



# Ay Chihuahua!!

*Newsletter of the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii*

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS!!!**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AND  
FUN DEMONSTRATION**

**ALL CHI PARTICIPANTS  
WILL BE AWARDED RIBBONS!  
SO COME ON AND JOIN US.**

**SOCIALIZATION FOR OUR CHIS  
WILL BE EMPHASIZED  
AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION.**

**February 17, 2002, 1:00 pm**

**KALUWELA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Directions:** If you're heading Diamond Head direction on Vineyard Boulevard, make a left turn onto A'ala Street. The school will be on your left, right before you reach the freeway overpass.

**PLEASE BRING A SMALL SNACK TO SHARE,  
DRINKS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR DOG,  
AND SOMETHING TO SIT ON.**

**RSVP: Virginia 261-3275**

**In case of bad weather, meeting will be held at  
VCA Animal Hospital. Someone will be phoning  
you if there's a change, or call one of the officers.**



### Proposed Club Officers for 2002

President:	Lorene Maki
Vice President:	Claire Ching
Treasurer:	Janet Yoda
Corresponding Sec.:	Sheri Goo
Recording Secretary:	Kim Matsuzaki
Membership Chairs:	Virginia Decastro Verna Lee

We will vote for new club officers at our Feb. 17th meeting. Please join us.



### CHI CLUB WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website? We very much would like your feedback if you did, and if you didn't, please check it out and let us know what you think about it and if you have any ideas as to how to improve it. Email your suggestions to the club email address (see top of this page for the address). Mahalo.



**IN MEMORIAM**

*John Decastro*

*Passed away Jan. 28, 2002, at age 78*

*With Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to  
Virginia, our Membership Chair,  
Ruby, and Family*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 17, 2002, 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.
- 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



### LOOKING FOR CLUB FUNDRAISER IDEAS

The Club wishes to raise funds to do certain activities, such as the Fun Match. Participation is entirely voluntary. Cash donations are also welcome. If you have any ideas or wish to help us coordinate any fundraising idea, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you. Lorene

## Are Loose Dogs Really Innocent? NOT ALWAYS!

By: Christina New

Photos: Ursula Freitas

For a second, take a look. Pause momentarily the happenings of your world and take a step into someone else's. I'd like to introduce you to the world that exists for Ray and Jean Sampaio. Ray and Jean could be called typical local people. They live in Kapolei, visit the Swap Meet, and even have a mango tree in their back yard! However, they are an extraordinary couple. They have kind hearts, loving spirits, and plenty of aloha.

For over ten years they have volunteered in their community with complete dedication and a genuine delight. Jean prepares meals for their church, which she delivers to elderly people. Together they use their extensive knowledge volunteering to train dog owner's to have obedient, well-behaved pets. In addition to this they teach puppy classes so that new owners can learn not only how to raise a dog, but



*Jean Sampaio sits with her Chihuahua, Cookie, remembering the attack that almost took one of her dog's lives.*

how to keep the dog healthy. Their patience and dedication for animals, and their owners is truly amazing! Ray and Jean's only paycheck comes in the form of seeing proud dog owners and well-behaved healthy pets.

As if their life weren't busy enough, the two also raise and show their own group of high quality dogs! In their house they have four little Chihuahuas and a Sheltie.

On the night of December 29th an unsightly horror occurred at their home on Paala Loop. While they were at Church a brown pit bull, whom neither wore a collar with tags nor had a microchip that we know of, broke into their secured yard. The pit bull apparently did not come to share a cup of evening tea with the Sampaio's dogs, but proceeded to attack two of their pets. One of the Chihuahuas, Shadow, was injured in his back. Since their Sheltie, Pebbles, is the largest of their dogs she instead sustained the greatest injury.

The pit bull, being noticeably larger than Pebbles, proceeded to rip at Pebbles neck. Pebbles at the time was wearing a barking collar, which had a monitor box on it. This may have been the only thing that saved her life.

Ray and Jean's neighbors had heard the commotion and went over to see what was happening. Upon seeing Pebbles neck gushing from blood the neighbor jumped over the fence, pulled the pit bull away from Pebbles and threw him into one of the dog cages. Once Pebbles was safe from this vicious pit bull the neighbors called the Sampaio's son in law. Ray and Jean's daughters Joanne and Nancy and Nancy's husband Roy do not live too far from the house so they immediately drove down to assess the damage. Once Joanne saw Pebbles' mangled neck she quickly put Pebbles frail body into her car and rushed her to Waipahu Leeward Veterinarian Clinic. Nancy's husband stayed at the house to wait for Ray and Jean to return home.

At the Clinic, Dr. Hisanaga performed emergency surgery on Pebble's neck. Her muscles had been damaged but what mattered was the damage done to the neck itself. Dr. Hisanaga had to perform emergency surgery to repair the damage done to Pebble. Ray and Jean feared Pebbles was going to die. By the grace of God, also thanks to the barking monitor Pebbles was wearing and of course their wonderful neighbors, Pebbles survived. Within a couple of days she was released from the clinic.

Unfortunately Pebble's damage extends far beyond her neck. Pebbles, once a calm and serene show dog, now is timid and easily spooked. The earliest she would be able to show again would be late in 2002

On the night of the attack no one came by looking for a lost pit bull so the Sampaio's decided to call the police and file a police report. The police then transported the pit bull to the Humane Society.

Pit bulls are popular amongst many people in Hawaii. This type of dog is known for its ability to be trained to attack. Many people, not just in Kapolei, are subjected to bothersome loose dog's everyday. The problem arises when a loose dog stops wondering the streets and invades a home.

It is hard for the Sampaio's and their family to look at Pebbles and see her stitched up neck. It serves only as a reminded of the terrible attack, which could have taken her life. What makes it worse is that the owners of this dog violated the law and probably will not be brought to justice. Laws were violated when the dog stepped foot onto the Sampaio property (Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu, Sec. 7-4.1, 4.2), as well as when the dog attacked Pebbles and Shadow (Ordinances of the City and County of



*Pebbles' neck is now half covered in stitches, as well a tube for drainage.*

Honolulu, Sec. 7-7.1, 7.2). These laws are hardly circulated and even less enforced. To Ray and Jean Sampaio their pets are like their kids. What if this had happened to a toddler? Would action then take place?

Pebbles looks and personality are tarnished now by this pit bulls actions.

When asked how she felt Jean responded, "As hurt as I am, I can not allow myself to be upset with the dog. I have trained dogs for a very long time and I know that this pit-bull was taught to attack."

For the sake of this article, the Hawaiian Humane Society was contacted in attempts to obtain a picture of the pit bull for identification purposes. Manager, Netty Vierra, stated, "The dog was here, now he is not." Information regarding what happened to the dog was refused to be released.

If you have any information that might be helpful in discovering the owners of this brown pit bull wondering in the Paala Loop, please call 581-0178. Pet laws were made for a reason; it is time they are enforced.

For additional information regarding pet laws you can visit the City and County website online, [www.co.honolulu.hi.us/refs/roh/7.htm](http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/refs/roh/7.htm) Listed on this site are pet laws and various numbers to call regarding a pet complaint.



## **Absolute Beginner's Guide to Showing Your Dog** **By Teresa Lee**

Do you have an interest in dog showing, or ever wondered what showing a dog is all about? Absolute Beginner's Guide to Showing Your Dog is the book for you!

Authored by Cheryl Smith, the book is an easy-to-read guide that provides much of the basic, yet detailed, information you need to know about dog showing, from discovering whether the show circuit is right for you and your dog to developing the skills for successful showing.

Descriptions of the AKC, UKC, and other kennel club organizations were also included as well as notes of interest, tips from the pros, and a review at the end of each chapter.

I found this book to be so well written and very easy to understand that I read it from cover to cover in a matter of days, but you could just read the sections that are of interest.

I highly recommend this book.



### **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.

Giron Chihuahuas . . . . . Oahu Ph. 946-0006  
AKC Smooth coat and Long coat Chihuahuas  
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mainland lines.  
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*Scenes from the West Oahu All-Breed Dog Show*

