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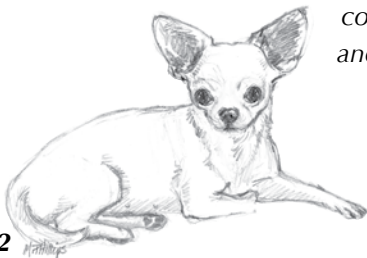
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From The President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another National Specialty has come and gone, and what an event packed weekend it was. There was so much going on that it was almost impossible to take it all in, and that is a wonderful feeling. The Club is making every effort to expand the breadth and scope of educational and performance events in the hope that it will help all of us become better stewards of the Breed.

The general meeting was held on Friday evening following the puppy match, and worked well, but like anything that you are doing for the first time, we found areas that we will work on improving in the future. Holding the meeting separate from the banquet certainly made the banquet a more enjoyable evening, and it seemed that more people stayed for the auction, which did very well.

This was a successful specialty and that is due to the hard work of so many people in the club. Show Chairman, Craig Leslie had crews of folks working on all aspects of the weekend from putting the plastic down on Thursday night all the way to taking it up on Sunday evening. A very special thank you goes to our show committees and,

of course, to our wonderful judges: our Sweepstakes judge was Mr. Randall Carr, our Obedience and Rally judge was Mrs Catherine Peters, and last, but certainly not least, our Conformation judge was Mrs. Michelle Billings. I'm going to try to recognize some of the highlights. Pat Larrissey again served as Chief Ring Steward and kept the ring running smoothly as usual. She also did service for Obedience and Rally which were quite successful and fun to watch. The puppy match was a bit different this year since we used two rings to try to save a bit of time. Susan and Jim Hanke organized the match this year. Hopefully they'll do the same for us next year. They are a great team and rounded up lots of good helpers. Katie Greer again did the Canine Good Citizen testing for us. This is such a great service.

The 2008 Chihuahua Health Related Issues Committee had all sorts of things going with health clinics, DNA collection, fundraising, etc. Thanks to all the members of that committee: Kim Gramlisch-Chair, Katie Greer, Justin Ward, Stacey Amirov, Peggy Wilson, Sallie Buckman, Sherri Chavez, Gail Hendry, Susan Hanke.

At lunch break on Saturday we once again had a rescue parade organized by Chihuahua Rescue and Transport and once again, those little dogs, in spite of their tough past histories, paraded

around the ring to the applause of the audience and for that moment, they became SHOW dogs. Once again, there was hardly a dry eye in the room.

The Parade of Titleholders was held during the lunch break on Sunday and once again showed what wonderful dogs the fancy is producing.

The Ways and Means Chair, Dena Muenzler, challenged the local clubs and CCA membership to create baskets for a special auction to benefit our juniors program. Our folks really outdid themselves. Those wonderful baskets needed to be seen to be believed. I think the Kentucky basket received the highest bid, but the funds from all the baskets' sales are now part of our fund for the Juniors program. Thank you, Dena, for an outstanding job.

Please forgive me for not mentioning everything that went on. I need to leave room for the rest of the newsletter. Suffice it to say that the Chihuahua Club of America 2008 National Specialty was a fun weekend and, in spite of tough economic times, set a record for fundraising efforts.

Finally, thanks to Lynnie Bunten for typing this up for me while I've been in the hospital. I've temporarily lost the use of my right hand.

Bruce Shirky

"On the Cover"

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their support at this year's National Specialty. The competition at this year's show was intense, and we feel fortunate to have won Best of Breed. Tarra was shown on a limited basis, with the Nationals only being her third weekend out in 2008.

Thank you to Mrs. Michele Billings for recognizing Tarra's outstanding breed type and soundness. Tarra is always owner handled.

Ed & Gail Hendry
CeeGee's Chihuahuas



From The Editor

When you received this issue of the Chi Chatter in the mail, you probably noticed right away that there have been a few changes to our quarterly publication, such as the beautiful pencil art by Maren Phillips. This first issue has been a delightful challenge for me, but I

absolutely would not have been able to get this issue completed on time without the generous and patient assistance of Pat Larrisey, Pat Witter, Mark Mougel and the wonderful staff at Bear Associates, and the various CCA officers, board members, committee chairs, member club officers and general members who submitted (and sometimes

had to re-submit!) reports, photographs, specialty results, advertising, announcements, changes and corrections. Thank you all so much for your support and assistance!

Michele "Micki" Giroux

Guidelines for Submitting Show Results & Photos

- Please submit show results for publication using the approved template/ form designed for that purpose; if you don't have the form, just e-mail me at chichattermicki@comcast.net and I will send it to you.
- Photos that can be published are as follows: BISS, BOS to BISS, BOV & BOS in both coats, Winner's Dog & Winner's Bitch in both coats, Best Junior Handler, Best in Sweeps & BOS in Sweeps.
- Photos submitted must be official show photos from the Specialty being reported, and may not be cropped or digitally altered.
- The member club secretary shall obtain permission from those individuals whose photo will be published before sending the photos.
- Photos can either be e-mailed to chichattermicki@comcast.net, or sent regular mail to:
Micki Giroux
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- Feel free to call (850-230-6168) or e-mail me with any questions.

CCA Plaque Information

The Chihuahua Club of America offers the following plaques to member local Chihuahua Clubs for their specialties:

1. **Best of Breed** - for clubs holding independent specialties.
2. **Best of Variety** - for clubs holding specialties in conjunction with an all-breed show when Best of Breed cannot be offered, and
3. **High in Trial** - for clubs offering obedience at their independent specialties.

The local club's Secretary, Show

Chair, and/or Trophy Chair may not be members of the CCA and may be unaware of CCA's requirements for obtaining the plaque. CCA MEMBERS, please make sure that they ALL KNOW the following information:

To receive CCA plaque:

1. Your club's request (Letter and Premium List) for a plaque(s) MUST reach CCA's Secretary At Least Four (4) Weeks Prior to your event. (Some clubs include CCA's Secretary on their mailing lists to insure that the premium list is received by CCA's deadline.)
2. Each CCA trophy MUST be Published in the actual Premium List, even though a club may use a Condensed premium list for other trophies. The premium list MUST state "Best of Breed" or "Best of Variety" ("Long Coat" and

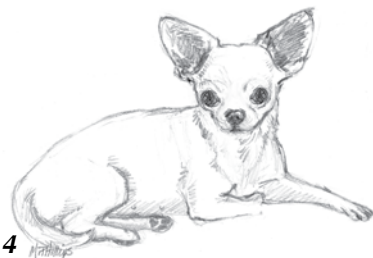
"Smooth Coat") and "High in Trial" - plaque offered by the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.

3. Deadline: At Least 4 Weeks Prior to your event, mail or Fax CCA's Secretary the request for the plaque for your specialty. Include the DATE of the event and the Name & Address of the person to whom the plaque(s) should be mailed. Your letter may be sent early, however, until CCA's Secretary receives the premium list, no plaque(s) can be mailed.

4. Due to the cost, plaques will not be sent overnight or by express.

??Questions about the plaques??

Please contact Patricia Larrisey, CCA's Secretary



Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club



Recent Specialty wins



Chihuahua Club of Michigan Back to Back Shows



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for November 15, 2008

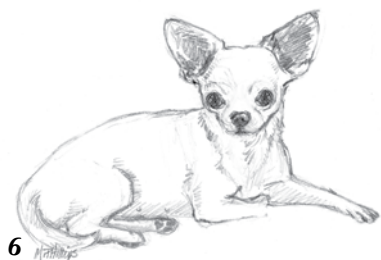
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INCOME

Catalog ads	200.00
Dues for 2009	1020.00
2009 Handbook pedigree and ad pages	12495.00
Trophy donations	1094.42
Chi Chatter ad	60.00
Handbook sales	864.00
Vendor space	1300.00
Banquet reservations.	3865.00
New Member dues and fees	175.00
Auction of baskets for Juniors Program	2210.00
Puppy match	360.00
50/50	238.00
Northwest Designs (T-shirts)	239.18
Auction	2192.50
CGC, Cardiac and Microchip clinics	924.00
Donations for DVD's.	196.00
Catalog sales	1100.00
Unused sweepstakes money	26.24
Replacement for check on closed account	55.00
Nestle Purina Pet Care Company	7200.00
Refund of advance money from Stacey Amirov.	17.44
Show settlement from Roy Jones Dog Shows.	96.21
TOTAL INCOME.	36057.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee-CCA ad in catalog	35.00
Postmaster – priority postage	4.80
Barbara Shayesteh – deposit on election	750.00
Dannyquest Designs – trophies	1500.00
Transfer to Health Fund - Pat Witter's charge fee.	50.00
CRT – memorial for Dr. LeClair Bissel	100.00
Copymax – CHRI printing.	37.62
Pat Larrissey – secretary expenses.	137.60
Pat Larrissey – Membership committee postage	172.57
Allynid Bunten – table decorations	250.00
Curtain Wall Company – plastic for showroom	703.50
Returned check and fee	52.00
Bear Associates, LLC – 3 sets of mailing labels	79.80
The Award Shop – awards and plaques for Chicago	359.43
Jeffers Pet Supply – supplies for Louisiana victims of Hurricane	1643.40
Bear Associates, LLC – printing and mailing Fall Chi Chatter.	1788.32
Stacey Amirov – advance for Health Survey mailing	590.00
Leonard J. Elandt, Jr. – audit and tax compilation.	725.00
Susan Hanke – puppy match prizes.	216.46
Texas Chihuahua Club – CCA ad in two catalogs	70.00
Catherine Peters – Obedience and Rally judge.	183.30
Lorna Cherney – prizes for puppy match	30.00
Allynid Bunten – judge's lunch on 11-4	15.00
Lesley Harger – refund of dues for Brent and Lesley	50.00
Eva Sikorska, DVM – Cardiac and Microchip clinic	1060.00
Dennis Bolin – welcoming committee supplies.	461.77



Allynid Bunten – Judge’s lunch 11-5	9.50
Michele Billings –judging fee and expenses.	1279.50
Marriott – welcoming party.	5440.96
Marriott – handling of welcoming bags	335.00
Marriott – Breeders’ Seminar AV	414.80
Marriott – showroom AV	530.70
Marriott – Banquet	6847.54
Marriott – coffee and tea in showroom	639.48
Marriott – transportation and room service for judge.	152.14.
Marriott – showroom rental	1980.00
Marriott – judges’ seminar AV.	170.80
Barbara Shayesteh – balance owed for election.	1030.07
Steven Buie – refund of dues and application fees for Steven & Trina	70.00
Kim Gramlisch – sunshine committee	1.54
Kim Gramlisch – Health committee	59.18
Equisure, Inc. – Board and officers’ insurance	930.00
Frank Farkas, Sr. – refund for incorrect ad in catalog	25.00
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc. – sent to Pat Witter to open account	5000.00
Bear Associates, LLC – 2 sets of mailing labels	54.80
Postmaster – mailings to Pat Witter and Shelly Covelli.	28.10
Martha Hooks – refund of vendor space fee	100.00
The Mail Center – shipping plaques and handbooks	68.10
Beverly J. Purswell, DVM – Breeders’seminar presenter	1213.00
H. Craig Leslie – Gas and tolls for trip to Chicago	156.16
Barbara Shayesteh – Balloting of Health Issues	750.00
Peggy Wilson – expenses for doing breed seminar in Houston	894.00
TNT – 2009 Handbook ad	150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.	39510.31
Balance in checking November 15,2008.	17720.36
Health Fund	19760.77
Rescue	380.23

Report of Treasurer Patricia Witter

October 31, 2008

I opened a checking account with Chase Bank, with an opening check of \$5,000 on October 22, 2008.

		Receipts	Deposits	Balance
10/22/08	Opening Balance			\$5,000.00
10/27/08	Online Payment to Patricia Larrissey Membership, Ink, Postage	\$43.51		
10/27/08	Online Payment to Patricia Larrissey Secretary, LD, Ink, Postage	\$50.71		
10/28/08	Cash Bonus – referral from Chase Customer		\$50.00	
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		\$94.22	\$50.00	
Ending Balance 10/31/08				\$4955.78



CCA Board Meeting By Conference Call, Tues. Sept. 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Shirky at 8:14 pm EDT.

Present were: Sallie Buckman; Peggy Hackelton; Kyle Potts; Danny Gramlich; Patricia Larrisse; Bruce Shirky; Shirley Banderet; Susan Hanke; Craig Leslie and Peggy Wilson. Parliamentarian: Richard Bellon and Guests: Katie Greer; and Gloria Lambert.

Absent were: Hazel Bellerjeau and; Dick Dickerson, who joined the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Shirley Banderet made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2008 Board meeting as printed. Peggy Hackelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: The new Standard has been published in the AKC Gazette, and goes into effect on October 1, 2008. Copies have been mailed to all approved chihuahua judges. The President wanted the club to show its appreciation to the members of the Breed Standard Revision Committee for all their hard work.

Craig Leslie made a motion to present certificates of appreciation to the members of the Breed Standard Revision Committee. Shirley Banderet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Kyle Potts and Patricia Witter will have the certificates made.

Peggy Wilson made a motion to disband the Breed Standard Revision Committee, as their work is now completed. Peggy Hackelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Several requests were received from our member clubs, asking for letters of permission to hold specialties in 2009 be sent to AKC. After the fourth request, the Secretary mailed a blanket letter of permission to the AKC, for all our member clubs to hold specialties in 2009. The AKC is moving its offices in North Carolina, and has not sent the usual paperwork for blanket approval to the CCA Secretary.

After dues are paid for 2009, Patricia will mail a blanket letter for 2010 to the American Kennel Club, so this problem does not occur again. It is not the CCA's position to decide what type of specialties the member clubs have, we simply give permission for them to hold local specialties.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the checking account is \$24,867.27. We made very little interest on the Ameriprise accounts, as they are tied to the stock market, but we did not lose any of our investment.

Handbook receipts of \$12,400 thus far are ahead of expenses of \$10,250.25 including the photo mailers and the ad in TNT. There will be another payment due to the publisher in October or November, but the Handbook Committee is doing very well.

We had some big expenses this year, and the balance in the checking account is not nearly at the level it usually is, right before the National, when it is usually around \$35,000.

Some of the expenses are: The printing and mailing of 3 Chi-Chatters and the Roster for a cost of \$ 8,253.75 (the December 07 issue was billed to the club in January), and there will be 2 more issues this year. CCA dues do not cover the cost of printing the Chi-Chatter and the Roster.

We gave \$500 to Take the Lead; \$240 for AKC for the Eukanuba medallions; the balloting so far this year cost \$3,825.00 and that does not include the cost for the elections; \$ 977.50 for the DVD's to be given out by the Health Committee; \$635 for the CHIC pins; \$703.50 for plastic for the show room; and the Spring Rotating lost nearly \$3,000.

This report is to emphasize how vitally important the monies received from Purina are to our club. Each year we have received \$12,250 from Purina. \$1,000 of money goes to the club hosting the Rotating, but the rest of the monies help cover our expenses.

Craig asked that all members stop by the Purina booth and thank them for sponsorship of our specialty. That you really spend some time talking with them.

We have not yet received a contract from Purina for the Spring Rotating specialty, as Purina is upset by an adverse ad that was placed in last year's CCA National catalog. When asked, they say they haven't made a decision and may be looking in another direction. We need Purina's sponsorship to continue to do the good works we do. There are no other dog food companies waiting to take Purina's place.

Bruce Shirky gave his thoughts on the Rotating Specialty: Even though it did not make any money, it is a valuable educational tool. It allows people who we will never see in Chicago to attend and see some of the top dogs in the country, to see what other people are doing in their breeding

programs, and that can only be good for the club and the breed.

Committees:

Show Committee: Everything is falling in place, the plastic for the show room has been ordered and will be laid down after 12:00 on Thursday. Several Board members indicated that they would be there to help with set-up. We will have more vendors than usual. Craig does have a concern about the Banquet attendance, since there will not be a meeting. Hopefully people will attend for a purely social evening and auction.

The name of the street that the hotel is on has been changed from Columbine to Hoffman.

Constitution Committee: Dick Dickerson reported on the committee's meeting last week.

Viola Burgos reported that multiple candidates may not be nominated for office, per AKC, however her answer was not received in writing. The CCA Secretary will contact Mara Holiday at AKC and pose the question again.

The Committee unanimously approved the 2 possible changes to Section 4, Termination of Membership.

The Committee suggested that when a letter is sent regarding a applicant, the letter is sent to the applicant for their response, before the Board votes on the candidate. It was also stated that if a Board member has a complaint, it should also be put in writing and mailed to the Membership Chair, rather than voicing it at the time of voting for the candidate.

Craig Leslie made a motion that ** Anyone who applies for membership in the CCA, will receive copies of any correspondence written about them and have an opportunity to respond. Correspondence must be received by the Membership Chair within 45 days after publication in the Chi-Chatter. Any response from the applicant must be received by the Membership Chair three weeks prior to the National or Rotating Specialty at which the candidate will be voted on by the Board. Peggy Hackelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Shirky would like to see a change to Article VII, Amendments, Section 1, so if we have a standing Standard Revision Committee and we receive a petition regarding the Breed Standard, that petition will be referred to the Standard Revision Committee, who will then add the changes requested in the petition to the ballot for voting by the membership. That suggestion

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will be sent to Mara Holiday and considered by the Constitution Committee.

A slight correction was made to the wording of one of the proposed amendments, removing the word 1st.

Breed Information: Per Carole Jeffrey's request, Katie Greer was added as Breed Information Co-Chair by the Board, and joined the meeting.

Katie proposed we send out an AKC Parent Club Breed Flier. This flier will go with every chihuahua registered by AKC. The cost is 3 cents per flier plus a one time set-up cost of \$150. We as a Parent Club can dictate what we would like to have on the flier. We can have bullet points on the flier, with a link to the CCA website for more information. There are approximately 1,000 to 1,300 chihuahuas registered with AKC each month, so the cost would be \$30-40 per month, billed quarterly. The number one reason to do this, is to educate the general public on the proper care of the chihuahua.

Patricia Larrissey made a motion that Katie and Carole proceed with a puppy flier to be sent out with all AKC chihuahua registrations. Danny Gramlisch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Carole Jeffrey and Katie will bring a proposed flier to the Board meeting in Chicago.

Shirley Banderet made a proposal that the Breed Information Committee create a FAQ (frequently asked questions) page for prospective chihuahua buyers on the website.

Katie explained that Carole Jeffrey is the Breed Information contact in Dog World, etc., but does not have e-mail. Carole will handle the snail mail, Katie will create a page on the CCA website for the Committee and list several FAQ sheets on buying a chihuahua, care of chihuahuas, everything that has to do with chihuahuas. When people google any question about chihuahuas, we hope that it will lead them to our FAQ sheets, instead of pet websites.

Peggy Hackelton made a motion to add the FAQ pages to the CCA website. Susan Hanke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Website: An Associated Press Reporter who did an interview with Linnie Buntin and Katie Greer regarding the Beverly Hills Chihuahua movie coming out. The interview was sent over the wire and several new agencies have picked it up. Unfortunately, each time it is printed it is also edited, so several different versions may appear in print. Katie wants to link our website to any article she can find, so if someone googles Beverly Hills Chihuahua, our website will come up.

Shirley Banderet made a motion to add

the links. Craig Leslie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Greer also requested that Terri Barnes added as a Website Assistant, to research information on our upcoming Rotating and National specialties. The Board added Terri Barnes as an assistant to Katie Greer.

Chi-Chatter: Gloria Lambert joined the meeting. There were complaints that members of the Board were getting questions about information published in the Chi-Chatter before the Board members had received their newsletter. Craig Leslie made a motion that the Chi-Chatter be sent to the Board members by first class mail. Danny Gramlisch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Ways and Means fund raiser: Danny Gramlisch made a motion that the donors of the basket that brings the highest bid will receive a free picture of the winning basket with all who donated, and a free ad in the Chi-Chatter for the winning club. Shirley Banderet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on whether the baskets should be sold at the auction or a silent auction. It was felt by some that the baskets would bring a higher price if auctioned off. That recommendation will be given to the Ways and Means Chair, Dena Muenzler by Peggy Hackelton. Proceeds from the baskets will go towards our Junior members programs, and our Junior members will help with the auction.

Sherri Chavez sent an e-mail in April, asking that Curtis & Shelly Covelli be added to the Handbook Committee. This matter was overlooked previously. The Board added Curtis & Shelly Covelli to the Handbook Committee.

New Business:

Preparation for Board meeting: It was decided that after the puppy match, the Board will sit at the trophy table and members will sit ringside for the General Meeting.

Financial Committee: Shirley Banderet proposed we consider creating a financial committee to create a business plan. The Board will seek members who have a background in finance to guide us.

CHF grants: Kim Gramlisch joined the meeting. She received a letter from the Canine Health Foundation with a list of research grants that they are looking at for the coming year. They are asking for clubs to agree to sponsor, prior to the grants getting their prior approval, so they will know if they will get enough money to

cover the grant.

There were 39 proposed grants listed, #1125 was Hereditary Evaluation of Legg-Calve-Perthes on Multiple Breeds of Dogs, to be conducted by Texas A&M. They are searching for the gene that causes legg-perthes in miniature and toy breeds.

The Chihuahua Health Related Issues Committee recommends that we pledge to sponsor this grant in the amount of \$3500 to be taken from the Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund. Craig Leslie made a motion to donate \$3500 from the Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund to the Hereditary Evaluation of Legg-Calve-Perthes study. Sallie Buckman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim will give a short report to the Board in Chicago.

Health Survey: Return postage will be provided for U. S. members.

We were asked to revisit the cost of the CHIC pins being paid from the Purina Partnership Program proceeds of weight circles. The Purina funds are designated for rescue, health and education by the Purina Partnership Program. The cost of the pins will be taken from the monies received from the weight circles.

In the past couple years, those who donated to the Chihuahua Health Related Issues Committee were designated by a heart next to their name on the website. The Committee suggested a graduated program for donations to the fund. A copper level from \$1-\$50; a bronze level \$51-\$100; a silver level \$101-\$250; a gold level \$251-\$500; palladium level \$501-\$999; and a platinum level \$1,000 and above. Names of donors would be listed on the website and in the catalog. On the website we would leave the previous year's lists and start a new list each January.

Shirley Banderet made a motion that we try the donor list for a year. Craig Leslie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A request was received to clarify the Parliamentarian's duties. The Parliamentarian's duties are covered by Roberts Rules of Order. His main duty is to advise the President on procedure. We do not need to list his duties on the website.

There were complaints received regarding the letter sent by Bruce Shirky to the membership. After much discussion

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about the letter and it's content, it was decided that every member has a right to mail letters to the membership.

Pat Witter requested approximately \$150 for DVD's and a portable hard drive, for the handbook and historic records. Kyle Potts made a motion to approve the purchase. Craig Leslie seconded. Motion carried

unanimously.

Danny Gramlisch received a note from Kris Musgrove requesting donations for flea medications. After the hurricane, the fleas are out of control. Danny Gramlisch will contact Kris Musgrove and find out exactly what is needed and put the information on the website.

Dick Dickerson made a motion to adjourned the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Larrissey, Secretary
** Standing rule

Chihuahua Club of America Board Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm CDST by President, Bruce Shirky.

Present were: Shirley Banderet; Sallie Buckman; Dick Dickerson; Danny Gramlisch; Susan Hanke; Patricia Larrissey; Craig Leslie; Kyle Potts; Peggy Wilson and Bruce Shirky.

Absent were: Hazel Bellerjeau and Peggy Hackelton, who joined the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Shirley Banderet made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 Board meeting, as published. Dick Dickerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Now that the Beverly Hills Chihuahua movie is coming out, we can expect to receive a lot of inquiries about chihuahuas. This is not the first time we have been faced with a rise in the popularity of the breed and a corresponding rescue spike. Maybe this time, with the help of the Disney people and the AKC, it will be less of a problem.

Secretary's Report: We received posters advertising the Beverly Hills Chihuahua movie, they will be passed out at the Welcome Party. We also have some t-shirts and keychains that will be put into the auction and given out to Junior Members.

The American Kennel Club requested a statement of compliance in order for us to hold our Rotating Specialty next May. The form was completed and faxed to AKC. The AKC stated that the form would be required from all our member clubs, so a copy of the form and the instructions was forwarded to all local club Secretaries.

Craig Leslie asked that the Secretary contact the AKC and ask for more explicit

instructions as to what each requirement entails, for example, the Disaster Plan is not the same as the Emergency Plan we send with our application to hold a show.

A letter was received from Gary Chip Thompson, thanking us for the supplies. A request was also received from Rick Morgan, asking for supplies. The request will be forwarded to Kris Musgrove, who is handling the distribution.

Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$22,794.05 in the checking account. Craig will start transferring money to Pat Witter on Monday, after the bills are paid. He did not withdraw the funds from the Chihuahua Health Related Issues Fund nor the Rescue Fund, as interest would have been lost if withdrawn before September 30th.

We should be very glad that the Investment Committee decided to put our monies into the Ameriprise accounts. Even though we did not make any interest on the accounts, we did not lose any monies. We have \$51,160.94 in those accounts. Leslie passed out a copy of the Auditor's report for 2007. At the end of 2007 we had total assets of \$99,319.00; revenues of \$55,554.00; and expenditures of \$41,499.00, for a profit of \$14,055.00, which is a little above the amount we receive from Purina each year.

Committee Reports:

Show Chairman, Craig Leslie, gave a detailed report on this weekend's show. We are very disappointed with the entry in Obedience and Rally, but nationwide the entry of chihuahuas in obedience is down. We hope that this will improve in the coming year.

Constitution Committee: The committee met by phone, they felt that Bruce Shirky's requested amendment was not necessary. Patricia Larrissey has not heard back from the AKC on the question of one or more candidates being nominated for an office. She will call the AKC and ask for a written reply. Shirley Banderet made a motion that once the answer is received

from AKC, the Secretary submit the ballot to the teller for a vote by the membership before the end of the year. Dick Dickerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **

Juniors: Shirley Banderet gave a report on our Junior membership. Patricia Larrissey made a motion that we not charge an entry fee for Junior Showmanship at our specialties. Peggy Hackelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. ***

Shirley Banderet made a motion that we put the list of approved Ringside Mentors on the CCA website, so prospective judges can find mentors. Craig Leslie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary will contact the mentors on the listing to be sure it is all right to list their e-mail or phone number on the website.

Canine Health: Kim Gramlisch passed out an extended report on the activities of the Health Committee. She will give a report at the General Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Dick Dickerson made a motion to reaffirm the vote to send \$1643.40 in aid to Louisiana members. Shirley Banderet seconded. Motion carried.

Patricia Larrissey made a suggestion that when an e-mail vote is taken by the Board, we either use reply all, so everyone sees the vote, or the vote be sent to 2 people, so there is verification of the results.

The results of the Chihuahua Club of Michigan specialties were printed in the last Chi-Chatter before the pictures were approved. The results and pictures will be printed in the next Chi-Chatter. Once again, a portion of the Regional News was omitted from the Chi-Chatter, by the Printer. Also, two different Treasurer's names were put on the membership renewal forms.

Craig Leslie made a motion that for all elections, the teller will send a certified count, keep the ballots for 6 months, and then destroy the ballots. Sallie Buckman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. ***



New Business:

Craig Leslie made a presentation for the Chihuahua Club of Michigan to host the 2010 Spring Rotating Specialty. Danny Gramlisch made a motion to approve the Chihuahua Club of Michigan to hold the 2010 Rotating Specialty, June 2nd-6th, 2010. Shirley Banderet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Breed Information: Carole Jeffrey made a presentation and submitted some material to be approved by the Board. Katie Greer was made Co-Chair of the Committee. Carole will handle mail and phone inquiries, Katie will handle e-mail inquiries and material on the website. Per Carole's request, Dick Dickerson made a motion to change the name of the Committee to Chihuahua Education/Information Committee. Sallie Buckman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Greer presented a proposed flier that AKC will send out whenever a chihuahua is registered, and talked about items we can add to the website.

Shirley Banderet requested that the local

clubs be reminded that a picture of the winning Junior at their specialties should be submitted along with the other winners pictures. A notice to that effect will be published in the Chi-Chatter and sent to all local Club Secretaries.

Patricia Larrissey proposed a Senior discount of dues for those who have been members for 10 years or more, and also a family discount of dues. The Constitution Committee will take these suggestions into consideration.

There will be a book of Committee duties and a sign-up sheet at the Specialty. It should be noted that the Board appoints the Committee Chair and it's members. Only the Board can add or remove members from committees.

Shirley Banderet made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a membership matter at 6:10 pm. Danny Gramlisch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Craig Leslie made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:25 pm. Shirley Banderet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Board then voted on the Pending Candidates. New members are:

Kristina Barlak; Gayle Essex; Sandra K Files; Lynne George; Jesus Eugenio Gomez; Daniel Lewitzke; Elaine K Lindemann; Shelley Lovell; Pam MacClintock; Angela V Mason; Paula McSwain; Timothy Reno; Patricia Shew; Vivian R Taggard; Ilean Wetsch; Mack Williams; and Jeffery Yasenchok.

Dick Dickerson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm CDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Larrissey, Secretary

* the above mentioned t-shirts were deemed inappropriate to give out to the Juniors, due to the wording on the shirt.

** after the Thursday Board meeting, an e-mail was received from Mara Holiday, confirming that only one candidate may be nominated for each office by the Nominating Committee and disallowing the amendment suggested by Bruce Shirky.

*** Standing Rule

Chihuahua Club of America General Meeting

Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest

The National Membership Meeting's minutes are published as taken and will not be corrected/ approved until the Spring Rotating Meeting on May 2, 2009 in Mesa, AZ.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm CDST by President, Bruce Shirky.

All Board members were present and there was a quorum of CCA members.

Carole Jeffrey made a motion to approve the General Meeting minutes of April 12, 2008 as published. Katie Greer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Bruce Shirky said he and Craig Leslie wanted to thank the crew that set up the room and ring; Jam & Sue Hanke, Max Hurd, Shirley Banderet, Wayne Brown, Jeffrey Sykes, Jeff Yasenchok, Susan Hemphill, Ginger Hudson, Joel Gray and Lynnie Buntin.

The Secretary read the minutes of the October 2nd Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: There is a slight difference in the checking account from what was reported in the October 2nd Board meeting minutes, because some bills were paid. As of right now, the balance in the checking account is \$22,294.29. There is \$379.76 in the Breed Rescue Fund; there is \$17,622.11 in the Health Related Issues

Fund. The balance in the three Ameriprise accounts is \$51,162.94. Unfortunately we did not make any money on these accounts, due to the stock market, but we did not lose any or our initial investment.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Kim Gramlisch explained the swab program that was being offered at the specialty. These swabs are not for the AKC DNA program, they are for the Canine Health Information Center, so they have DNA on hand when needed for a research project. The Health Committee as made significant progress this year; in August 2006 the CCA Board approved sponsoring two projects in the amount of \$5,000. The first one was an investigation into the cause of vaccine reactions, they needed 50 samples from affected and unaffected dogs, they have not been able to obtain enough samples. The 2nd grant was to study patella luxation in dogs, there has been no significant accomplishment on this grant.

This year the Health Committee supported and the CCA Board approved a \$2500 grant for the Genetics of Cryptorchidism in Dogs and a \$3500 grant for the Hereditary Evaluation of Legg Calve

Perthes. These funds will be taken from our Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund, not from the CCA Health Related Issues Fund. There is a balance of \$12,791.00 in the CHF Donor Advised Fund.

The Health Committee will be conducting a health survey by mail. The survey will be mailed shortly after the specialty, the teller will receive the surveys, separate them from the envelopes and then forward them to the Health Committee to be tabulated. The results will be published upon completion.

The Health Committee will recognize those members who complete the tests required and register their chihuahuas for their CHIC#. with a pin. Those tests are: OFA Evaluation - Cardiac; CERF Evaluation; and OFA Evaluation-Patella Luxation. Non-members will receive a certificate upon request. Kim then presented pins to Shirley Banderet (17 chihuahuas), Stacey Amirov,

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Sharon Hatcher, Terry Jamtgaard, Kathy Bolin (5 chihuahuas) and Dusty Berthold.

Kim thanked the CCA Board for approving every request brought forward by the Health Committee. Linda George for dental health material, Jean Pratt, Dolores Masley, Shirley Banderet, Kathy Bolin, Jessica Simon and Sallie Buckman for swabbing all their dogs for the DNA collection and to Jean for transporting the swabs to the specialty. And to each member of the committee for all their hard work.

Handbook Committee: Sherri Chavez thanked the members of the committee and reported they have collected 260 of the 300 pedigree pages proposed.

Website: Katie Greer reported in 4 years we have gone from 7 pages on the website to 545 files. We have a Members Only section which contains the meeting minutes, membership list, committee list, Standing Rules, etc. There is plenty of room for expansion and articles submitted by the membership are welcome; please send them to the CCA Board or to the Webmaster. She thanked her helpers for their work.

Trophy Committee: Kyle Potts said she and Pat Holzkopf wanted to thank the CCA members and friends for their record contribution of \$3500. Prizes for donations were won by Karen Temple, Shelley Covelli and the Texas Chihuahua Club.

Show Committee: Craig Leslie reported that our entry fees are not keeping up with our show costs, and we should look into raising entries.

Craig thanked Kyle Potts and Patricia Holzkopf for such a great job on trophies, they were able to raise over \$3500 in donations. Shelly Covelli for being catalog advertisement chair, Jim Lehman for organizing the vendor space, Patricia & Michael Holzkopf for planning the Welcoming Party and the Banquet and for taking banquet reservations, Bruce Shirky, Frank Farkas and Richard Bellon for their work on the auction, Carol Jeffrey for being in charge of the catalog sales, Lynnie Bunten for the table decorations at the banquet, Michael Holzkopf & Frank Farkas for RV Parking; Katherine & Dennis for the Welcoming table (we need more volunteers

for this committee); the set up people who were down on their hands and knees laying plastic; Jim & Sue Hanke for the Puppy Match; our Greeter, Dick Dickerson; our Health Committee; our Obedience Chair, Patricia Larrissey along with Terry Stackhouse and Karen Fries for stewarding in Obedience and Rally.

The hotel has had no serious complaints and is preparing a contract for 2009 and 2010.

Puppy Match; Susan Hanke thanked Terry Berrios and Gary Sparschu who judged the puppy match.

Rescue: Lynnie Bunten reported that our main effort this year was the rescue of 100 chihuahuas by the Greater Phoenix Chihuahua Club. The CCA donated funds to this effort as did some of the local clubs. She would like to ask other people to be involved in trying to figure out how to better help everyone to deal with the rescue problem or hopefully prevent the need for it. Please note on your renewal application if you are interested in rescue.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Linda Wheeler suggested we move the meeting earlier in the day, have obedience in the morning and the puppy match after the meeting. Craig Leslie explained that Rally takes a great deal of time, and that is why we moved Obedience and Rally to the afternoon. The Board will take all this into consideration, as we try to include more and more into the weekend.

Bruce Shirky gave the following presentations:

A certificate to the members of the Standard Revision Committee; Max Hurd, Jim Lehman, Linda George, Rey Burgos and Carolyn Mooney.

A plaque for the Highest Scoring Chihuahua in Open for 2007 was given to Temple's the Moose is Loose CDX RAE. **

A plaque for Outstanding Sportsmanship was given to Dena Muenzler.

A plaque was given to Randy Carr in appreciation for judging the Sweepstakes at the Fall 2008 National.

A plaque for Outstanding Service was given to H. Craig Leslie, in recognition of the following: for outstanding service to the Chihuahua Club of America, service as Board member, Treasurer and for the last several years as Show Chairman. As President of the Chihuahua Club of Michigan, for his love of the breed and his efforts to protect the breed from exploitation,

support and encouragement of the Junior Showmanship program, for sharing his knowledge and for working tirelessly to keep the club functioning smoothly, and for maintaining his objectivity and fairness in all situations.

Craig said he felt there is no higher form of honor than to be recognized by your peers. Thank you,

Election results: Election Chair, Rio Bellon announced the results:

President: Bruce Shirky

East Central Vice-President: Craig Leslie

West Central Vice-President: Kyle Potts

Board: Dick Dickerson, Jill Hopper, Jim Lehman & Ken Saenz

AKC Judges: Sandra Goose Allen; Eugene Blake; Michael Dachel; Jean Fournier; and Barbara Alderman were the top 5 judges.

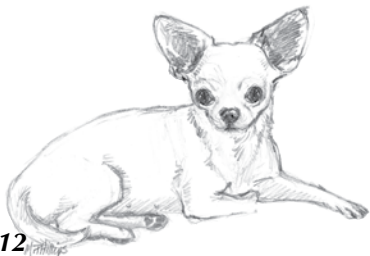
Sweepstakes: Patricia Witter and Carlos Puig were the top 2 voted for.

Dick Dickerson made a motion that the Secretary cast a ballot for those offices that were uncontested. Michael Holzkopf seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary cast her vote.

Craig Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm CDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Larrissey, Secretary

** The certificate for the Top Obedience Chihuahua for 2007, Laura's Delexey Chocolat CD RE was misplaced but found later and will be mailed.



Chihuahua Club of America Board Meeting

Saturday October 4, 2008 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest

The meeting was called to order at 12:22 pm CDST by President, Bruce Shirky

Present were: Craig Leslie; Kyle Potts; Pat Witter; Shirley Banderet; Hazel Bellerjeau; Dick Dickerson; Jim Lehman; Jill Hopper; Ken Saenz; Patricia Larrissey; Peggy Wilson and Bruce Shirky. Absent: none

President, Bruce Shirky reminded the Board that new Committees must be appointed within 30 days. The Secretary will send a complete list of committee members to the Board, along with a list of those volunteering for committees.

Jim Lehman requested that most documents be faxed to him, as he has a problem opening most files. Shirley Banderet must also receive information by fax, as she does not have e-mail.

Shirley Banderet made a motion to appoint Craig Leslie as 1st Vice-President. Kyle Potts seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Dickerson made a motion to appoint Craig Leslie as Show Chairman. Patricia Larrissey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Several members of the Board feel that our Judges Education presentation and material falls far below that of other clubs. We will ask the committee to work on this project.

Jim Lehman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Leslie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm CDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Larrissey, Secretary



New Board of Directors



Highest Scoring Chihuahua in Open for 2007



Outstanding Service Award



Sportsmanship Award



Sweeps Judge Award

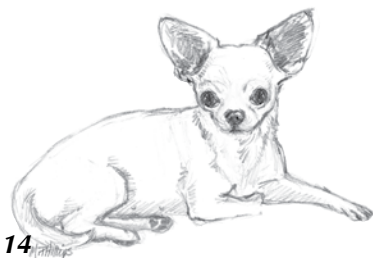


Chihuahua Club of America

October 8, 2008 Results

Sweepstakes Judge- Randall Carr		
	Name	Owner
Best Long	All's Jumpin Jack Flash	Brenda & Thomas All
Best Opposite Sex	Dartan I'm A Star At Emerald	Fidelma Doherty Dixie
Best Smooth	Morgans All American Girl	Richard V Miller
Best Opposite Sex	Maestro's Dulce Amor Mio	John E Cipollina
Best In Sweeps	Morgans All American Girl	Richard V Miller
Best Opposite In Sweeps	Maestro'ss Dulce Amor Mio	John E Cipollina
Variety Judge- Michele L. Billings		
<i>Long Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Molinar-Phareview Captain Cee	Jack Phariss
Winners Bitch	Brilliant Win JP Charm Ambrose	Emiko Furuya
Best Of Winners	Billiant Win JP Charm Ambrose	Emiko Furuya
BOS to Variety	Ch. Ouachitah Touch The Gold	Donna Anthony & Linda George
Best of Variety	Ch. Will-CM Paloma Blanca	Ronald W Readmond & Erika Lanasa & K Saenz
<i>Smooth Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design	Cari A Bellendorf & Linda Gibbs
Winners Bitch	Ouachitah Just A Game	Barbara Pendergrass
Best Of Winners	Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design	Cari A Bellendorf & Linda Gibbs
BOS to Variety	Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design	Cari A Bellendorf & Linda Gibbs
Best of Variety	Ch. Ceegee's I'm A Holy Tarra	Gail Hendry & Ed Hendry
BOS to Breed	Ch. Ouachitah Touch The Gold	Donna Anthony & Linda George
Best of Breed	Ch. Ceegee's I'm A Holy Tarra	Gail Hendry & Ed Hendry

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Judges' Critique

This was my 3rd or 4th time to have the honor of judging the Chihuahua National.

The lovely venue, Marriott Northwest, left nothing to desired and were very "Chihuahua friendly". I was told that this is the only National that this Marriott accepts to be held in the hotel, due to the diligence of the exhibitors in keeping the premises clean.

The quality in both Smooth and Long coats was excellent overall, but the Smooths may have nudged out the Longs a bit in depth, in the classes.

Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design, the Winners Dog #216 was also Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. This beautiful boy caught my attention from the moment he entered the ring. He has a head, eye and ears to die for, short back, clean coming and going and perfect on the go around, holding a perfect top line. He came from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class and is very full of himself.

The Winners Bitch #285, Ouachitah Just A Game, is a little doll, not yet a year old and no doubt will do nothing but improve with maturity.

The Specials class was lovely, but for me the stand out star here was #319, Ch. Ceegee's I'm A Holy Tarra, with her beautiful head, expression and absolutely perfect balance and proportion. In profile, and from every other angle, she is the standard for this breed. My Awards of Merit went to Ch. Toltec As Bad As My Dad SC; Ch. Dartan On The Rocks; Ch. Galways Dark Eyes and Ch. Misalou's First Fiddle II.

The Winners Dog in Long Coats #52, Mollnar-Phareview Captain Cee, and Winners Bitch #144, Billiant Win JP Charm Ambrose, were superb, and I was quite taken with the bitch, who showed and moved to perfection. I later noted from the catalogue that she is from Japan.

The Long Coat Specials were totally awesome and I so wished for at least 2 more Award of Merit ribbons to hand out. The ultimate BOV #184, Ch. Will-CM Paloma Banca is nothing short of exquisite, and in my opinion is as perfect as the Smooth bitch Holy Tarra. My Awards of Merit went to Ch. Tradewinds Star Dust; Ch. Ouachitah Giselle; Ch. CR's El Chipotie and Ch. Ouachitah

Think of Me.

At the end of the 4th quarter they were still tied for Best of Breed. As in other sports, we were now in overtime and I had to have that "sudden death" mistake by one of them to break the tie.

The last time that I moved them, I used a triangle. Ms. "Holy Tarra" executed it perfectly but beautiful "Blanca" decided that she had showed well enough for long enough and started pulling at the lead on the return, which threw her off sideways, and it was all over. BOS was the most handsome up standing longcoat Ch. Ouachitah Touch The Gold.

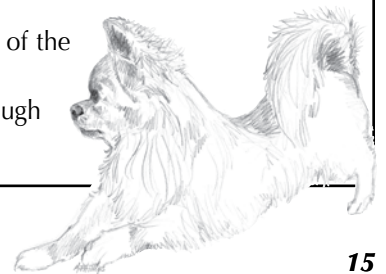
During my 50 years associated with this breed, first as a handler, than as a judge, I have never seen so many beautiful chihuahuas. The improvement in soundness and dentition is amazing.

The trophies were gorgeous and the committees, once again, worked very hard to see that all went well. I thank you for your rousing support for all of the winners and hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did.

Michele Billings

Mission Statement

- **TO** encourage and promote quality in breeding of pure-bred Chihuahuas and if at all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- **TO** encourage the organization of independent local Chihuahua Specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.
- **TO** urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Chihuahuas shall be judged.
- **TO** do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- **TO** conduct Sanctioned Matches, Specialty Shows, and Obedience Trials under the—rules of the American Kennel Club.
- **TO** promote the qualities of The Chihuahua breed to the members and general public through publications, educational seminars, library data banks, etc



October 2008 National Specialty Winners



Best of Breed,
Ch. Ceegee's I'm A Holy Tarra



Best of Opposite Sex,
Maestro's Dulce Amor Mio



Winners Bitch Long Coat,
Brilliant Win JP Charm Ambrose



Winners Dog, Best of Winners,
Best of Opposite Sex Smooth Coat,
Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design



Winners Bitch Smooth Coat,
Ouachita Just A Game



Winners Dog Long Coat,
Molinar-Phareview Captian Cee



Best of Variety Long Coat,
Ch. Will-CM Paloma Blanca

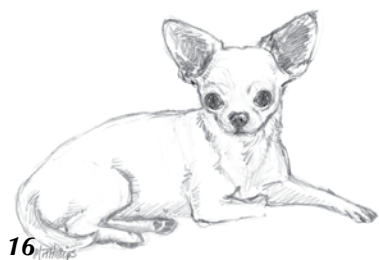
*Congratulations to
All the Winners!*



Winners Bitch, Best of Winners
Long Coat,
Brilliant Win JP Charm Ambrose



Best Bred by Exhibitor,
Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design





Best Veteran



*Best in Sweep Smooth Coat,
Morgan's All American Girl*



Best Junior, Kirsten Potts



Best Puppy Long Coat



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Best Puppy Smooth Coat



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HARDWIN CHIHUAHUAS HAD A GREAT WEEKEND AT THE NATIONALS!!!



My little homebred
“Rosie”
Hardwin's Rhythm 'N Romance

(Ch. Davlyn All American Billy Boy
X Ch. Windsong Davlyn Romance 'N Rumors)

Took FIRST PLACE in the Long Coat 6-9 month class
with a huge entry of 19!! WOW!

and

“Peter”

Maestro's Para Joven Siempre

(Ch. Davlyn Major Blockbuster
X Ch. Maestro's Rambling Rose)

Brought home the SECOND PLACE PRIZE
in the Smooth Coat 9-12 month class...

Many thanks to John Cipollina
for trusting me with this very sweet little dog,
and who graciously “gave me a piece” of Pete
that weekend, so now he's really our boy!



Thank you Judge Michelle Billings
for these awesome placements!

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Patricia Larrissey, Secretary
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Cleveland, OH 44102

Dear Patricia:

Please share this letter with ALL of the board members and officers. I would appreciate it also if you could share this letter of support with the membership at large at the national club meeting in Chicago, so that the CCA members will know of the generosity of the club to its members in need of assistance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the assistance that the Chihuahua Club of America was able to give so quickly to me for the supplies donation for the health and welfare of my little dogs. These supplies were sent to me as a result of my damages sustained from Hurricane Gustav.

While my damages were great, and my insurance coverage minimal, the supplies for the proper care of my dogs were one less worry or concern that I have while trying to rebuild my life here. Our expenses prior to, during and following the storm were such that it depleted considerably my operating funds. As you may be aware of, the citizens of Louisiana were imposed a Hurricane Deductible for any damages incurred as the result of a hurricane. So, while my normal deductible would have been \$500, my hurricane related deductible jumped to almost \$5,000. I incurred \$12,000 worth of damages to my home, kennel, appliances and vehicle. This has been an eye opening experience for what we have gone through here.

The quick action on the part of the Chihuahua Club of America to come to the aide of its affected members has been heart warming and much appreciated. I know that there might have been mixed feelings from some to render this aide, but I am grateful that the club was there for us.

Again, my deepest thanks and appreciation, and if there is ever anything that I can do to be of assistance to the parent club, please don't hesitate in asking.

Sincerely,



Gary Chip Thompson

I would like to send out a huge Thank You to all the members and Chihuahua clubs for their generosity, which helped put \$2,210.00 into our Junior Scholarship fund by donating the gorgeous baskets they made to be auctioned off at the Annual Specialty show in Chicago this October. It was an amazing sight to see all the beautiful baskets lined up waiting to go to the highest bidder. We had a total of 15 baskets representing Houston, Northern California, Colorado, Dallas, Atlanta, Milwaukee, New York, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Central Carolina, Hawaii, Land of Lincoln, Texas and Arizona. I wish to thank all of the wonderful people who supported our Junior Program. I know the junior's enjoyed helping out at the Auction that night also!

I would also like to acknowledge John Cipolina, who did a wonderful job of doing the Junior Seminar again this year. He worked with each Junior to help them in every aspect of Junior Showmanship. Thank you for all your time, hard work and knowledge you shared with the Juniors.

Randi Berthold
CCA Junior Chair Committee



Dear Chihuahua Club of America members,

The Spring Rotating National Specialty will be held
in conjunction with the Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix Specialty on
May 1-3, 2009

Location: Holiday Inn
1600 South Country Club Drive
Mesa, AZ 85210 480-964-7000
Show superintendent is Onofrio Dog Shows

Judges:

CCGP Sweeps - Kenny Saenz
CCGP Longcoat Regular Classes through BOV and BOB - Max Hurd
CCGP Smoothcoat Regular Classes through BOV - Charlotte Patterson

CCA Sweeps - John Cipollina
CCA Longcoat Regular Classes through BOV and BOB - Charlotte Patterson
CCA Smoothcoat Regular Classes through BOV - Max Hurd

Events:

Thursday- Welcoming Reception Hosted by Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix
featuring light appetizers & cash bar

Saturday- CCA Banquet and General Meeting

If you would like to make a trophy donation,
please send your check (payable to CCA) to
Kathy Smith at 352 Tuffa Court; Perris CA 92570. The deadline for trophy
donations is March 25th, 2009.

Catalog advertising available! Specialty catalogs are kept for many
years, and your advertisement will be seen again and again.
The deadline to receive ads is March 25, 2009! For more information, see
our ad submission form in this issue of the Chi Chatter
or contact Sandra Pesina, CCA Advertising Chair,
at 520-682-2936 or Smp82102@g-netfree.com

Hope to see you all there,
Chihuahua Club
of Greater Phoenix



Catalog Advertising Form: *Spring Rotating National Specialty*

Specialty catalogs are kept for many years, and your advertisement will be seen again and again.

The absolute **deadline to receive ads is March 25, 2009!**

(Please complete order form and print clearly)

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Junior Spotlight



By Randi Berthold

Katherine (Katie) Aikens Birth Date:
11-30-95

1. How old were you when you started showing dogs?

I was five years old when I started showing dogs.

2. Junior Dog/Dogs and past Junior Dogs?

I started showing in juniors with my Chihuahua, Frankie, but have recently switched to my Beagle, Maggie. I first began showing dogs with a Chihuahua named Trixy.

3. What other areas of Dog Shows do you enter besides Juniors?

Other than Juniors I also show Maggie in conformation. At the moment I don't have a Chihuahua to show but am working on training my puppy Chihuahua, Yukon. About two years

ago I started training Frankie to do Rally, I am proud to say that before we gave up Frankie and I made it through one course of rally even though we didn't qualify.

4. Other breeds you show now or in the past?

Mostly I just show Beagles and Chihuahuas, but occasionally I'll lend a hand and help with Yorkies or Maltese.

5. Most memorable win?

I have had lots of good wins but, I believe my most memorable one (or at least of the ones I can actually remember) was my first, first place win in Juniors.

6. Most embarrassing moment in the ring?

My most embarrassing moment in the ring was when I was five and Trixy jumped off the table because she was afraid of the judge.

7. Toughest win?

I don't really recall any win being tougher than the one before, I try my best every time I go out and if my best just doesn't cut it so be it. I think it's just a matter of opinion.

8. Favorite Dog Show?

My favorite dog show was the first time I ever showed in Juniors because it was a new and exciting adventure that I knew would be fun till the end.

9. Favorite hobbies other than Dog Shows?

My hobbies are playing soccer, reading, and playing my viola.

10. Future Dog related plans?

I plan to keep showing dogs until I go to college and after that I guess it just depends on how my life lays out and if

I will have the time to keep showing dogs.

11. Future Non-Dog Related plans?

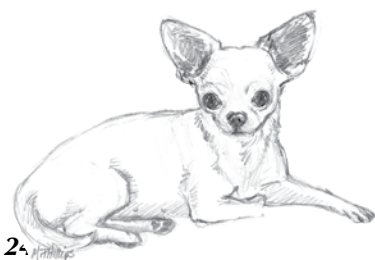
I was in Honor Orchestra last year and did quite well so this year I'm working towards try outs for the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony. I don't have any other plans.

12. Who is your Mentor?

I don't really have any one mentor in particular it's just basically whoever is ready to teach, I'm ready to learn.

13. Why do you like showing Chihuahua's and why did you pick that breed? Any additional thoughts, quotes or helpful ideas you would like to share with other Junior's?

I show Chihuahuas mostly because that's what my family shows, what my mom wants me to show, and cause they're just so darn cute. As for you other juniors out there just keep at it, don't give up, and learn from your Chihuahua, just as it learns from you or any dog you chose to show as each dog no matter the breed is really different.





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Ask The Judge

Judge: Sallie Buckman
Submitted by Justin Ward

1. Please write a short paragraph outlining any experience obtained owning, breeding, or showing purebred dogs and especially Chihuahuas!

My love affair with the Chihuahua started in 1962 and I was fortunate to have breeders such as Tressa Thurmer, Grace Shroyer, Rex King and Bill Jenkins to obtain my foundation breeding stock. Early show experience started around 1964 as my first puppies were looking good to me, however, I quickly learned some valuable lessons about breeding as well as exhibiting!

2. What does Chihuahua Breed Type mean to you?

Breed type simply means a dog should possess all the key characteristics set out in the Breed Standard. In other words, a dog which adheres to its standard should not be mistaken for any other dog breed. As to Chihuahua breed type, I believe our standard covers the desirable characteristics very well. However, movement, soundness and attitude are all important factors to me.

3. Do you feel the Chihuahua Standard adequately describes what you are looking for in the ring?

Yes. See my answer to Number 2.

4. How do you feel about the sizes of Chihuahuas shown to you and does the sex of the exhibit make a difference?

Frankly, I prefer dogs and bitches between four and five pounds and sex doesn't matter.



5. What are your usual ring procedures and why?

Once around the ring then first dog on the table. A down and back shows me the rear and the front movement. Then I send the dog around the ring to observe profile. As I go through the procedure with each exhibit I sometime place the dogs in order of preference.

6. How do you feel about the way Chihuahuas are presented to you? Grooming, training...etc.

I prefer a clean, natural dog shown on a loose lead. I do not care for excessive trimming/sculpturing as I consider the Chihuahua a "wash & go" dog, nor do I like to have over zealous handlers who detract from their exhibit.

7. In what ways do you think the breed on whole could be improved?

Fronts, rears--especially patellas, and bites really need to be improved. Some progress has been made in bites but I'm still seeing undershot bites and wry mouths in the show ring.

8. What changes in Chihuahuas have you noticed through the years?

Back in the 60s we were still seeing some of the old "deer" type Chihuahuas. Smooth coats had been dominating the show rings but by the 70s we were seeing cobby bodied long coats with beautiful heads that could move effortlessly around the ring. A dog such as Snow Bunny d'Casa de Cris who had outstanding conformation and perfect movement. In the 80s and 90s, it seems that the quality of the long coats continued to improve while the smooths were on the decline. Today, I see too many structural faults which lead to

poor movement. I have also noticed the absence of chocolates with those beautiful ruby eyes and I fear we are losing large, expressive eyes as well as large ears.

9. Which is more important to you in the ring, sound movement or a fancy head piece? (assuming you had to choose only one above the other)

Movement is far more important to me than an extreme head. I'll take the dog with good movement any day.

10. Describe your ideal Chihuahua?

My ideal Chihuahua would be one that fulfills the requirements in our Breed Standard. And, when I find one, I'll be sure to show it to Terri Lyddon.



Show: Heart of New England Chihuahua Club Specialty 08/03/08

<i>Variety Judge - Mrs. Robert D. Smith</i>		
<i>Long Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Regnier's Spookus Pittore	Leslie Riley
Winners Bitch	Starlit Chances Are	Patricia G. Shew
Best Of Winners	Regnier's Spookus Pittore	Leslie Riley
BOS to Variety	CH Sweet Indeed New York Bound	Rosemary Facchin
Best of Variety	CH Kelane's "High Hopes"	Patricia G. Shew
<i>Smooth Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Tributes Beau Jangles	Mary Ann Delano
Winners Bitch	Crystal's Spark of Life	June Beam
Best Of Winners	Tributes Beau Jangles	Mary Ann Delano
BOS to Variety	CH Pittore's Lil Awsome Andy	Patricia Pittore
Best of Variety	CH Toltec As Bad As My Dad	Susan Payne
BOS to Breed	N/A	
Best of Breed	N/A	



Long Coat BOV CH Kelane's "High Hopes"



Smooth Coat BOV Ch Toltec As Bad As My Dad



Show: Chihuahua Club of Northern California/Oct. 24, 2008

Sweepstakes Judge- Ms. Camille Bakker

	Name	Owner
Best Long	Wannabe Run From Bar-Row'd Trouble	Lynda & Erin Piercy & Helen & Allen J. Row
Best Opposite Sex Long	Davinci's Boss Margee-Reeta	Faith Langford
Best Smooth	Xeliantos Little Zhet'eme	Elena Antonova
Best Opposite Sex Smooth	Bellachi-s Honey Bee Fancy Free	Susan Molash
Best In Sweeps	Xeliantos Little Zhet'eme	Elena Antonova
Best Opposite In Sweeps	Bellachi-s Honey Bee Fancy Free	Susan Molash
Best Veteran Sweeps	Ch. Harger's Ravishing Ruby Rita	Lesley & Brent Harger
Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran In Sweepstakes:	Ch. Marli's Poquito Bandito-LK	Marli King

Variety Judge - Mrs. S. S. Hedgepath

Long Coat Variety

Winners Dog	Toyvilles Hot Stuff	Robert & Debbie Franklin
Winners Bitch	Marli's Conemara Marlene	Conni Robinson
Best Of Winners	Marli's Conemara Marlene	Conni Robinson
BOS to Variety	Ch. BK's Lil Sip of Burgundy at Sirusaal	Robert & Debbie Franklin
Best of Variety	Ch. Rebound Always A Diva	Susan Chulick

Smooth Coat Variety

Winners Dog	Xeliantos Little Zhet'eme	Elena Antonova
Winners Bitch	RSC Loma Sacred Moment	Jeffery Yasenchok & Jeffery Seitz
Best Of Winners	Xeliantos Little Zhet'eme	Elena Antonova
BOS to Variety	Ch. Rebound Solid Gold	Susan Chulick
Best of Variety	Ch. Dazzles Bad Tad For Bearpaw	Paula Martinez
BOS to Breed	Ch. BK's Lil Sip of Burgundy at Sirusaal	Robert & Debbie Franklin
Best of Breed	Ch. Rebound Always A Diva	Susan Chulick



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Chihuahua Rescue - News and Plans



It's no surprise that rescue efforts for all breeds, including Chihuahuas, are becoming increasingly difficult.

The economy is obviously a major factor, and the new movie, Beverly Hills Chihuahua, is sparking interest in the breed. Fortunately, that movie does promote adoption from shelters and rescues, but still, many folks will miss that point and decide they have to have one whether or not it's a good idea for their family.

So, rescue needs help and I've been thinking of ways to meet the needs. We never have enough money or people to take care of all the animals out there in need, but maybe there are other ways of reaching and helping the dogs and their owners.

One way that I've not utilized properly is the CCA website. There is space reserved for rescue and I plan on using it. We are going to develop a Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ). If anyone has ideas on questions

that they think might be appropriate, please call or e-mail me. I'd also like to gather a resources page. I'd like the names of any good rescue groups out there. What's a good rescue group? Well, it should have some serious guidelines and procedures which include: spay/ neuter, and vaccination of all the animals adopted out, screening of adopters, a take-back policy, good vet references, and being a 501c3 is a plus. Also in the resources section, I'd like to put things that will help people and clubs who wish to start or improve their rescue efforts.

Something I'd also like to include is information that you, our members, can use to help people who inquire about solutions to the problems they are having with their dogs. The FAQ is one resource for you, but there are other items that can be helpful such as the names of no kill shelters, trainers, and other local resources for you to have at hand by the phone or computer. I can't gather all the local stuff, but I can help you with ideas on what to ask about in your community.

Many of you check off "Rescue" on your membership renewal forms each year. This year, I'd like to chat with each of you and try to develop some sort of network to help with rescue in the

entire country. Right now, there are pockets with few resources. We can change that if we try.

Now, add to my wish list ways to help rescue that don't cost money and you have my list for Santa Claus this year.

By the way, if you shop on line, you can help your favorite charities by using iGive.com and designating a Chihuahua rescue group as the recipient of a percentage of what you spend. That site takes you to many of your favorite retailers and you can even get free shipping from some of them. **What a deal.** Some of the Chihuahua rescue groups that could use help are Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc., Yankee Chihuahua Rescue And Adoption, Inc., Arizona Chihuahua Rescue, and Colorado based Chihuahua and Small Dog Rescue. Several of these groups have CCA members participating with them. There may be more and if so, I'd love to hear about them.

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Parade of Rescues



The Story of Spike

Spike got a bad start in life with a cruel owner who was later charged with 96 counts of animal cruelty.

Fortunately, he was adopted by Bonita Rodgers in East Tennessee, who set out to make certain that he had every opportunity to be the amazing dog she knew he could become.

Spike was barely 2 pounds of furless shiver when he came to live with his new owner, but he proved to be a dog of amazing courage and resilience. Spike, who is not even three years old at this writing has: Posed for a national dog calendar (Close Encounters of the Furry Kind), posed for a doggie door commercial (PetSafe remote dog door), competed at the Chihuahua Club of America National in Chicago 2007 (Rally Advanced) been in several local newspaper and television spots (Knoxville Sentinel and Live at Five WATE television), been recognized as an outstanding rescue dog on the rescue button "Don't Shop... Adopt", has been invited to appear on the Rachael Ray show (outstanding dog segment airing 2009), and has a chapter in the upcoming book on Chihuahuas to be on the stands November 2008 ("The Chihuahua" from Bow Tie Inc. Publishing).

Spike will begin shooting a movie this month, *Masons of Maryville*, about a little girl, about 12 years old, who wants to dance. She is Mexican, and finds this little stray dog, Paco, who dances, and he teaches her how to dance, and well, there are other story threads about how he brings her family together... he actually closes the movie with one of those circles closing in around him as he says "Adios" or something to that effect. So we are working hard at him going to "place" and strangers... he has to go to a few people and stand up with paws on their



legs like begging for food... and of course sing and dance, but he loves to do that. He has is own script.

Spike's hobbies include search and rescue (tracking), water sports (lake swimming and boating), entertaining his friends with his own rendition of Rocky Top (the Tennessee football Fight song) or performing Happy Birthday at children's parties, and appearing as Elvis in total silk outfit with cape and side burns.

He has shown in Rally, and finished his Excellent title at the CCA Nationals this year. Two weeks later he earned 2 legs towards his CD title. His favorite pastime is comforting and cuddling with abused children as a certified therapy dog, and demonstrating to them that, even though they have had some bad experiences in their childhood, with hard work and love, their lives can turn around and they can accomplish great things. Flash!! Spike earned his CD title this past weekend!!



Submitted by Pat Larrissey, Obedience Chair



<i>Show: Houston Chihuahua Club, Inc. Friday August 22, 2003</i>		
Sweepstakes Judge- Dr. Gary L. Sparschu		
	Name	Owner
Best Long	Mina's Here Comes The Son	Mina Anderson
Best Opposite Sex	Phareview 'N' Chavez Santa Maria	Mina Anderson And Barbara Fischer
Best Smooth	Dazzles La Malinche Of Bear Paw	Paula Martinez
Best Opposite Sex	Esa's Don Diego	Helen G. Turner
Best In Sweeps	Dazzles La Malinche Of Bear Paw	Paula Martinez
Best Opposite In Sweeps	Mina's Here Comes The Son	Mina Anderson
Best Veteran Sweeps		
Variety Judge - Ms. Erika K. Moureau		
<i>Long Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Karousel One Tough Hombre	Alexandria J. Moore
Winners Bitch	Mina's Gracie Allen	Mina Anderson
Best Of Winners	Karousel One Tough Hombre	Alexandria J. Moore
BOS to Variety	Ch. CR's El Chipotle	Juan Manuel Ramirez Gavito
Best of Variety	Ch. Ceegee's Hot Damn Here I Am	Ed And Gail Hendry
<i>Smooth Coat Variety</i>		
Winners Dog	Cam's Hot Diggity	Cindy J. Allen And Jack Phariss
Winners Bitch	Tevrock-Y-Not Divalicious	Deanne Broyles Little
Best Of Winners	Cam's Hot Diggity	Cindy J. Allen And Jack Phariss
BOS to Variety	Ch. His N Herr Marrinabar Mighty Gorgeous	Linda T. Herr And Willo Barfield
Best of Variety	Ch. Gratom's Sable Hunter	Dena Muenzler And Patricia Witter
BOS to Breed	Ch. Ceegee's Hot Damn Here I Am	Ed and Gail Hendry
Best of Breed	Ch. Gratom's Sable Hunter	Dena Muenzler and Patricia Witter



Ch. Ceegee's Hot Damn Here I Am



Ch. His N Herr Marrinabar Mighty Gorgeous



Show: Houston Chihuahua Club, Inc. Saturday August 23, 2008

Variety Judge-Mrs. Helen Tomb-Taylor

Long Coat Variety

Winners Dog	Karousel Ice House Mouse	Renee Guidry
Winners Bitch	Durbin's Icee Vision Of C&M's	Connie And Mack Williams
Best Of Winners	Durbin's Icee Vision Of C&M's	Connie And Mack Williams
BOS to Variety	Ceegee's Hot Damn Here I Am	Ed And Gail Hendry
Best of Variety	CR's El Chipotle	Juan Manuel Ramirez Gavito

Smooth Coat Variety

Winners Dog	Mollnar's Blaze Of Glory	Shellie Mollnar
Winners Bitch	Phareview Calamity Queen	Jack Phariss
Best Of Winners	Mollnar's Blaze Of Glory	Shellie Mollnar
BOS to Variety	Phareview Calamity Queen	Jack Phariss
Best of Variety	Timeless Simpatico Rolex	Kyle Potts And Tracie Potts
BOS to Breed	Phareview Calamity Queen	Jack Phariss
Best of Breed	CR's El Chipotle	Juan Manuel Ramirez Gavito



Phareview Calamity Queen



CR's El Chipotle



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Regional News

Eastern Region

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I hope everyone had a great time in Chicago this year and we are almost ready to meet again at the Rotating Spring Specialty in Arizona. I am sure there have been changes in your clubs, so please let me know who your new secretary is so that you too will have a report in the next Chi-Chatter. I look forward to another good year for all of us. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hazel Bellerjeau, Eastern Region V.
President

Chihuahua Club of Mid Jersey

The Chihuahua Club of Mid Jersey, Inc. Specialty will be held March 21, 2009 with New Brunswick Kennel Clubs, All Breed Specialty Shows in Edison, New Jersey. This year we will have a Parade of Therapy (*Chihuahua) dogs; many of our members have TDI on their dogs, and others are in training. Children and adults in hospitals and nursing homes adore these sweet, well behaved little sweethearts. We encourage the fancy to consider training their finished Champions and pups for this worthy venture. After all, not all Chis become breed champions, but to the handicapped and lonely, the gentle love they give on the dog's visits makes patient's lives less stressful and helps them heal both physically and mentally. Hope to see CCA Members on March 21st.

Annette Mellinger, Secretary
Chihuahua Club of Mid Jersey, Inc.



Chihuahua Club of Atlanta

The Chihuahua Club of Atlanta invites everyone to our 2009 Specialty Show on Sunday, April 12th. Our show is held in conjunction with the Combined Specialties of Atlanta and is part of the Peach Blossom Cluster, a 4 day event held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and AgriCenter located in Perry GA. Mr. Houston Clark is the breed judge while Mrs. Linda Rowell is judging Sweepstakes. Jack Onofrio is the Superintendent for this cluster of shows.

Sandra Cook, Secretary, Chihuahua Club of Atlanta

Heart of New England Chihuahua Club

The new officers effective Aug 30, 2008, of the above named club are: Leslie Riley, President; John Flinter, Vice President; Grace Sette, Secretary; Shelly Lovell, Treasurer; Board Members: Terri Lotito, John Riley, June Beam.

Grace Sette, Secretary
Heart of New England Chihuahua Club

Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club
No report

Central Carolina Chihuahua Club

The Central Carolina Chihuahua Club will be holding back to back specialties on Friday, April 3, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our sweepstakes judge will be Joseph P. Molloy. Our breed judges will be Sue Woodle and Rey Burgos. We will also be sponsoring an all breed health fair on Saturday, February 14, 2009 in conjunction with the Foothills Dog Show Cluster in Greenville, South Carolina.

John Cipollina, President
Central Carolina Chihuahua Club

Chihuahua Club of Greater New York
No report

Chihuahua Club of Maryland No report

Tampa Bay Chihuahua Club No report

East Central Region

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported me in the recent election. I look forward to serving all of you as the East Central Vice-President. I hope that everyone has a happy and peaceful holiday season.

H. Craig Leslie, East Central Vice-President

Chihuahua Club of Michigan

The Chihuahua Club of Michigan will be hosting our back to back specialties on Saturday, August 8, 2009 and Sunday, August 9, 2009. The judges for our specialties are Mr. William Cunningham and Mr. Bruce Shirky. Our specialties will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, Michigan, which is just minutes from Detroit Metro Airport. We hope you will be able to attend. We would also like to extend our good wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season. See you all in 2009. Happy Showing!

Jennifer Lynn Smolarz, Secretary
Chihuahua Club of Michigan

Nashville Chihuahua Club

The Nashville Chihuahua Club held their back to back specialty shows this year in conjunction with the Tri Star Kennel Club at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on 10/17 & 10/18. Thanks to everyone who worked to make it enjoyable for all. We are in the process of securing a new hotel for 2009. I should have more details in the next issue.

Kim Gramlisch, Secretary
Nashville Chihuahua Club

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee

The Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee reports that they are looking forward to seeing everyone at their 2009 Summer show on July 24, 2009. They will have more information for the next issue.

Western Region

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Howdy! Finally we have some cooler weather in Arizona. It had been 90 degrees plus for a long time this year. Our matches and shows are just starting up for our Fall- Winter season. We have very little to attend in our hot season. Once again I had a grand time in Chicago. I so enjoy seeing all of you and getting to see your special four-legged ones, and some fine ones I did see. You sure can be proud of the improvements you are making in our breed. Keep up the good work. I can hardly wait for May and our rotating specialty. I hope to see all of you there in Mesa! I also want to remind everyone that the Chihuahua Club of Northern California will be holding their specialty on February 12, 2009!

Shirley Ann Banderet, Western Regional V. President

Southern California Chihuahua Club

The Southern California Chihuahua Club has been very busy planning for their January 23, 2009 Specialties under the leadership of Show Chairman Charlen Taylor. The Specialties will be held at the National Orange Show Fairgrounds in San Bernardino, CA., and will consist of Puppy Sweeps followed by our 74th Specialty in the morning and our 75th Specialty in the afternoon. Can you believe that!!! Two Specialties in one day with great food at our unbelievable buffet and many wonderful items at the raffle. Judges for these shows are:

Ms. Susan Nikkel- Sweepstakes

Ms. Donna Greenamyer- Conformation, long and smooth, morning

Ms. Jackie Dew- Conformation, long and smooth, afternoon

Don't miss out on this great event. It will be followed on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25, 2009 with two All Breed Shows, at the same location, hosted by the Orange Empire Dog Club. Chihuahua judges for the All Breed Shows are:

Fourth Quarter 2008

Dr. Jose Luis Payro-

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Mr. Frank T. Sabella-

Sunday, January 25, 2009

At our November 12, 2008 meeting, elections were held for 2009 offices. Congratulations to the following officers:

Doreen Blank-President

Kathy Smith-1st Vice President

Colleen Byles-2nd Vice President

Frances Husbands-Treasurer

Pat Campbell-Recording Secretary

Dale Van Camp-Corresponding Secretary

Val Cross-Member-at-Large

Sheila Dyer-Member-at-Large

Becky Yohonn-Member-at-Large

The Southern California Chihuahua Club is looking forward to the coming year. We sincerely hope to see many of you at our January 23, 2009 Specialty.

Dale Van Camp, Corresponding Secretary
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Evergreen Chihuahua Club

Our new officers for this year are Teresa Fisher, President; Julie Hunt, Vice President; Helene Benson, Secretary; Sharon Fisher, Treasurer; and Board Members Marlene Presser, Terry Rothell-Lusk, Marvin Smalley and Marie Stenberg. Teresa is hard at work on our new club website and is nearly ready to unveil it to the world. Work had begun on our 2009 Specialty, to be held Friday, August 14, at Enumclaw, Washington, preceding the two all-breed shows of Olympic Kennel Club at the same venue. We are offering Obedience and Rally as well as Conformation/ Sweepstakes and Juniors. Come join us for our 2009 Fiesta! Pending AKC approval, our judges will be Fidelma Doherty Dixie, regular classes, and Henry "Hank" Williams for Brush Prairie, Washington, for sweepstakes. Hank is licensed for Sporting Dogs, and is a breeder of Cavaliers. Further news will be sent along later.

Helene Benson, Secretary
Evergreen Chihuahua Club

Chihuahua Club of Northern California

We've gotten so many compliments on our October Specialty! I want to send a big THANK YOU and an even bigger

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved. Our success is all because of you! Your help, your participation, your great trophy donations, and of course your entries! Without these things, the Specialty couldn't have been the success that it was. Thank you everyone, it was a Specialty to remember, and CCNC was the biggest winner!

Our new officers are: President, Deb Franklin; Vice President, Bob Franklin; Secretary, Marli King; Treasurer, Sharon Hermosillo; Board of Directors: Lynne Robison, Sharon Spence, Pat Vermillion.

Our Valentine's Specialty will be held on February 12, 2009 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, and is being dedicated to Gloria Dressel. Our judges will be Connie Clapp (regular classes) and Jeff Yasenchok (sweepstakes). We have also been approved for a puppy and veteran sweepstakes in conjunction with Northern California Toy Dog Fanciers show on Saturday.

Deb Franklin, President

Chihuahua Club of Northern California, Inc. www.chiclubnocal.com

Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix

It's still hot and the Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix is busy getting ready to host the Spring Rotation National Specialty! We are hard at work on trophies, ads, and all of the other planning. If you are interested in making a trophy donation or placing an ad in the catalog, or for more information on the show, please visit our website at www.chihuahuacubphoenix.com. We look forward to seeing you all here!

K. Suzanne Stephens

Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix

Chihuahua Club of Hawaii

On September 22, we held our Annual Club Match. We had lots of fun, and want to congratulate and thank everyone for
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entering and helping out with the match. We appreciate all the help and support from club members like Jean Sampaio, Claire Ching, Steph Delano, Mei Albertson, Tena Davis, and Irene Puaoli. I apologize if I forgot to include anyone's name. Here are the results: Best In Match, Tradewind's Sabelle Rumble On Da Rock (breeders/owners Scott Yamane & Burt Custodio); Best of Opposite Sex to Best In Match, Lamaki's Still Bubblin' (breeder/owner Lorene Maki); Best Puppy In Match, Giron's Kandy Keebler (breeder/owner Sherri Giron); Best of Variety Long Coat, Tradewind's Sabelle Rumble On Da Rock; Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety Long Coat, Lamaki's Still Bubblin'; Best of Variety Smooth Coat, Giron's Kandy Keebler; Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety Smooth Coat, JNR Kiana Mocha Coconut Frapuccino (breeder Jean Sampaio, owner Anna Bain). Rounding out the year is our latest event: the club Christmas Party. This is always a fun and memorable way to end the year of club members. The party will be held on December 7, 2008 this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. For more information and picture galleries of our club activities, please go to our website: www.chihuahuaclubofhawaii.com.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Chihuahua Club of America for allowing me to represent you as the West Central Vice

President. I am excited about the committee actions currently in process for the betterment of our Club. The Board has expanded the responsibilities of the website committee to provide a new and broader means of communication with the membership. The Chi Chatter will take on a new look as well. As always, the Board welcomes suggestions from you, the membership, as we move forward in 2008 and 2009. Have a great holiday season!

Kyle Potts, West Central Region V.
President

Land Of Lincoln Chihuahua Club

Dear Friends:

It is almost impossible to believe that, as I write this, 2009 is just around the corner. We hope you and yours were able to enjoy the wonders of the holidays. We would like to welcome our newest members: Marcy Blank, Craig Eugene and Craig Thoele.

Mark March 28 & 29, 2009 on your calendars! Plan to attend the Land Of Lincoln Chihuahua Specialty. Our committees are busy working on details so you will be guaranteed to have a good time! Our location - Laughlin Center in Lincoln - is a beautiful sports complex. There is plenty of parking and room for grooming. If you would like vendor space, please contact me. We are pleased to announce our judges: Sweeps on 3-28-2009, Pat Witter; Specialty Judge, P. L. Urban. Sweeps on 3-29-2009: Pat Putnam; Specialty Judge, Ken Falconi. The committees are: Show Chairman: Jan Hahn, Assistant Show Chairman: Karen Temple, Show Secretary: Steve Hayden, Trophies: Jessica Simon & Dolores Kassner-Massley, Banquet: Edith Sykes, Auction: Frank Farkas, Jean Pratt & Dolores Kassner-Masley, Advertising: Marcy Blank, Chief Ring Steward: Lyle Hartke, and Show Superintendent: Foy Trent. Hope to see you there!

Jan Hahn, Secretary
Land Of Lincoln Chihuahua Club

Dallas Chihuahua Club

The Dallas Chihuahua Club has some wonderful plans for 2009 and we would like to make everyone a part of the fun! Starting with back to back Specialty shows April 4th and 5th. We have a wonderful show site at the Sterling Hotel with lots of room and in a great location in the heart of Dallas. The regular classes will be judged by Sallie Buckman and Steve Hayden. Sweepstakes are Randy Carr and Pat Witter. Entry fees are the lowest in the country. Direct flights from everywhere in the country too! Great trophies, wonderful food, best of all that hard to beat TEXAS HOSPITALITY! The DCC has some great workers here to make your time the most fun you could wish for at an old time Specialty Show, and with two wonderful days of visiting and seeing old friends and meeting new ones, what could be better?

The members of the DCC wish you all a very Happy Holiday this Thanksgiving and Christmas 2008. We hope 2009 brings everyone and our beloved Chihuahuas the best year we could possibly wish for. For information on the shows, call or email me. Mark the first weekend in APRIL on your calendar to join us in Dallas. We promise ya'll a weekend of GREAT MEMORIES and the most FUN since the National's here in 2007! See ya'll in April,

Peggy Hackelton, Secretary
Dallas Chihuahua Club, Inc.

Houston Chihuahua Club

The Houston Chihuahua Club completed our first and very successful back to back Specialties this past August. Dr. Gary Sparschu, DVM, judged a nice sweepstakes entry. Congratulations to all Puppy Sweepstakes winners, especially to Paula Martinez and her entry, Dazzles La Malinche of Bear Paw, for winning Best in Sweepstakes. Mrs. Erika Moureau judged an entry of over 60 Chihuahuas on Friday, August 22, 2008. Congratulations to all the winners. A huge congratulations to Dena Muenzler and Pat Witter with Ch.



Gratom's Sable Hunter. Not only did this stately Veteran take Best Veteran and Best of Variety, he went on to take BISS. Hunter took home an exceptionally nice ceramic trophy, hand crafted by Jack Phariss of Phareview Chihuahuas. Also on Friday, August 22, 2008, Ms. Erika Moureau judged the Junior Showmanship competition. The entries were Novice Intermediate: Ariana H. Boyd, Open Junior: Alexandria J. Moore & Lianna Hall, and Open Intermediate: Kirsten Potts. Congratulations to Kirsten Potts for winning Best Junior Handler. The Houston Chihuahua Club sends a gracious 'Thank You' to all of these young ladies for their participation. We appreciate your support. Congratulations to each of you; you are all winners in our eyes.

On Saturday, August 23, 2008, Mrs. Helen Tomb-Taylor judged an entry of 49 Chihuahuas. Congratulations to all the winners of the Saturday Specialty, especially to Manuel Ramirez Gavito, owner of Ch. Cr's El Chipotle, and Kirsten Potts for expertly handling Chipotle to the BISS win. Chipotle took home a superb wooden rosette trophy, hand crafted by Mack Williams of C&M Chihuahuas. We had several nice size majors on both days of the Specialties that went to very deserving entries. We extend an enormous 'Thank You' to all the exhibitors for helping to make our first time back to back Specialties a super success. We would like to take this time to also thank all of those that so generously donated to our trophy fund. We are already working on trophies for our next year Specialties. This year's trophies were fantastic, and next year's will be even better!!! Our first back to back was a ton of work for our small club, but we feel that it was well worth all the hard work all our members put forth. We are going to do our best to continue the back to back Specialties. Due to AKC limiting our entries on Saturday to 50, we are considering holding both Specialties on Friday. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

Connie Williams, Secretary
Houston Chihuahua Club, Inc.

Pontchartrain Chihuahua Fanciers

PCF is looking forward to a great entry at our Specialty Show on December 6, 2008 to be held in conjunction with Metairie Kennel Club and the Christmas Cluster on the Gulf Coast at Biloxi Mississippi. Since Katrina, the Mississippi coastal area has rebuilt even bigger and better. The casinos are up and running, the beaches are beautiful and accommodations are excellent, though I suggest you plan early. Our judge for regular classes will be Mrs. Alderman and sweeps will be presided over by Mr. Raymond "Pete" Lopez. The club is preparing a raffle basket with gift cards, wines and other goodies. This is our yearly fund raiser and it always proves to be a great success. We hope for a great entry and look forward to seeing YOU there. Our wishes to all of you for a happy and safe holiday season.

Marlene Moor, President
Pontchartrain Chihuahua Fanciers

Chihuahua Club of Oklahoma No report

Texas Chihuahua Club

The pumpkins, ghosts, and spiders are gone but we hope everyone had a great time at our recent Halloween Specialty. I know I sure did! It is so much fun being the trophy chairman. I love doing themes and Halloween is one of my favorite Holidays. Everything was black and orange except for the adorable costumed Chihuahua figurines: there was a nurse, an artist, a biker, a ballerina, a senorita (ChiChi), a Zorro (Chirro), a shopper (Poochi), a Chihuahua in a teacup, etc. The Danbury Mint Halloween Chihuahua figurine was beautiful. The exercise pen, wire crates, and beds were black and the blankets were orange with black paw prints. The toys were funny pumpkins and spiders. Plus lots more stuff. The raffle was super, the weather was good, almost hot and there was lots of food. We weren't without problems though, and had to start an hour later than scheduled. Traffic was horrible and one of the other clubs had taken the nine tables we requested, so they took over an hour just getting us our

tables. But it all worked out. We had a lot of new and familiar faces at our Specialty for the first time, with four Chihuahuas that placed in the top ten for this year competing.

Peggy Hackelton was our Sweepstakes Judge: Best in Sweepstakes – His N Herr Mar Rina Bar Mighty Miracle, a 6 – 9 month smooth coat bitch owned by Linda Herr and Willo Barfield. Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes – Rankin's Blaz N Glory of Misueno, a 9 – 12 month smooth coat dog owned by Crystal Montez. Kathy Bucher Sawyer was our Regular Classes and Junior Showmanship Judge: Best of Breed – Ch. His N Herr MarRinaBar Mighty Grand, a long coat dog owned by Linda Herr and Willo Barfield. Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – Ch. Char-Al's Zippity Zu Zu, a long coat bitch owned by Debbie Sanders and Becky Rosson. Best Junior Handler – Kimberly Montez. With pictures not available at the time of this deadline, we will have all the results and pictures in the next issue. Thanks to everyone who donated to our show and trophy fund, raffle, pot luck dinner and all our entries who made this all possible!!!!

If you didn't come to our Halloween Show you missed out on a lot of fun so make plans now to come to our 2009 Spring Specialty! New date and new location! Be sure and mark your calendars for Friday, May 29, 2009 in San Antonio, followed by Saturday and Sunday Toy Shows.

Linda Herr, Secretary
Texas Chihuahua Club



Belle Terre Bandana GQ Design "Ralph"

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Thank you Michelle Billings for these wonderful wins!

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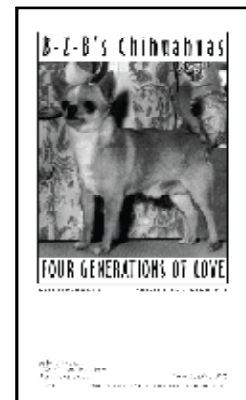
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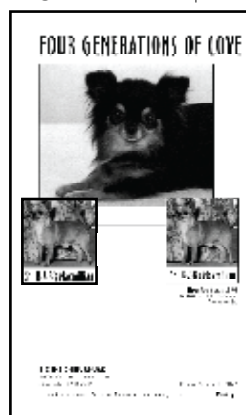
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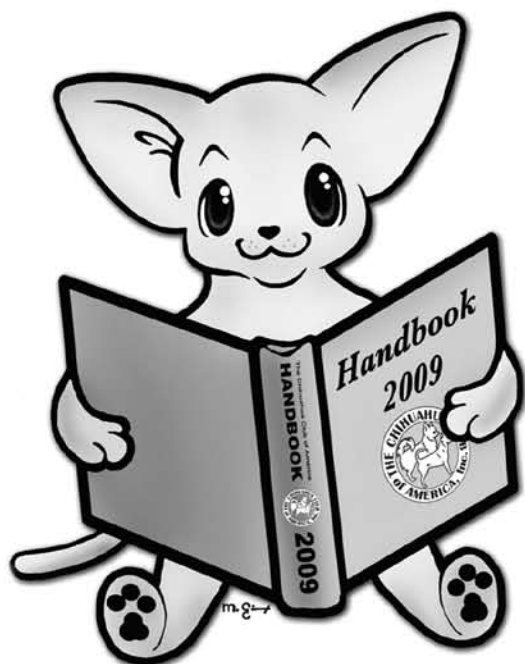
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Committee Reports

CCA Website Committee

The CCA website now includes a page for each committee to publish your information! Committee Chairs, you can list your committee members and keep the membership informed of your activities. Just write up your text as you wish it to appear on your page and send it to me. We also have the Announcements Only Yahoo Group calendar in which word of your committee activities can be placed. Please send the text as you wish it to go out in the announcement.

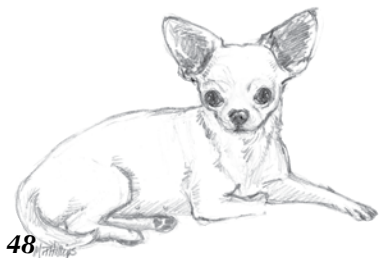
CCA members who wish to have their contact information listed in the Breeders Directory can send me the exact information you wish to have published. There is no charge to be added to the list with your phone number. A donation to the Chihuahua Health Related Issues Fund is requested for publishing email addresses and website URLs.

We need writers to submit articles on their favorite topics to share with the visitors to our site. The list of possible topics is wide open, anything having to do with loving, training, grooming, and caring for a Chihuahua. An article must first meet Board approval, however. I can submit your article for you if you like, or you may contact the Board directly. The website belongs to us all, and with the help of everyone we can make it the best Chihuahua site to visit on the Net!

Katie Greer, Web Master

Ways and Means Committee

The Ways and Means committee raised \$3000.72 for the junior handlers! The participation from all of the CCA clubs and members was outstanding. The basket raffle alone raised \$2210.00, the 50/50 raffle raised \$238.00, the T-Shirts raised \$239.18, the match raised \$313.54 (after expenses). James and Susan Hanke did a super job running the match. The Kentucky basket from Terri Barnes brought in the most money; Michael and Pat Holzkopf won it with a bid of \$350.00.



We would also like to thank the following clubs/ members who provided wonderful baskets for the auction: Houston Chihuahua Club, Texas Chihuahua Club, (Missouri basket) Jean Pratt, Kim Gramlisch, Jennifer Kable, Northern California Chihuahua Club, Chihuahua Club of Atlanta, Chihuahua Club of Hawaii, Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix, Arizona Puppy Playtime, Dallas Chihuahua Club, Chihuahua Club of Greater New York, Central Carolina Chihuahua Club, Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club, Chihuahua Club of Michigan, Colorado, and Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee. We have already started working on next year. If any member has any ideas that you think would be good for the ways & means, please e-mail me.

Dena Muenzler & Gayle Holmen

Obedience Committee

Temple's The Moose is Loose CDX, owned by Donna Brittain, received a plaque for the Highest Scoring Chihuahua in Open for 2007, and was also Highest Scoring in Trial at our National in 2008.

Patricia Larrissey, Obedience Chair

Junior Showmanship Committee

Just a reminder to all the local clubs and secretaries that a picture of the winning Junior at their specialties should be submitted along with the other winner's pictures for publication in the *Chi-Chatter*.

Randi Berthold, Jr. Showmanship Chair

Health Related Issues Committee

The Health Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our programs this year, as well as those who donated to the Health Fund! In Chicago we conducted a Silent Auction that brought in \$1117.00 for the health fund. We also auctioned off a quilt made by Mrs. Betty Larson, (Cherry Parker's mother) for \$1000.00, won by Sallie Buckman, also for the health fund.

Some of our major programs were:

- Recognition of owners of Chihuahuas who have completed health testing and been issued a CHIC number. Pins were handed out to members in Chicago, and current listings of CHIC Chihuahuas are posted on the CCA website.
- The opportunity to participate in the CHIC DNA

Repository Program was available in Chicago free of charge. The DNA Repository program is a way for DNA samples to be collected and stored before they are needed, because often a study can not proceed if they do not have enough DNA samples.

- We hosted a Cardiac OFA and Microchip Clinic in Chicago, both of which had a good turn out. We hope that more people will participate in health clinics in the future.

We funded several research projects:

- Purdue University Grant #759, Investigation of Antigenic Causes For Vaccine-Associated Allergic Reactions in Dogs.
- University of Utrecht (Netherlands) Grant #580, Patella Luxation in Dogs.
- We are also participating in a Leishmaniasis Infection study. Directions on how to participate are on the CCA website in the Health Related Issues page.
- We are participating in a study by Baylor College of Medicine, Grant #882-A, Genetics of Cryptorchidism in Dogs.
- We are also participating in a study by Texas A&M, Grant #1125, Hereditary Evaluation of Legg Calve Perthes.

All of you should have received a CCA Health Survey. Hopefully everyone took the time to fill it out. They are anonymous and strictly confidential. Results of this survey will be reported in the future.

Justin Ward, Health Related Issues Committee Chair

Kim Gramlisch, Health Related Issues Committee Co-Chair





The Chihuahua Club of America

Membership Renewal

January 1, 2009

I (we) are renewing our membership in the CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA and agree that I (we) will abide by the Club's Objectives, Code of Ethics, and by the Rules of the American Kennel Club.

Renewal Date: _____

Name (s):		
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City:	State:	Zip Code:
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My (our) main interests are: (Check any that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation <input type="checkbox"/> Agility <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue		
COMMITTEE(s) on which I can serve:		<i>Please specify your areas of interest or expertise</i>

Payment of dues must accompany this renewal. Please make check or money order payable to the Chihuahua Club of America. Any check submitted to CCA that is returned must be replaced with a Money Order or Cashier's Check for that amount, plus a \$25 returned check fee. Unless funds are received prior to the deadline, membership will not be renewed.

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Specifically, I further pledge:

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- To accept and uphold the Standard of the Chihuahua as developed by The Chihuahua Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
- To breed only A.K.C. registered Chihuahuas (does not apply to foreign members) with the aim of maintaining or improving the qualities of the breed as set forth in the Standard, and not for personal gain. I will not participate in the buying or selling of dogs at auctions and I will never knowingly sell puppies to wholesalers, laboratories or to pet stores, and will encourage any puppy buyer to behave similarly.
- To serve as an example of good sportsmanship in every aspect of the sport of dogs, and to assist and befriend newcomers and novices to the best of my ability.
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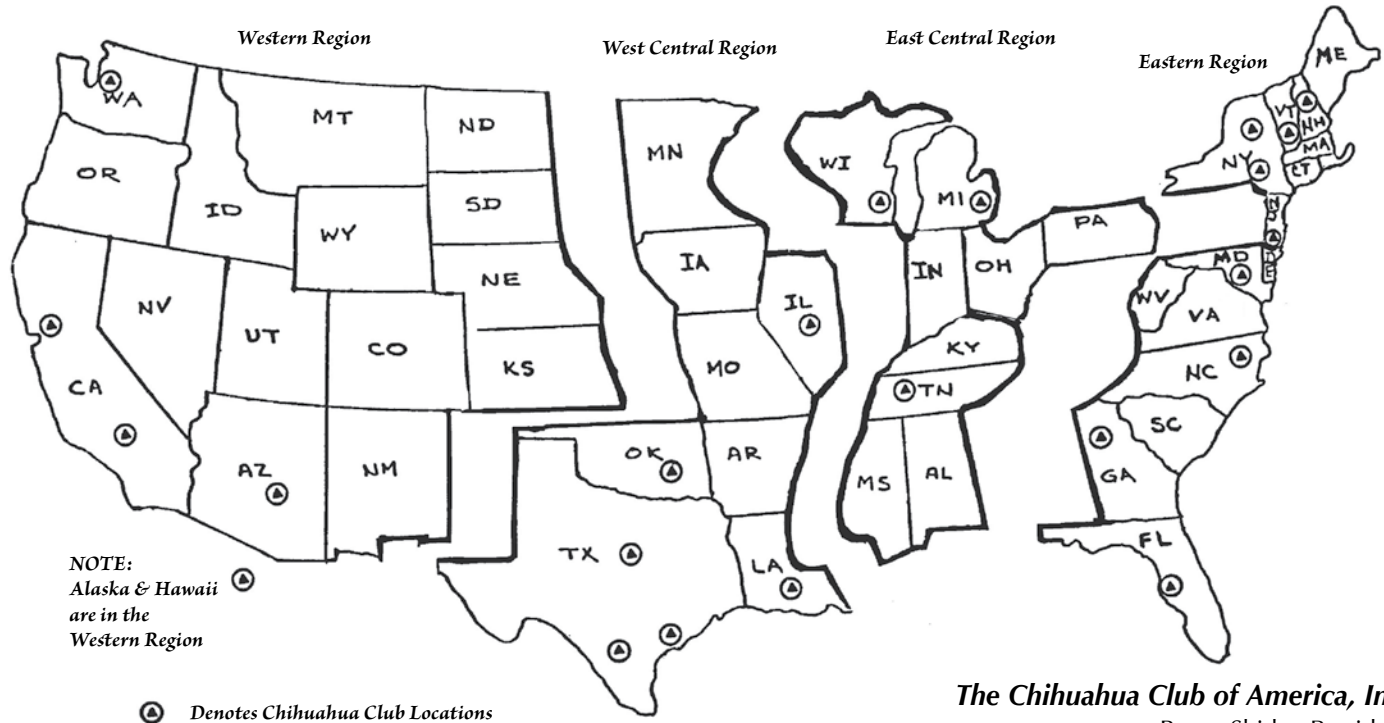
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