about Rio, is this, "One day he put his head in the wrong bag and got stuck. We heard some rustling sound and there he was sitting on the couch with a bag on his head." How cute!

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List of Exhibitors At Recent All Breed Dog Shows

- ❖ Gail Esperago—Long coat
- ❖ Diane Kimura-Sugiyama—Smooth coat
- ❖ Bill Riso and E. Nanashima—Smooth coat
- ❖ John Werner and Stan Kakae—Smooth coat

Congratulations to everyone!!!

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Teresa Lee

Tico is Teresa's lil Chihuahua, and the star of the Club's webpage. He is almost one year old now, is a fawn with white markings, and weighs about 4.5 pounds. This little cutie loves to hide/sleep inside the pillowcases, instead of just on top of the pillow. Teresa is a library assistant, and when she is not working hard at the library, is spending her time with her husband, Emerson, and Tico, and surfing the 'web for info on Chihuahuas, our favorite breed!!

Teresa has been very helpful in reviewing interesting books on dogs, Chihuahuas, and fascinating facts on doggie stuff. We'd like to thank Teresa for sharing her thoughts with us in our newsletter.



HEELING YOUR CHIHUAHUA By Vera Van Verst

Training your puppy to heel requires patience. In this exercise I will try to explain some techniques to heel your Chihuahua. First, hold the leash in your hand and let your puppy walk freely while you follow it. After doing this a few times, pat the left side of your leg (you may have to pat the lower part of your leg to get your dog's attention) then follow with good boy/girl every 4 or 5 steps. If your dog starts to pull, stand still, wait until your dog turns toward you, then call him/her up to your side again, and walk the other way. You may have to repeat this procedure a few times. After practicing this use a release work like, 'okay', then praise him/her and give a treat.

After about a week of getting your dog to come up next to you, site your dog on your left side, say the word, 'heel', and step off with your left foot. You can use a treat or a toy in your left hand to coax your dog to keep up with you. Then take a few steps, stop, and tell him/her to 'sit'. Repeat these steps followed with a treat or praise. Your dog will always have a happy outlook when learning with positive reinforcement.

Every dog has their own personality. Some dogs require more help than others. Obedience classes are a good place to get individual and social experiences for your dog.

CLUB NOTICES

- The club is sending out with this newsletter, notices for the next year's club dues. The dues for next year is \$5.00 for all memberships. Please remember to submit your dues soon.

CHIHUAHUA CLUB SPECIALTIES Australia 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.

- Australian dog shows and Specialties in April 2000. See information below. *For more information, you may call Australia*, Kris Finch 011-61-02-96283886 or Sue Lane 011-61-02-49902387. Or contact us, and we will put you in touch with our information source.
- Australia – The 2nd National Chihuahua Championship Show, April 15 & 16, 2000 at Newcastle. CNCC Showground Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, N.S.W.
- Australia – Sydney Royal Dog Show, all breed dog show, Chihuahuas show on April 19, 2000 at Homebush Bay, Olympic Grounds, N.S.W.
- Australia – St. Mary's Chihuahua Special Show, April 23, 2000, at Bill Spilstead Complex For Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road, Erskine Park, N.S.W.
- 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 Rotating 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 RAFFLE!!

Keep Your Chi warm with this wonderful quilt!!

Thank you to all the crafters that have contributed to this quilt project. We will raffling off this quilt at our December meeting on December 12, 1999.

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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.

This notice was published in the September Newsletter. We have not received any comments, so we will follow through with this.

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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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TASTY TREATS

By Lee Ann Lee

- Chips' First Birthday Cake**
 3 lbs. turkey or chicken, ground
 3 egg whites; or 2 whole eggs
 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
 1/4 cup parsley, minced
 1 t garlic powder

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Mold into desired shape (a bone shape is good). Bake at 350 degrees in broiler pan or on rack to drain fat, for 45 minutes to 1 hour, 15 minutes, depending on thickness of loaf. Remove from



oven, cool, and place on a plate. May be "frosted" with low-fat cream cheese

as desired.

Tasters' comments: "I thought it was GRReat! Wanted it all!" says Chips

Source: "Anna's Holiday Cake for Dogs", Dog Fancy, Aug. 1993 issue.

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August 1999 Chi Olympics--Relay