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Chi-Chatter

From The President

he Spring Rotating Specialty in Ontario, California is right around the corner! I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend, even if just as a spectator. There are wonderful learning opportunities at our Specialties. Plan to take advantage of the Breed seminar if you can. No matter how long you have been in this breed, and how many seminars you have attended, you can always learn something new. Hearing our breed standard presented by different speakers, allows you to "see" a slightly different view of our standard each time.

This Spring we will have the very first CCA Top 20 event. The Top 20 Long Coats and Top 20 Smooth Coats from 2010 have been invited to compete at this event on Thursday evening. The evening will be full of surprises for all who attend. Dress is formal and reservations are required. Tickets are available online on the CCA website. There will be plenty of hors d'oeuvres and drinks for those in attendance. In addition to the Judge's choice for Top Chihuahua, all those who purchase a Top 20 catalog will have a vote in the People's Choice for Top Chihuahua. Please plan to dress up and join us for

what we hope will be the first of many of these competitions. All proceeds will go to the Rescue Fund.

Even if you can't be in attendance this Spring, you have every opportunity to participate in the club activities by donating to the Top 20 event, making a trophy donation or sending an auction item to the auction chair.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Kyle Potts President, CCA

On The Cover



MULTI BIS/BISS CH. EMERALD QUALITY STREET

offee is not a Grand Champion nor will he ever be one. He is truly retired with Winners Dog as a puppy at the National, (handled by his breeder, Fidelma Dixie) six All-Breed BIS'S and I truly don't remember how many Specialty BIS'S. He has only been shown twice in the last several years, at the National. He is in great shape and is much in charge at my house. I hope I have him another ten years as a pet. I can never repay Fidelma Dixie for sharing him with me.

Sharon Newcomb



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 lafleurs.chis@gmail. com and I will send it to you.
- Photos that can be published are as follows: BOV & BOB in both coats, and Best Junior Handler
- 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 lafleurs.chis@gmail.com, or sent regular mail to:

Beverly LaFleur 17225 West Cheryl Drive Waddell, AZ 85355

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 owners 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.

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/e-mail and Premium List) for a plaque(s MUST reach CCA's Awards Committee contact At Least Four (4) Weeks Prior to your event. (Some clubs include the contact person 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 if 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, e-mail or fax the Awards Committee contact the request for the plaque(s 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 the Awards contact receives the premium list, no plaques can be mailed.

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

??Questions about the plaques??

Please contact Patricia Larrissey, Awards Committee Contact person for Local Club plaques, larcey@att.net

Treasurer's Report

Income

4059 — Banquet	
4061 — Spring Banquet	2,350.00
4060 — Fall Banquet	3,550.00
Total 4059 — Banquet	5,900.00
4012 — Charges	50.00
4015 — National	
4030 — Spring Rotating National	
40303 — Trophies	570.00
40304 — Advertising	509.00
4030 — Spring Rotating National - Other	1,407.93
Total 4030 — Spring Rotating National	2,486.93
4020 — Fall Rotating National	
40201 — Advertising	104.00
40202 – Booths	1,150.00
40203 — Entries	
40213 — Brood Bitch	25.00
40211 — Parade of Champions	112.00
40215 — Rally	75.00
40210 — Junior Showmanship	63.00
40216 — Brace Obedience	18.00
40214 — Brace	54.00
40212 — Stud Dog	18.00
40209 — Obedience Entries	154.00
40205 — Sweepstakes	1,224.00
4020305 — Veteran Entries	200.00
4020304 — BBE Entries	860.00
4020303 — Regular Entries	3,843.00
4020302 – 12-18 Mth Entries	325.00
4020301 — Puppy Entries	1,420.00
Total 40203 — Entries	8,391.00
40204 – Trophies	2,332.63
40206 — Catalogue Sales	975.00
4020 — Fall Rotating National - Other	677.18
Total 4020 — Fall Rotating National	13,629.81
Total 4015 — National	16,116.74
4002 – Rescue Donations	45.00

Expense

6700 — Auction Expenses	
6701 — Supplies	112.92
Total 6700 — Auction Expenses	112.92
6600 — Judges Education	
6601 — A/V	170.80
6600 — Judges Education - Other	46.17
Total 6600 – Judges Education	216.97
6500 – Rescue Expense	
6501 — Airfare	279.53
Total 6500 — Rescue Expense	279.53
6400 – Website	
6401 — Hosting	83.40
Total 6400 — Website	83.40
6270 — Shows	
6281 — Spring Show	
62821 – Photos	30.00
62820 — Sweepstakes Fee	50.00
62852 — Spring Trophies	3,314.14
62844 — Refreshments for Show	201.60
62829 — Entries	0.00
62815 — AKC Event Service Fee	9.00
62818 — AKC Superintendent Fee	10.00
62812 – Advertising	45.00
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4010 — Memberships		
40105 — New Member Club Dues		45.00
40101 — Membership Dues		
401011 — 2011 Membership Dues		4,025.00
40101 — Membership Dues - Other	_	7,721.84
Total 40101 — Membership Dues		11,746.84
40102 – Member Club Dues		
401022 – 2011 Member Club Dues		280.00
40102 – Member Club Dues - Other		385.00
Total 40102 — Member Club Dues		665.00
40103 — New Members 401032 — 2011 New Members		160.00
401032 - 2011 New Members 401031 - Refund of Membership		160.00 -25.00
40103 – New Members - Other		185.00
Total 40103 – New Members	—	320.00
Total 4010 – Memberships	_	12,776.84
4049 – Handbook Production		140.08
4050 — Handbook Sales		
40501 – 2005 Handbook		38.00
40503 — Shipping		174.00
40504 – 2009 Handbook Sales		751.00
4050 — Handbook Sales - Other		727.00
Total 4050 — Handbook Sales		1,690.00
4070 — Ways and Means		
4075 — T-Shirt Sales		218.27
4074 — 50/50		421.00
4072 — Throws		1,560.00
4071 — State Baskets		1,905.00
4073 – Match		305.00
Total 4070 – Ways and Means		4,409.27
4080 – Chi Chatter		615.00
40801 – Advertising		615.00
Total 4080 — Chi Chatter 4090 — Seminar	_	615.00 150.00
4090 – Seminar 4100 – Auction		2,195.00
4340 — Direct Public Support		2,195.00
43401 – Corporate Contributions		17,430.24
Total 4340 — Direct Public Support		17,430.24
Total Income	_	61,518.17
62846 — Ring Steward		119.70
62854 — Supplies		563.72
62851 — Show Room Rental		1,201.42
62850 — Show Chairman Travel 62847 — Rosettes		262.95 12.00
62847 — Roselles 6281 — Spring Show - Other		12.00
Total 6281 — Spring Show		6,955.53
6271 — Fall Show		-,
62709 — Photos for Placement		10.00
62763 — Ground Transportation		100.00
62762 — Plastic Flooring		430.91
62760 — Welcome Bags 62759 — Photos		318.75 30.00
62713 — Air Travel		327.90
62714 — Airport Parking		33.00
62715 — AKC Additional Fees		12.00
62716 – AKC Event Service Fee		876.00
62717 – AKC Recording Fee		146.00
62718 — AKC Superintendent Fee		20.00
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Treasurer's Report (Continued from previous page)

62719 — Applications	30.00
62720 — Armbands	58.50
62720 — Audio/Visual	408.70
62722 – Badges	25.65
62723 — Beverage Service	640.71
62725 — Catalog-Cover	1,736.00
62729 - Catalog-Cover 62729 - Entries	0.00
62731 — Fall Trophies	3.763.96
62732 – Judges Fee	950.00
62733 – Mailing	112.00
62735 — Meals	120.00
62738 – Postage	362.61
62740 — Premium Lists	600.00
62741 — Processing Fee	375.00
62742 — Qualifying Score Ribbons	4.50
62745 — Ribbons	58.08
62747 — Rosettes	525.00
62748 — Show Advance	550.00
62749 — Show Chairman Accommodation	432.74
62750 — Show Chairman Travel & Expenses	0.00
62751 — Show Room Rental	1,947.45
62753 — Superintendent	1,800.00
62755 — Sweepstakes Money	820.60
62757 — Welcome Reception	5,824.76
Total 6271 — Fall Show	23,450.82
Total 6270 — Shows	30,406.35
6050 — Banquet Expense	
60503 — Spring Banquet	3,016.44
60501 — Fall Banquet Expense	6,897.00
Total 6050 – Banquet Expense	9,913.44
6010 – Advertising	754.00
6020 — AKC	
60204 — Medallions	290.00
60201 — Club Flyers	337.29
60202 — Member Club Dues	25.00
Total 6020 — AKC	652.29
6030 – Awards & Recognitions	
60301 - Spring Show Plagues	122.46
60303 – Certificates	27.00
Total 6030 – Awards & Recognitions	149.46
6040 — Bank Charges	83.75
6060 — Chi-Chatter	00.70
60601 — Printing & Mailing	2,020.94
6060 — Chi-Chatter - Other	8,454.34
Total 6060 — Chi-Chatter	10,475.28
6090 — Club Charter	10,473.28
6120 — Election	10.00

61201 – Mailing Labels	54.90
6120 – Election - Other	1,297.47
Total 6120 – Election	1,352.37
6130 – Funds to Member Clubs	2,500.00
6140 — Handbook	000 77
61401 — Expenses	290.73
61402 — PayPal Fee	29.85
61403 — Postage	928.00
Total 6140 — Handbook	1,248.58
6150 — Health Committee	
61501 — Conference Fee	150.00
61502 — AKC Canine Health Foundation	200.00
Total 6150 — Health Committee	350.00
6160 — Insurance	1,809.00
6180 — Membership	
61801 — PayPal	51.36
61804 — Postage	16.33
6180 — Membership - Other	25.00
Total 6180 — Membership	92.69
6240 — Plaques	983.10
6260 — Breeder Seminar Expense	
6267 — Transportation	25.00
6266 — General	26.00
6265 — Meals	314.00
6264 — Hotel	228.00
6263 — Parking	24.00
6262 — Rental Car	69.00
6261 — Airfare	900.00
62601 — Audio/Visual	463.60
Total 6260 — Breeder Seminar Expense	2,049.60
6290 — Sunshine	130.36
6295 – Ways & Means	
62955 – Juniors After-show Party	162.90
62954 — Throws	730.44
62951 — Match Expenses	91.19
62952 — Junior Travel Assistance	250.00
Total 6295 — Ways & Means	1,234.53
6095 – Contract Services	
60951 — Accounting Fees	1,495.00
Total 6095 – Contract Services	1,495.00
6230 – Operations	
62301 – Postage, Mailing Service	288.26
62302 — Printing and Copying	261.55
62304 — Telephone, Telecommunications	19.50
Total 6230 – Operations	569.31
Total Expense	66,951.93
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Rosie the Rocket Dog

AKC's First UDX Chihuahua!



On January 29, 2011 Linda's Rosita Bonita UDX VER RA, "Rosie", (and owner Linda Dillard) made history, becoming the first Chihuahua to earn a UDX!

Now for those who are unfamiliar with obedience, earning a UDX is quite a challenge. The title requires the dog and handler team receive a gualifying score (170 out of 200) in both the Utility B and Open B class on the same day, at 10 different trials. The Utility class, at times referred to as "futility" by some exhibitors, is a class which involves 6 exercises: a signal exercise in which the dog responds to the hand signals only (no voice commands), scent discrimination, a directed retrieve, the moving stand and examination and directed jumping. The Open class includes 5 exercises plus the "sits and downs": heeling off leash and a healing in a figure 8 pattern, drop on recall, retrieving both on the flat and over a jump, jumping over a broad jump and the long sit (3 minutes) and down (5 minutes), during which the dog must remain in position while the handler goes out of sight. (For more details on these exercises, go to http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/ getting started.cfm)

Now we all know Chihuahuas are smart, often too smart, but this is quite the feat for any dog! Rosie began her quest for her UDX in 2009 after her friend and trainer urged her to make history and go for the title.

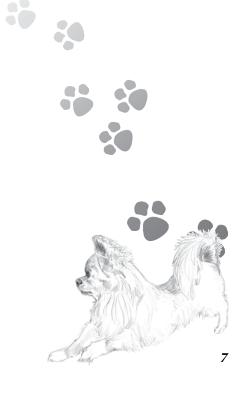
Rosie was purchased for Linda by her husband as birthday present. She is the first dog that Linda has trained. She is an enthusiastic competitor whose nickname "Rosie the Rocket Dog" was given at the Jacksonville K9 Club because on the "go out" in utility she flies across the ring! (On the go out, the handler asks the dog to go across to the other side of the ring and sit). Judges often comment on how cute Rosie is, to which Linda responds "Yes, but cute does not give us extra points or keep us from an NQ!"

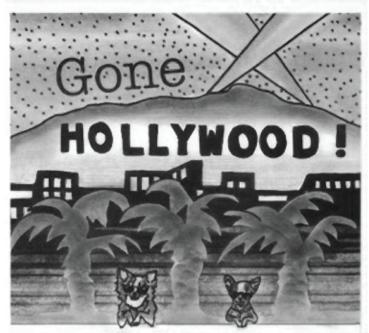
In 2010, Rosie and Linda received an invitation to participate in the Eukanuba National Obedience Invitational in Long Beach, California. They traveled to the event in December and proudly represented our breed!

Rosie is 8 ¹/₂ years old and lives with her brother Max (long coat Chihuahua), two Rottweilers and a cat. She is a Delta Society certified pet therapy dog who, along with her brother Max, visits senior facilities every month.

Linda and Rosie are currently working towards their OTCH* and have earned 9 points, including all the first places required. (Obedience Trial Championship- dog/handler must earn 100 points, including a first in Utility, first in Open, and another first in either class, under three different judges.)

Congratulations to Rosie and Linda! Best of luck on your OTCH journey!





CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA Trophy Donations 2011 Spring Rotating Specialty

It's still not too late to donate to the 2011 Spring Rotating Specialty.

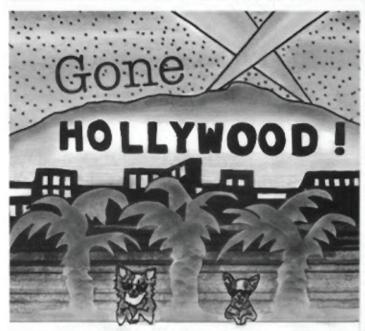
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We would like to encourage all Member Clubs to donate.

For each \$10 donated, you will receive one chance to win one of several prizes from a drawing held at the Banquet on Saturday night. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! Please take a moment to donate today.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Southern California Chihuahua Club **Trophy Donations 2011 Spring Rotating Specialty**

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Show Texas Chihuahua	a Club October 29, 2010	
Sweepstakes Judge - N	Urs. Janice Gallagher	
Entry 7-2	Name	Owner
Best Long	Timeless Dibbs On That One	Sharon Boyd & Kyle Potts
Best Opposite Sex	Acadia's MGM I Caught Ya Lookin'	Robert Gentile & Mark Burhart
Best Smooth	CeeGee's Watch Me Sparkle	Gail & Ed Hendry
Best Opposite Sex		
Best In Sweeps	CeeGee's Watch Me Sparkle	Gail & Ed Hendry
Best Opposite In Sweeps	Timeless Dibbs On That One	Sharon Boyd & Kyle Potts
Variety Judge - Mr. C	Rodney R. Menny	
Long Coat Vaniety En	try 14-12 (4-2) 2	
Winners Dog	Misueno's Two Stepn Texn Darbec	Crystal & Kimberly Montez
Winners Bitch	Daddy's Pick Your Poison	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
Best Of Winners	Daddy's Pick Your Poison	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
BOS to Variety	GCH His N Herr Marrinabar Mighty Grand	Linda Herr & Willo Barfield
Best of Variety	Daddy's Pick Your Poison	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
Smooth Coat Variety E	Entry 5-15 (2-0) 1	
Winners Dog	Stonehill Tag I'm It	Cindy Allen & Randall Carr
Winners Bitch	Daddy's Bella Belari	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
Best Of Winners	Daddy's Bella Belari	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
BOS to Variety	Stonehill Tag I'm It	Cindy Allen & Randall Carr
Best of Variety	CH CeeGee's I'm A Holy Tarra	Gail & Ed Hendry
BOS to Breed	GCH His N Herr Marrinabar Mighty Grand	Linda Herr & Willo Barfield
Best of Breed	Daddy's Pick Your Poison	Kathleen & Scott Kirby
Best Junior Handler - Kirsten F	Potts	-



Best of Breed Daddy's Pick Your Poison



Best of Variety Ch CeeGee's I'm A Holy Tarra



CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA 2011 Spring Banquet Reservations

The CCA will hold is banquet on Saturday April 30, 2011. Tickets are available from Beverly LaFleur & Pat Campbell, and must be received by April 22, 2011.

Indiate the number of each entree requested.

Choice of:			
Chicken	Beef		Vegetarian
Total Number of Dinners		x \$25.00	
Reservations for			Amount Enclosed
AND MAK	17225 West) Снінчанча Сы y LaFleur : Cheryl Drive , AZ 85355	JB OF AMERICA
Award	ls To Be	Presented	April 29

Below is a listing of some of the awards that will be presented at the CCA General Meeting with the Rotating on Friday, April 29, 2011 in Ontario, CA.

Top 10 Juniors Showing A Chihuahua In Junior Showmanship(Alphabetical Order).

Long Coat
Colin Brown
Kacie LeAnne Davis
Emily Desjardins
Jeff Glasser
Isabel Isaacson
Amanda Layser
Alexandria J Moore
Lindsey Pabst
Kirsten Potts
Jesse Thibault
Brooke Elizabeth Priddy

Dusty Berthold Ariel Braff Sarah Gardner Jeff Glasser Morgan Hunter Lyndsey Meyer Hailey Rau Xander Matthew Smith Alicia VanVleet Danielle VanVleet

Smooth Coat Jessy Bechert

REGISTER OF MERIT recipients for 2010

Cam's Delta Dawn Cam's Lucille's A Ball Of Starsen Ch Dazzles Bad Tad For Bear Paw Dazzles Keeping A Promise Heaven's Sweet Victory Jetstar's I'M No Angel Ch Mar-Rich Come A Little Closer also a Top Producer Mar-Rich's Good Morning Beautiful-L Mina's Must B Doin' Somethin' Right Temple's My Fair Lady

Top Producing Sire For 2010 Ch Dartan Grand Slam 9 Champion Get Top Producing Dam For 2010 Mina's Must B Doin' Somethin' Right 5 Champion Get **BIS & BISS Winners** GCH Ch Ayrwen Star Kissed Delight 6 All-Breed BIS 1 Toy Breed BISS GCH Ch Dragon Lair Wildrose Mojo Risin 1 All-Breed BIS GCH Ch Lugari Holiday Rocco 6 All-Breed BIS 1 Toy Breed BISS GCH Ch Ouachitah All That Glitters 1 All-Breed BIS

Submitted by Gail Hendry

More recently focus has been drawn to an infectious disease that has affected more dogs than ever suspected. Lifetime breeding programs have been wiped out and many kennels never recover from loses incurred as a result of sterility, abortions, and weak puppies that fail to thrive as a result of this infection. In this article I hope to bring awareness of the dangers of canine brucellosis and how it can be prevented from infecting your kennel and breeding program.

What is Canine Brucellosis?

Canine brucellosis is a disease of the reproductive tract which may cause abortion in females, infection of the sexual organs in males, and infertility in both sexes. The disease can also cause non-reproductive problems, like infections of the backbone (diskospondylitis - inflammation of the vertebrae and disks), recurrent uveitis (inflammation of the iris in the eve), glomerulonephritis (inflammation of the kidneys), meningoencephalitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord), and swollen lymph nodes.

Brucellosis is caused by Brucella canis bacteria (B. canis) a gram-negative, intracellular bacterium. Dogs are also susceptible to infection from Brucella abortus (cattle) and Brucella suis (pigs), but the B. canis is the most common Brucella species found in dogs. Most experts' estimate 1% to 6% of the canine population are infected, with the main source of the disease being stray dogs. There is no vaccine for this disease in dogs, and treatment, which usually



consists of prolonged administration of Tetracycline and Streptomycin, may not be effective.

Why is knowledge about Canine Brucellosis so important to dog owners?

B. canis is a disease that can be transmitted to humans as well as other dogs and is a significant cause of reproductive failure, in breeding programs. Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the disease is it's insidiousness, symptoms are not always seen. In many cases an infected dog may show no outward signs at all. Infected bitches will have normal heat cycles and breed normally, in fact in many cases a bitch infected with Brucellosis may abort a litter and then conceive and whelp a live litter in the future. The danger in this is that such a bitch can infect any males she is bred to, and her puppies will most likely all be carriers of the disease and go on to infect other dogs.

How do dogs get infected with Canine Brucellosis?

Canine brucellosis is mainly transmitted during breeding, through contact with the semen or vaginal discharge of an infected dog or bitch. The disease may also be contracted by ingestion of contaminated placental materials or aborted fetuses from infected dogs, cattle or pigs.

B. canis may be shed for several weeks on (or) intermittently for months following an abortion. Both sexes also excrete the bacteria in their urine, but the male urine has a much higher concentration of the germ. Chronically infected males may shed organisms in the urine for several years, even after castration. Low concentrations of the B. canis bacteria are often found in saliva, feces, eye fluids and nasal discharges. The disease can also be transmitted by direct contact with an infected dog's hardware like bowls, leashes, collars, kennels and the hands of handlers have also produced positive cultures for B. canis. It is also thought to be spread by the airborne route in an indoor kennel situation. Documented cases have been traced to entry of the germ through the genital tract, the mouth, nose, and the eye. All dogs that assemble in large numbers (dog shows, dog parks, obedience/agility trials, etc.) are at risk of coming into contact with the B. canis bacteria.

How can I prevent Canine Brucellosis in my dog?

Brucellosis is easy to prevent in dogs. Before breeding your dog, both the male and the female should be examined by your veterinarian and tested for the disease. The test involves a simple blood test. There are several screening tests used for diagnosis of

B. canis. The Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test (IFA), the Rapid Slide Agglutination Test (RSAT), and the Agar Gel Immunodiffusion Test (AGID).

Each of these screening tests may have false positive results. In fact, with the RSAT, a negative slide test is strong evidence that the dog is not infected but about 60% of dogs who test positive are actually negative for the bacteria. An AGID test currently being used by Cornell University makes use of protein antigen to the cell cytoplasm of Brucella and is considered to be highly specific for B. canis. The Cornell AGID test thereby diminishes the problem with false positive testing. Blood cultures are recommended to confirm a positive diagnosis, regardless of the screening test used. This is due to the dire consequences a positive infection will have on the animal being tested. Culturing aborted puppies, vaginal discharges, urine and semen is also done. Avoiding "accidental" mating is naturally also important.

Artificial Insemination (AI) can lessen

the risk of Brucella transfer at breeding. Transmission of B. canis to a bitch can occur during AI, especially if infected semen is used. However, AI will protect an infected female from transferring it to a non-infected male. All positive males and females should be removed from a breeding program.

How can I control or eliminate brucellosis if my Kennel is affected?

There is no reliable treatment for Brucellosis. B. canis lives inside of the dog's cells so it is difficult to reach the bacteria the (with) antibiotics. Although various antibiotics have been partially effective at causing temporary reduction in the bacterial organisms, a complete cure is unlikely. Contaminated wet areas should be dried and disinfected with a 1% bleach solution. Isolation, testing, and euthanasia of confirmed infected dogs are the primary methods necessary to eliminate and prevent the spread of disease in a breeding facility. Infected animals that are neutered or spayed are still carriers of the B. canis bacteria. In some states the Health Department requires any dog that tests positive for the disease be destroyed because of the threat to humans. The disease is most often transmitted to a human by handling aborted pups from a bitch with brucellosis. For this reason, if you should have a bitch that aborts or has stillborn pups, the dead pups, membranes, placentas, etc. should be handled with gloved hands and the area disinfected thoroughly.

Naturally prevention is the most important part of protecting your dogs and kennel. Always require a brucellosis test before doing any breeding. Even when breeding within your own kennel it is recommended to have your dogs tested. Statistically one out of ten dogs

may be carriers and those are disturbing odds. As a general rule every male and female should be tested before each breeding. If you have aborted or stillborn puppies they can also be tested for the B. canis bacteria. Canine Brucellosis is a very serious disease, not because dogs are very likely to contract the disease, but because of the consequences if a dog does become infected. The disease itself will not kill your dog, but your dog will be genetically dead because he or she will be unbreedable, even if the disease does not render the dog sterile. In the case of Brucellosis, it is definitely a matter of "Better safe than sorry".

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"This disease brought total ruin to one breeder we worked with to the point she had to depopulate her entire kennel," says Lin Kauffman, D.V.M., a faculty clinician at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ames, Iowa.

Many are unfamiliar with canine brucellosis, but its incidence is on the rise, according to Kauffman.

Brucellosis is predominantly seen in rural areas of the Southeast. One survey showed approximately 6 percent of dogs in that region are infected. Mainly stray and feral dogs and those from socalled "puppy mills" have been affected, but spread of the disease to the rest of the dog industry, including show dogs and field trial dogs, has drawn attention, Kauffman says.

Canine brucellosis is a caused by the bacterium Brucella canis or B. canis, one of six species of the genus Brucella.

The bacterium was first identified in dogs in 1966, particularly in Beagles in research colonies. Since then, the disease has been found in Australian Shepherds, Boston Terriers, Chihuahuas, Cocker Spaniels, Dachshunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Lhasa Apsos, Miniature Pinschers, Pomeranians,



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Poodles, Shih Tzus, Yorkshire Terriers, and mixed-breed dogs. Cases of brucellosis have been documented worldwide.

"Any breed of dog and either gender can become infected; however, the disease is usually detected and monitored in the intact male and female canine," says R. Bruce Hollett, D.V.M., M.S., DACT, associate professor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in Athens, Ga.

Fortunately, death caused by the disease is rare. No vaccine exists, and treatment is often considered challenging.

Dogs generally are treated with at least two antibiotics that are given over a 30-day period. The treatment regimen can be both extensive and expensive, and may require repeat treatments if a dog continues to test positive.

How Brucellosis Spreads

Canine brucellosis spreads rapidly especially in confined populations and can lead to as many as 75 percent fewer puppies weaned. The disease can spread through fresh-chilled and frozen semen, so dogs do not need to breed naturally to become infected. There are no brucellosis testing requirements for interstate or intrastate travel or for sale of dogs, so known and unknown positive dogs can spread the disease. The risk of infection through bodily secretions puts dogs at risk whenever they come into contact with other dogs. Though mainly a sexually transmitted disease, brucellosis can also be transmitted via nose, mouth and eye contact with infected vaginal discharge, aborted fetuses, feces, saliva, blood, secretions from the eyes and nose, semen, and urine. Bacteria also can enter through broken skin.

Infected females can pass the disease to puppies during pregnancy or through her milk after they are born.

Once the bacteria enter the body, they target reproductive tissue, penetrating and growing intracellularly. In females, the bacteria live in the vagina, uterus and placenta. In males, the organism is found in the prostate and testicles. B. canis infiltrates the bloodstream and can enter organs, including the spleen, liver, lymph nodes, eyes and vertebral column.

Canine brucellosis has a wide range of signs that can mimic characteristics of other diseases. Signs in both males and females include: lethargy; fatigue; unwillingness to breed; joint pain; inflammation of the lymph nodes; eye infections; poor hair coat; exercise intolerance; weight loss; lameness; back pain; and behavioral changes.

Extreme signs include infertility in both sexes. Males can suffer swollen or shrunken testicles, inflamed prostate and poor semen quality. In females, brucellosis causes failure to conceive, stillbirths, and early embryonic death or fetal resorption within 10 to 20 days. Approximately 75 percent of infected females abort after 45 to 59 days of gestation. If carried to term, pups infected in the womb or through their mother's milk can die shortly after whelping.

Some dogs show no signs of the disease, complicating diagnosis. "The dog could look perfectly healthy to his or her owner and be infected," says Hollett, a reproduction specialist who is board-certified in theriogenology.

Testing for Brucella Canis

Blood and bacterial culture tests can detect infection with B. canis. Blood tests identify the presence of antibodies to the bacterium, which generally develop within eight to 12 weeks after infection. Culture tests determine the presence of the bacterium by inducing it to grow from a sample of vaginal discharge, bone marrow, milk, blood, urine, semen or tissue from the placenta, aborted fetus, lymph nodes, spleen or liver.

There are problems with both types of test. Neither test allows early detection and both can lead to erroneous results. Variation in incubation period from two weeks to several months means early testing can result in a false negative even as the dog is contagious. Because of that, dogs must be tested multiple times over the course of

months, costing time and money. Although culture tests are the current diagnostic standard, culturing B. canis can be difficult. "B. canis is very picky about what media it grows on and under what conditions, so only a positive culture really means anything," Kauffman says. Kauffman and fellow researchers at Iowa State University are working to develop a DNA-based test to detect B. canis earlier and more reliably. The Canine Health Foundation is funding the research.

The researchers have already developed a test sensitive enough to detect as little as one bacterium in one milliliter of blood, but they discovered that the organism does not remain in the blood long before sequestering in reproductive tissue. They now are trying to determine the optimal diagnostic sample, and are considering urine, semen and vaginal swabs. Using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, the scientists extract bacterial DNA from the sample and use fluorescent markers to detect the presence of B. canis. Because a PCR assay detects the actual bacterium rather than the antibodies a dog develops in response to it, this test can detect the disease from the time of infection. Such early detection would allow positive dogs in

A Danger to Humans

In addition to the danger to dogs, canine brucellosis is a zoonotic disease that can affect humans. It is important to note, however, that humans are rarely infected.

As with dogs, no human vaccine is available, although the disease is easily managed with appropriate antibiotics. Children, pregnant women and people with a compromised immune system are considered vulnerable.

Humans can become infected through direct contact with fluids from infected dogs, including vaginal discharge, semen, blood, milk, urine, feces, or an aborted fetus. Bacteria can enter through the mouth, nose, eyes or broken skin. Infection can also result from inhaling dust and dirt from affected areas.

On average, signs of human infection appear three to four weeks after exposure, but can begin in one week or not for several months. Signs are similar to flu and include fever, headache, weakness, night sweats, chills, back pain, fatigue, enlarged lymph nodes, and weight loss. Proper diagnosis is not necessary as antibiotic treatment generally resolves signs of illness. When handling infected dogs or materials, wear protective clothing such as latex or rubber gloves, a facemask and eye goggles. Wash hands thoroughly after touching dogs and do not allow an infected dog to lick your face.

a kennel to be identified in one round of testing and help limit the spread of the disease.

"The diagnostic sampling for this test would really be no different than what it currently is, and potentially it may be easier for breeders to collect samples," Kauffman says. "Instead of blood samples normally collected by veterinarians, the diagnostic samples for this assay would potentially be vaginal swabs for females and urine samples for males."

Kauffman hopes to have a DNA test available later this year.

Breeders should seek veterinary advice regarding treatment, which includes one class of antibiotics such as tetracycline, chlortetracycline, minocycline or doxycycline. The most successful treatment originally combined tetracycline and dihydrostreptomycin antibiotics, says Hollett, noting that dihydrostreptomycin is no longer available for use in dogs. Veterinarians have found successful alternative treatment using a combination of antibiotics; however, the entire course of antibiotics should be completed to avoid false-negative test results.

More than one course of treatment may be required, and testing should take place one month after completing any treatment. Before being considered clear of the disease, dogs must test negative on two consecutive tests given four weeks apart. Not all treatment will work, and relapse is possible. Even after treatment or sterilization, dogs can shed bacteria for years.

"There is no 'cure' for a dog whose diagnosis of canine brucellosis has been confirmed," Hollett says. "Antibiotic regimens do lower the amount of bacteria passing through the dog's

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lymphatic and circulatory systems but do not totally eliminate all organisms from the dog's body."

Prevention Is Best Medicine

Prevention is cheaper than quarantine. "The potential economic as well as emotional impact on breeders can be huge," Kauffman says. "If the infection is bad enough, an owner may opt to euthanize an entire kennel and go out of business altogether or start over again with brand new, noninfected breeding stock."

To avoid such hardship, breeders are encouraged to test all dogs annually and before breeding. In females, testing is more accurate before or during heat due to the female's sensitivity to the test at this time.

Breeders also are advised to not breed infected dogs, and consider spaying or neutering them. Dogs bred intensively outside the facility should be tested two to four times a year. Before breeding with dogs of unknown brucellosis status, ask to see test results. New dogs brought into the kennel for breeding stock should always be quarantined and tested before adding to the rest of the kennel.

"Breeders should test every animal in their respective kennel or licensed facility," Hollett says. "Even animals that have been neutered or have an undefined history from a previous location may test positive. Brucellosis continues to be a problem common in dogs simply because people lack enough information about it to make an intelligent choice or simply avoid having their breeding stock checked on a routine basis."

The increased incidence of canine brucellosis can be attributed to many causes, including deficient knowledge, lack of uniformity in state regulations and reluctance to test for fear of repercussions — financial and otherwise.

"This disease carries a lot of stigma. Some states will not even recognize that they have this disease in their state," Kauffman says. "It is like a dirty secret that no one wants to talk about, and if you are a breeder who has the disease or has had it, then no one wants to associate with you or your dogs." Dogs that show no signs of infection can be unknowingly bred or sold. An unscrupulous breeder may mask the bacteria with antibiotics or take a dog for testing in a state with lenient reporting regulations.

"Until states duplicate the governance

of canine diseases, the disease will cross state lines with each dog that is sent for breeding or to a show or field trial and has a positive infection that is unknown to the breeder or owner," Hollett says. Kauffman agrees. "Until all the states unite and pass legislation requiring B. canis testing of dogs for travel across state lines and for sale then the United States is going to have a problem with this disease," she says.

Seeking Samples

Researchers at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, are seeking male urine and semen samples from dogs suspected of being infected with the Brucella canis bacterium. The samples will be used in a study aimed at developing an early DNA detection test for brucellosis. For more information, e-mail researcher Lin Kauffman, D.V.M., at linkauf@ iastate.edu.

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Junior	Totals	2010
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JUNIOR NAME	GRAND TOTAL	JUNIOR NAME	GRAND TOTAL	
Jessy Bechert S/C	11	Amanda Layser L/C	26	
Dusty Berthold S/C	37	Lynelle Loveless L/C	2	
Ariel Elise Braff L/C	6	Kaitlyn Merkle L/C	9	
Colin Brown L/C	17	Robert Merkle L/C	2	
Michael Buller L/C	3	Lyndsey Meyer L/C & S/C	17	
Kacie LeAnne Davis L/C	27	Alexandria Moore L/C	17	
Sarah S Davis no variety	2	Lindsey Pabst L/C	16	
Emily Desjardins L/C	22	Katie Photopoulos L/C	6	
Kacie Anne Favorit L/C	1	Kirsten Potts L/C	123	
Rebecca I Favorit L/C	4	Brooke Elizabeth Priddy L/C	28	
Emma Frakes no variety	8	Hailey Rau no variety	7	
Brianna J Gardner L/C	4	Mallory Rosol no variety	2	
Sarah Gardner S/C	6	Xander Matthew Smith S/C	8	
Jeff Glasser L/C & S/C	80	Sarah Stackhouse S/C	1	
Moran Ann Hunter S/C	10	Jessica Thibault L/C	12	
Isabel Isaacson L/C	15	Joanne Thibault L/C	4	
Alexandra Johnson L/C	6	Alicia VanVleet S/C	3	
Jocie Johnson L/C	3	Danielle VanVleet S/C	3	
Jesse Labelle L/C	1	Alexandra Renee Wallace L/C	5	



Top Producing Sires Through 2010

Rank	Title	Name of Dog	# of Ch's
1	Ch	Ouachitah Beau Chiene	105
2	Ch	Dartan Grand Slam	75
3	Ch	Dartan Still On Fire	44
4	Ch	Ouachitah Kodiak	42
5	Ch	Mar-Rich 'N Mina's Rumor Has It	40
6	Ch	Ouachitah Bravisimo	38
7a	Ch	Dartan's Elfin Magic	35
7b	Ch	Dartan's Pirate Blackbeard	35
8	Ch	Burgundy Lil Kiss of Mystery	34
9a	Ch	Jo-El's Drummer Boy	30
9b	Ch	Cam's Buttontop Beau	30
10a	Ch	Hale's Bonanza Little Joe	27
10b	Ch	McCormick's Pepe Le Blue	27
10c	Ch	Ouachitah Mirror Image	27
10d	Ch	RJR's Reginald Of Bayard	27
11a	Ch	Bliss Hoosier Boy Named Sue	26
11b	Ch	Dartan Go For The Gold	26
11c	Ch	Dartan Strut Your Stuff	26
12a	Ch	MT. View's One Tuff Terminator	25
12b	Ch	Regnier's Sealed With A Kis	25
13a	Ch	Bayard Believe It Or Not RJR	23
13b	Ch	Bk's Bo Knows	23
13c	Ch	Stonehill Go Round	23
14a	Ch	Guichon's Besame Mucho	22
14b	Ch	Nauset Rip It Up At Bayard	22
14c	Ch	Pittore's Macho Man	22
14d	Ch	Toltec Bbbbad To The Bone	22
15a	Ch	Bayard Be My Valentine	21
15b	Ch	H & J's Mystic Wizard	21
15c	Ch	Hurd's Prom Knight	21
15d	Ch	Kay's Don Feleciano-L	21
15e	Ch	O Pag's Unforgetable Bear-L	21
15f	Ch	Starjack's Bounty Hunter	21
16a	Ch	Bk's Dr Doolittle	20
16b	Ch	Handwerk's Lucky Strike	20
17a	Ch	Bayard Wind Beneath My Wings	19
17b	Ch	Dartan's The Invader	19
17c	Ch	Stonehill N Rebound Cobalt-L	19
18a	Ch	Stober's Patrick Of Wildwood	18
19a	Ch	Dazzle's Taylor Made	17
19b	Ch	Heathery's Smokie Joe	17
19c	Ch	Ouachitah Mister Snow Bliss	17
19d	Ch	Royal Piper Of Belmuriz	17
19e	Ch	Shinybrook Peter Panache	17
20a	Ch	Burgundy Lil Zorro	16
20a 20b	Ch	Charming Chi's Rodney	16

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20c	Ch	Dartan Say Blu' Cheez	16
20d	Ch	Hack's Pack Just A Smidgen	16
20e	Ch	Jo-El's Chili Knight	16
20f	Ch	Jo-El's Hot Off The Press	16
20g	Ch	Leander Bear Catcher of Ballybroke	16
20h	Ch	Misalou's Spittin Image	16
20j	Ch	Nance's Pepper Pot Pete	16
20k	Ch	Tanya's Napoleon Rendezvous	16
201	Ch	Weaver's King of Cheers Kelane	16
20m	Ch	Weaver's One and Only Tipper	16
20n	Ch	Wissfire Simply Smashing	16
21a	Ch	Davishall Patriot Scout	15
21a 21b	Ch	D'Marca Little Ricky Ricardo L	15
210 21c	Ch	Ginjim's Royal Acres Mervyn	15
			15
21d	Ch	Mattie's Bernard	
21e	Ch	Ouachitah Regency	15
22a	Ch	Alorna's Top Gun	14
22b	Ch	Bayard Show Biz Wiz Kandee-L	14
22c	Ch	Bk's King Cotton LC	14
22d	Ch	Bliss Hoosier Damen B	14
22e	Ch	Casa Doj's Speculation	14
22f	Ch	Dartan-Mohr's Little Imp	14
22g	Ch	Dartan Pirate Swashbuckler	14
22h	Ch	Dartan's Super Dude	14
22i	Ch	Elh's Mighty Lunar Of Dartan	14
22j	Ch	Hale's Ring Of Fire	14
22k	Ch	Jimbob's Joe Handsome	14
221	Ch	Maestro's Opera Buffa	14
22m	Ch	Minegold Take A Look	14
22n	Ch	Ouachitah For Your Eyes Only	14
220	Ch	Rebound Konfederate	14
22p	Ch	Whitecliffs Sandman	14
22q	Ch	Widogi Willibegood	14
22r	Ch	Will O'Wisp Lil Chips Express	14
23a	Ch	Bk's A K A Elwood of Vista	13
23b	Ch	Dartan's Barbary Coast	13
23c	Ch	Dartan's Black Fang	13
23d	Ch	Dartan's Elfin Magic Image	13
23e	Ch	Dea's Slugger At The Plate	13
23f		Genbrook's Golden Whispers	13
23g	Ch	JC The Main Event	13
23g 23h	Ch	Lyddon's Fall Guy	13
23i	Ch Ch	Mar-El-To's Irish Cream	13
23j	Ch	Miclanjo Willhewag Of Lazy VK	13
23k	Ch	Miller's Little Tike	13
231	Ch	Ouachitah Mister Snow Bliss	13
23m	Ch	Pittore's Peter Pan	13

Top Producing Sires Through 2010 (Continued from previous page)

23n		Show Me's Bodacious Toy Valley	13
230	Ch	Toltec Take It To The Limit SC	13
24a	Ch	Bk's Aka Eli	12
24b	Ch	Charming Chi's Shenandoah	12
24c	Ch	Dea's Joshua Of Chinchar	12
24d	Ch	Desmond's Merry Maker	12
24e	Ch	GinJim's Royal Acres Mervyn	12
24f	Ch	Heatherly's Mr Bar None of RB's	12
24g	Ch	Jay N Dot's Tickled Silly	12
24h	Ch	Jes Hinderliter's Of GinJim's	12
24i	Ch	KC's Cujo Of Blue Sky's	12
24j	Ch	Lyd-Don Total Eclipse	12

24k	Ch	Mar-Rich Come A Little Closer	12
241	Ch	Mi-Bar's Stuffed Shirt	12
24m	Ch	Nauset I Believe I Can Fly	12
24n	Ch	Ouachitah Rialto	12
240	Ch	Pittore Genbrook N' Reaster Pan	12
24p	Ch	Regnier's Whistle For Willy	12
24q	Ch	Sand-Man Cherokee Scout	12
24r	Ch	Sha-Ring's Flash Gordon	12
24s	Ch	Stonehill Golden Tejas	12
24t	Ch	Stonehill Protoge	12
24u	Ch	Toltec Marsubri Cheyenne Ruff	12

Top Producing Dams Through 2010

Rank	Title	Name of Dog	# of
			Ch Get
1		Pittore's Flamenco Dancer	17
2a		McCormick's Pennys From Karen	12
2b	Ch	Peg's Foxi Lady O'Blue Sky's	12
3	Ch	Aijalon's Viva Las Vegas	11
4a		Dea's Willy Watch Me Gnal	10
4b		Hale's Topaz	10
4c		Pittore's Jasmine Tea	10
4d	Ch	Pittore's Keep On Glancing	10
5a		Alorna's Cotton Candy	9
5b		Dartan's Connie	9
5c	Ch	Dartan's I'm Jackee	9
5d		Desmond's One Tuff Cream Puff	9
5e		Fandango Diamond Solotaire-S	9
5f		Joanna's Ms McKenzie Talkin'	9
5g		Lucky Lady Of PPP	9
5h		Miclanjo Ranton Springintail	9
5i	Ch	Stober's Challie of Wildwood	9
5j	Ch	Stonehill Scratch Pad	9
5k		Windsongs Saya Little Prayer	9
6a	Ch	Bk's Josette Jocal	8
6b	Ch	Bolero Dusty Sky Of Whcliff	8
6c	Ch	Dartan's Magic Moment	8
6d		Davishall Just About Snowtime	8
6e		Fandango Fame And Fortune-L	8
6f		Hack's Pack Herself's Lil Elf	8
6g		Maestro's Impressions	8
6h		Rebound Pretty In Pink	8
6i	Ch	Saxon's Stylin' Samantha	8
6j		Stonehill Encore L	8
6k		Stonehill Make Me Smile	8
61		Tiny Mite's Say Your Prayers	8

Rank	Title	Name of Dog	# of
			Ch Get
6m		Vanderpool's Ginger Of Navado	8
6n		Vanderpool's Little Mia	8
7a	Ch	Bayard Corretta Genbrook	7
7b	Ch	Bliss Hoosier Pearl O'Chiene	7
7c		Bliss Hoosier Red Rose	7
7d	Ch	Burgundy Lil Milady's Kiss	7
7e		Cartwright's Constance	7
7f	Ch	Dugger's Fortune Teller	7
7g	Ch	Dartan's Super Star	7
7h		Hack's Pack Herself The Elf	7
7i		Hale's Cream Puff Lazy VK	7
7j	Ch	H And J's Hope Diamond	7
7k	Ch	Hyauna's Dixhill Demimonde	7
7l		Larilyn Moonlite Be Gone	7
7m		Maestro's Magic Moment MNM	7
7n	Ch	Mar-El-To's The Painted Lady	7
70	Ch	Mi-Bar's More Or Less	7
7р	Ch	Minegold Heavenly Bliss	7
7q		Misalou's Miss Mar-El-To	7
7r	Ch	Mt View's Black Magic	7
7s	Ch	Peejaymini Moonineclipse	7
7t		Perro De Marca Coqueto S	7
7u	Ch	Pittore's Merry Memory	7
7v		RJR's Velvet Of Marble	7
7w	Ch	Sha-Ring Shamu Bear O Pags'	7
7x	Ch	Toylands Darling Dare Me	7
7у		Toy Valley Lil Mischief N Eden	7
7z	Ch	Weaver's Special Delivery	7
7aa	Ch	Windsong Temples Black Pearl	7
7ab		Wissfire Kiss On A Breeze	7

Group/BIS Placings By Judges Jan 2010 Through Dec 2010

JUDGE NAME	BIS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	JUDGE NAME	BIS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Vicki Abbott		2	2			Ms M S Dobkin			1	1	
Barbara Alderman			3	1		W J Dolan					1
Mr T Alexander					1	G H Dunlap			2	1	1
Sandra Goose Allen				1		D J Emslie			1		
C S Anderson					1	R D Ennis			1		1
Fred Bassett	1	1	2	1	2	K Falconi					1
R D Bay	1	1	1	1		R E Fetter				1	
Maxine Beam	1	ĺ	1			Ray Filburn	1	1		1	1
C A Beattie	1	1		1	2	Mrs R S Forsyth	1	Ì	1		
Richard Beauchamp	1	ĺ			3	Dr G H Forsythe	1	1			
Mrs J E Beech				1		Mrs J G Fortney				1	
M Beech					1	Mrs J Fournier			2	1	1
A F Benko			1	1	 	J E Frederikson	1	3		2	4
K E Berg			· · ·	1		R E Garren	1		2		· · ·
William Bergum				1		G Geringer		1		1	3
Michelle Billings		1	1	1		Joe Gregory	-	1		1	
Edd Bivin		2	1	· ·	1	J Goldstein		1	1		
Eugene Blake		2	1	1	3	Mrs T Gomez	1	<u> '</u>	1		2
Luc Boileau		1	2	1	5	N W Graves	1		1	1	
Lorraine Boutwell		1	2			K M Grosso				1	1
T H Bradley III	1					-			1	1	1
/	1		1			Nancy Hafner	1	1	1		1
Mrs C Brossard			1			Mrs D Hansen	1	1	1	1	
Mrs S Brown					2	Paula Hartinger	1	1	1	1	
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Chihnahna Club Of Northern California

Come join us for our 53rd Specialty held on Friday April 22, 2011 at the Solano County Fairgrounds. This show is held in conjunction with the Chief Solano Kennel Club two day all breed dog show, 3 chances for majors, in one location !!!

Sweeps Judge Judge Show Chairman 209-631-9050

Show Secretary

510-653-8883

Mrs Donna Greenamyer Sharon Hermosillo sfhermosillo©att.net

Mrs. Susan Chulick



Plan to help us celebrate our 53rd Specialty, we will have a buffet and refreshments during the

hanashihtzn@yahoo.com

Bonnie Prato

show.



A. A.

Junior Spotlight

By Randi Berthold

Name: Ariel Elise Braff Birth date: November 1999

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

I started showing in Jr. showmanship when I was 9.

2. Junior Dog/Dogs and past Junior Dogs?

I have shown our Chihuahuas: CH Sister's Chubby Bunny and Ariel's & Sister's Home Maid Cookie, and Ariel's Ginger Snappy Doodle Dog.

3. What other areas of Dog Shows do you enter besides Junior's?

I have shown in AKC breed and in 4-H Rally.

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

I show long-coat and smooth-coat Chihuahuas. I am raising a new puppy I hope to start this summer.

5. Most memorable win?

My most memorable win was at last year's CCA rotating specialty where I won Best Amateur Owner Handled Dog with my long-coat puppy Cookie.

6. Most embarrassing moment in the ring?

My most embarrassing moment in the ring was at the 2009 CCA Nationals. I had just started showing that summer and it was the first show my puppy Dandy was old enough to enter. When I went in the ring with her, she ran





backwards and rolled like a crocodile. The good thing was afterward I met a lot of people because they all came over to share their most embarrassing show experiences.

7. Toughest win?

My toughest win – I like to think we work hard for all of them. I am happy when my dog is happy in the ring.

8. Favorite Dog Show?

My favorite dog show is the CCA Nationals. It is fun meeting everyone and seeing the beautiful dogs.

9. Favorite hobbies other than Dog Shows?

I spend much of my time at a dance studio. I study Ballet, Tap, Hiphop, and Jazz. I am on a dance competition team and we go to dance competitions. I play the Violin. I also am in a 4-H dog group. The first year I went to Nationals, Gary Stiles helped in our Junior Handling Seminar. He suggested I check out the 4-H program. In 4-h we train for obedience and rally and sometimes drill team. I like obedience and rally but am always afraid one of the larger dogs will attack my Chihuahua.

The Chihuahua Club of America offers travel assistance funds to any Junior member in order to help them travel to the National Specialty show in October, Westminster, or Eukanuba. These funds are offered through the generosity of the Ways and Means committee and are intended to supplement the cost of travel to and from the show. Junior members that desire assistance should contact the Chair of the Junior's committee, Randi Berthold for application information.

Randi can be contacted at sdrdolil@aol.com



Ariel showing her long coat puppy, Cookie (Ariel's & Sister's Home Maid Cookie).

10. Future Dog related plans?

I would like to continue competing in Jrs and breed. I think I might like to one day try agility since it is fun and you and your dog are in the ring alone.

11. Future Non-Dog Related plans?

I will continue dancing and playing

the Violin. I like to sing and do choreography. Of course, school is my top priority.

12. Who is your Mentor?

My mentors are Terri Thornburg, Pat Larrissey and Maria Sulecki. I got my dogs from Terri Thornburg and she has taught me a lot about Chihuahuas and showing. Terri taught me that you show because you like spending the time with your dog. I met Pat Larrissey at my very first show and without her kindness and help, am not sure if I would have continued. Pat Larrissey and Maria Sulecki got me involved with CCA which has been a great experience. Maria always gives me pointers on how to show off my dogs' best features.

13. Why do you like showing Chihuahua's and why did you pick that breed?

I like Chihuahuas because they are very sweet dogs and are easy to keep. I wanted a small dog of my own and got my first Chihuahua, Ginger, who is so gentle I can take her anywhere. Ginger has been to school, to daycare, to dance class and even to a nursing home the summer my Grandma was in rehab. I started showing Chihuahuas when we got our second pet Chihuahua and he was nice enough to show. I like showing because I like dogs. Our dogs are all our pets.





CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA Presents

Bright Stars @ Blue Nights Top 20

In 2011, The Chihuahua Club of America will join the elite group of parent clubs who participate in this type of prestigious event. The purpose of this event is to show-case the Top 20 Smooth Coat and the Top 20 Long Coat Chihuahua's in one location, at one time, for the entire fancy to view and enjoy. This event is intended to be a semi-formal event with the color BLUE as our theme. IT'S A STAR STUDDED BLUE PARTY!

The event is to be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Radisson Hotel, Ontario, CA, on April 28th, 2011 at 6:00 PM. Early-bird tickets for the event can be purchased now for \$20.00 per person thru Paypal (http://www.paypal.com) using the email "chihuahuaclubofamerica@gmail.com" or by mailing your request using the form below. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25. Tickets include light food, beverage, and cash bar. For an additional \$10.00 you will receive a catalog and a vote in the Peoples Choice Award. All TICKET HOLDERS WILL RECEIVE A PARTY FAVOR. Catalogs can also be purchased at the door.

PROFITS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO CCA RESCUE. PLEASE HELP RESCUE BY ATTENDING THE 1ST CCA TOP TWENTY SHOWCASE

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Dam: Darbec's Brite Eyed Sonyador

Texas Chihuahua Club - October 29, 2010

Winner's Dog/Best Puppy

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Thank you judge Rodney Merry for this very special win! We'd also like to extend our special thanks to Becky, Tad & Peggy for your continued support and friendship. We wouldn't be here without you!!

Breeders: Crystal

Crystal Montez MiSueno Chihuauas Becky Rosson Darbec's Chihuahuas

Owners: Crystal & Kimberly Montez

Regional News

Eastern Region

Myrle Hale 12860 Thonotosassa Rd. Dover FL 3352722042 813-986-2943

Chihuahua Club of Maryland Club Report

2011 SPRING SPECIALTY APRIL 22, 2011: The Chihuahua Club of Maryland cordially invites all to attend our Annual Spring Chihuahua Specialty (two shows in one day) at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD on April 22, 2011. Judges will be Mrs. Fidelma Doherty Dixie and Ms. Rita Holloway. Sweeps Judge (Puppy and Veteran): Mrs. Melanie Newell. Our Specialty will be followed by three All Breed Shows from April 23-25th. There will be a great possibility for 5 MAJORS in one weekend! Entries close Wednesday, April 6, 2011. We very much look forward to seeing you there. Any questions concerning our Specialty should be directed to our Show Chair, Lester Banks at chquince@hotmail. com.

NEW Website: The Chihuahua Club of Maryland welcomes you to visit our new website at www. chihuahuaclubofmaryland.com.

2011 Christmas Party: We were glad to have the chance to enjoy the fellowship of our members and guests and see their lovely Chihuahuas during our yearly Christmas party. The "Naughty Santa" gift exchange was especially fun. We look forward to many more good times.

Lisa Gesser, CCM member

Central Carolina Chihuahua Club

Central Carolina Chihuahua Club, in conjunction with Carolina Foothills Dog Show Cluster will hold its annual All-Breed Health Clinic on Saturday, February 19, 2011, from 9:00am to 5:00pm in Greenville, SC. The following services will be offered, and OFA and CERF forms will be available:

*** Heart Auscultations *** BAER Testing *** Patella's *** Microchipping (AVID) *** CERF *** See premium list for more information

*** CCCC's annual back-to-back Chihuahua Specialty Shows will be held on Friday, April 8, 2011 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace in Charlotte, Judged by Ms. Marjorie J. Underwood, Ms. Myrle Hale, and Mr. Norman L Patton. We welcome you to join us!!

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*** There will also be a Sanctioned "B" Match on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the same location. Entries will be taken starting at 5:00 pm, and Class Judging will begin at 7:00 pm.

See premium list for more information.

East Central Region H. Craig Leslie 20069 Lichfield Detroit MI 48221-1335 313-863-9579 HCLeslie@sbcglobal.net

Finally, we here in Michigan are getting a break from the very nasty winter we have been enduring. The 2011 show season is just about to go into high gear. Good luck to all of you and I hope to see you at the rotating national in California.

Craig

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee

We in the upper Midwest are anxious for Spring. Like so many areas of the country, we endured a rough winter and can't wait to get outdoors with our dogs.

Preparations are well underway for our 3rd year of back-to-back specialty shows in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on Friday, July 29th, at the Waukesha County Exposition Center (Onofrio Superintendent). Ms. Mary B. Napper (morning) and Mr. Richard G. Beauchamp (afternoon) will judge the regular classes. Our show chair, Evelyn Behrens, is looking for a Sweepstakes judge. Michelle Nikolay and Marcy Eugene have put together a nice collection of prizes for these shows including customized items and original artwork. Between specialties we enjoy a good lunch, silent auction, and 50/50 raffle.

The Waukesha Kennel Club (Onofrio) will host all breed shows at the same show site on Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st. Barbara A. Gresser and Larry E. Dewer will be our breed judges, with Betty R. Leininger and Richard G. Beauchamp, the Toy Group judges.

We hope to see you in Waukesha, Wisconsin this summer. We have some big plans for the club and are eager to share them with you at our annual meeting.

Linda Molloy

Chihuahua Club Of Michigan

The following new Officers were elected at our December meeting: President, Bill McCollister; Vice-President, Jim Lehman; Recording Secretary, Heather Bondra; Treasurer, Sandy Files; Past President, Craig Leslie; and Board member Lisa Knop.

We are planning an April 17th Puppy Match and Meeting at Arboroads Farm Training Center, 3660 S. Maple Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48108. Directions are on their website, www.arboroads.com

We will return to back-to-back Specialties this year. The dates are August 13th & 14th at the Wight Training Center, just north of Ann Arbor MI. Our Judges are Fidelma Doherty Dixie and Mark Jaeger. More info in the next Chi-Chatter, or feel free to contact me.

Patricia Larrissey, CCM Corresponding Secretary

Nashville Chihuahua Club

The Nashville Chihuahua Club is proud to announce their upcoming back to back specialty on July 9-10, 2011 at the Clarion Inn, 2227 Old Fort Pkwy, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Our theme is The Roaring 20s, and we expect a great time! Everyone is welcome to dig up some vintage clothing and join the fun as well as the show.

There will be a B match on Friday evening preceding the specialty at 7:00 p.m.

Our judges are Richard Lashbrook and Carl Yochum. There will be Junior Showmanship both days. Randall Carr will judge our sweepstakes and provide a breed seminar.

Frank Farkas has graciously consented to be our auctioneer for the auction. Auction items are greatly appreciated. The juniors will assist in the auction as they did last year.

There will be a complimentary dinner provided for all attendees. Our Vice President Mina Anderson and Margaret Eoff will be in charge of the meal.

Rob Storey will again be in charge of decorations, and Derrik Hopkins will do our welcome bags. Dickie Dickerson is in charge of trophies, so be sure to contact him to make a donation.

Advertisement is welcome. Contact Secretary Betty Stallard for more information.

Lunch will be on your own each day. There is a restaurant in the newly remodeled hotel, and several eateries nearby.

The Superintendent is Roy Jones, 1105 W Auburn Dr, Auburn, IN 46706. The closing date is Wednesday, June 22, 2011. All entries must be sent to the superintendent.

Room costs are \$65.00 per night plus a onetime dog fee of \$10.00. RV parking with no hookups is \$40.00 unless someone associated with the RV has a room, and then there is no charge. The hotel telephone number is 615-896-2420.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Betty Stallard

West Central Region

Michael Holzkopf

3136 R F D Long Grove, IL 60047 847-540-8984

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Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club of Illinois

Dear Friends:

It is hard to imagine that Spring and Summer are just around the corner when you look out your window and see snow drifts taller than your vehicles! However, by the time this arrives the weather will already be warmer, the days longer and we will be ready to plan our dog show trips!

Have you marked July 2 and July 3 on your calendar? This is the weekend of the LLCCI Specialty! We will be at the same location as 2010 -- the Lincoln College in Lincoln, Illinois. There is plenty of room for your camper and the staff at the motels looks forward every year to our show! You can expect the same warm hospitality, see your old friends and make new friends.

Our judges are:

7/2/11: Cathy J. Gish 7/3/11: Bradley Jenkins Sweepstakes Judges: 7/2/11: Kim Gramlisch 7/3/11: Anne Catterson Superintendent: Roy Jones

The banquet will be prepared by a Chef Warren Wendlandt! He is a well known chef in Illinois and Wisconsin. Ask those who enjoyed the social last year -- the food was delicious and the auction was definitely an event you did not want to miss! The same promises to be true this year! With the 4th of July falling on Monday, it will give you an extra day to travel home. Please plan to attend!

We would like to welcome our newest members: Michelle Nikolay, Jodine Vertuno and Jennifer Snyder.

LLCCI is a member of the Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners. This organization supports our rights as dog owners and dog clubs. Please visit their site at: IFDCO.org. Find out how

you can become involved.

In closing, we want to wish everyone a wonderful Spring. Hope to see you in Lincoln in July.

Jan Hahn, Secretary

Pontchartrain Chihuahua Fanciers

PCF is in the process of planning our next Specialty which will be held in conjunction with Metairie KC on Saturday, August 6th at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, LA. This is an excellent facility and is near some fine restaurants, casinos and easy access to the French Quarter which is a party that never quits. We have interesting museums including the World War II museum, walking tours of the French Quarter, the Aquarium (which is awesome) and GREAT restaurants. Club members will be glad to help you with tours and information. Our entry last year was great and had an entry higher than any other Specialty club participating at the event.

We are also preparing for our annual picnic at which we will conduct several activities pertaining to the breed, which we hope will be beneficial to all who attend. The food is always great and members look forward to this get together every year.

I send good wishes to all who have experienced the snow and ice this winter. I hope you and your dogs fared well and we give thanks for just a few mornings of 12 degrees - we can handle that!

Marlene Moor, President PCF tevroc@juno.com

Texas Chihuahua Club

The weather was nice and we had a great time at our March "TEXAS SLUMBER PARTY" SPECIALTY. A couple of weeks before the Show, San Antonio had a little snow on the ground and it was nine degrees colder than Juno,

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Alaska. But then a week later it was up to 75 degrees; that's Texas weather for you. Those who couldn't attend missed a great time! Results will be in the next Chi Chatter.

Plans are now underway for our October Specialty so watch for more details as they appear.

Linda Herr, Secretary, Texas Chihuahua Club

Western Region

Jackie Dew PO Box 2905 Chino Valley AZ 86323 928-636-5597 jackiedew@ymail.com

Hi from Az.

I bet everyone is tired of the COLD!!! I lost all my plants the night it got down to 1 outside. It won't be long and summer will be here and we can all say it is too HOT out. The year is flying by and soon the CCA rotating National will be here. Held in Ontario, Ca. April 28-29-30- May 01, 2011. The top 20 Smooth Coats and Long Coats will be honored (should bring a tear or two). They are now taking reservations for the dinner which is always great and you meet so many new friends. Last but, not least is the auction. I have such a good time and everybody let's their hair down and bids away ... FUN FUN FUN it what it is. The So. Ca. Chihuahua Club also has a lot of neat things planned. Please plan on joining us for a WONDERFUL time. You won't be sorry!!!! See you all there,

Jackie Dew (Western Region V.P.)

Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix

We have voted and the new officers are:

President - Michelle Herod Vice-president - Conni Robinson



Treasurer- Jackie Dew

Secretary - Stephanie Schultes

3260 E Flossmoor, Mesa AZ 85204

Board members - Ivan Lugo, Mary Hardy, Kathy Golden

Our local spring shows are in full swing with hopes of majors We are also working hard on our fall specialty more info coming soon

Hope to see you all at the Spring National in California

Stephanie Schultes, CCGP Secretary

Southern California Chihuahua Club

2011 Rotating National Chihuahua Specialty Has "Gone Hollywood"

The Southern California Chihuahua Club (SCCC) is hosting the Rotating National Specialty with the Chihuahua Club of America (CCA) in 2011. Here are the details:

Time: 8:00 A.M.- 10:00 P.M.

Schedule: Thursday, April 28...Puppy Sweeps for the SCCC in the A.M.

Puppy Sweeps for the CCA in the P.M.

Friday, April 29... Conformation for the SCCC all day.

Saturday, April 30...Juniors for the SCCC in the A.M.

Conformation for the SCCC in the A.M.

Conformation for the CCA in the P.M.

Sunday, May 1... Juniors for the CCA in the A.M.

Conformation for the CCA all day.

Judges:

SCCC Conformation: Mr. Frank Sabella.

SCCC Sweepstakes: Ms. Stephanie Schultes.

SCCC Juniors: Mr. Frank Sabella.

CCA Conformation: Ms. Patricia Larrissey.

CCA Sweepstakes: Mr. Tracy Potts. CCA Juniors: Ms. Patricia Larrissey.

Top 20: There will be a Top 20 event. Kenneth Saenz is in charge. It will be held on Thursday evening, April 28. Start time will be 6:00 P.M. **Banquet:** Saturday evening, April 30, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Welcome: There will be a welcome party on Wednesday evening, April 27, 2011.

TROPHY CHAIRMAN: Kathy Smith bkschis@verizon.net

BANQUET INFORMATION: Chairs: Beverly LaFleur...lafleurs.chis@gmail. com, Pat Campbell... febpat@yahoo. com.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Banquet information will appear in the premium list.

Rv/Motorhome Parking Information

Chair: Christie Foulk...chrmom8@ aol.com

A maximum of 8 RV's/Motorhomes will be allowed in the east parking lot. Parking charges for the RV's/Motorhomes will be \$95.00 per day. This fee also includes a registered sleeping room should the RV/Motorhome owners wish to use it.

Generators will be allowed only for the RV's/Motorhomes in the east parking lot. Generators are not provided by the hotel. RV/Motorhome spaces will be issued in the order reservation forms are received by Christie Foulk. The reservation forms will be available in the premium list. A completed reservation form, received by Christie Foulk, is the only way you can obtain an RV/Motorhome space.

Auction Items

Chair: Suzanne Stephens...kimzachi@ gmail.com

We will have a silent auction.

Shuttle Arrangements

There is no cost to use the shuttle to get from Ontario International Airport to the Radisson Hotel or from the Radisson Hotel to Ontario International Airport. The shuttle runs on tips. The shuttle runs every 1/2 hour round the clock (24 hours). When you arrive at the airport you simply give the hotel a call and they will send the shuttle to pick you up. The Radisson's phone number is: (909) 975-5000. The airport is 2 minutes or 1.41 miles from the Radisson.

Show Chairman (Southern California Chihuahua Club) Dale Van Camp | (909) 241-7203-C | (760) 956-4935-Land Line dalevancamp@mac.com

Premium List Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows | P.O. Box 227303-Los Angeles, CA. 90022 fax: (323) 727-2949

We accept phone entries at (323) 727-0136 until noon on closing day. There is an additional charge of \$5.00 per dog per show for phone entries. We also accept hand deliveries at any show and at:

5434 East Olympic Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA. 90022

To make your entries online: www. jbradshaw.com/entry.htm

Ring Steward: Norma Strait

Show Chairman (Chihuahua Club of America)

Patricia W. Witter | (512) 858-7430-Land Line | (832) 746-5543-C • pwitter1@ gmail.com

Reservation Information

Reservations are now open for the April 28-May 1, 2011 Rotating National Chihuahua Specialty. Make your reservations early. You won't want to miss this exciting 4 day Specialty.

Place: Radisson Ontario Airport Address: 2200 E. Holt Boulevard Ontario, CA. 91761

Chihuahua Club of America Online Code: CHICLB

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Cost of Rooms: \$95.00 per night

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---A pet fee of \$150.00 could be charged for any room requiring additional cleaning.

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Bill Kohler and Associates Looking forward to seeing you all, Dale Van Camp SCCC

Chihuahua Club Of Hawaii

Our Club has a very busy year planned with different activities, such as several successful nursing home visits. The Club visited the Pearl City Nursing home to celebrate Valentines Day with the residents. Other activities that the Club is planning this year includes other nursing home visits, the May Pet Expo-to share information about our breed, our Annual Chihuahua Olympics, the Pet Walk, and our Christmas Club meetings. We are also in regular communication with the Oahu SPCA to augment and support their rescue operations and activities. Right now, there is an

unprecedented need for foster care homes for Chihuahuas and Chi mixes in the islands, and we are trying to develop our rescue program within the Club.

Our Club is always interested in sharing knowledge and practices on all aspects of our wonderful breed with the community at large and other fanciers. If you ever visit the Aloha State you are welcome to drop us a line, and meet up with us. We also have information on our Club and activities at our website: www.chihuahuaclubofhawaii.com. Look for our Club facebook page for pictures and announcements on Club activities. This year will be fun and filled with year round activities for our chis and Club members.

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In compliance with the Chihuahua Club of America Constitution and By-Laws, each completed application for membership will be reviewed and voted upon by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Additionally, the pending candidates will be printed in the Chi-Chatter for membership consideration prior to the committee vote. If a member has a concern about a candidate's possible membership in the Chihuahua Club of America, please notify the Membership Committee Chairperson in written form, within 45 days of publication in the Chi-Chatter. Candidates will receive a copy of any correspondence and will have an opportunity to respond. Candidates will become members with a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Membership Committee and Board. This process will take time but it is important that our membership be informed and the Constitution, as it presently exists, be followed.

Pending Candidates applications received November 15, 2010 thru February 15, 2011 will be voted on August 2011.

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Dince my last report, I have sent out 6 cards: a "Congratulations" card to Kyle and Tracy Potts on the birth of their new grandson; a get well card to Robert Eckles, our Purina rep; a sympathy card to Kathy Smith on the loss of her mother; a Thinking of You card to Rey Burgos; a Get Well card to Mina Anderson; a Thinking of You card to John and Rita Harshbarger.

A Christmas card was received from Frances Husbands with a note thanking us for the October marked catalog -"To all of you, it was such a pleasant surprise. Have no idea how I was so lucky!" I also received a call from Patty Griffin thanking us for the marked catalog and card that she received.

Please continue to keep me informed of any of our members that are ill, have

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lost a loved one, or that have passed away.

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CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA BREED MENTOR APPLICATION

Applicants must fulfill $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ categories to be approved as a parent club approved mentor.

1. Member of CCA for at least 10 consecutive years. List year joined.

2. Exhibited Chihuahuas for at least 12 years

Registration # of Dog Shown	Name of Dog Shown	Year Exhibited (at least 12 years ago

3. Bred at least five litters of Chihuahuas (owned or co-owned)

Name of Dam	Litter Registration #	Date of Birth

4. Four Chihuahuas owned and finished to their championship by applicant themselves (Chihuahuas finished by a co-owner or handler does not apply).

Name of Dog	Individual Registration #	Year Finished



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The Chihuahua Club of America has numerous ways to become involved and informed!

There is a CCA Membership List that you can belong to where you will get up-to-the-minute news and ongoing involvement with CCA, and 3 of the 4 regions have email lists that allow you one-on-one communication with your Vice-President.

To get involved in the CCA MEMBERSHIP LIST send an email, listing your name & address to:

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The **CCA West Central VP** has an email list. If you live in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Oklahoma or Texas, send an email, listing your name & address to:

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CCA's website also has information on just about everything CCA-related, from upcoming shows, seminars, CCA minutes in the "Members Only" Section, Health topics, Junior Showmanship and Obedience & Performance events and happenings, and even being able to pay your dues online via PayPal - you fill in your form and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and complete payment information and you are DONE!

To gain access to the CCA "Members Only" section, go to:

http://www.chihuahuaclubofamerica.com

In the left-hand section, there is a heading "MEMBERS ONLY". You first have to create an account - membership is not automatic because you are a CCA Member. Click on "Create an Account" and complete the Registration Form, including a password. No-one knows your password, so if you forget it, you can be issued another, but no-one but you will have access to your account. Click "REGISTER". PLEASE BE PATIENT - We have to verify each member is indeed a member of CCA. You will be sent 2 emails, one is verifying your email address, and the other is then sent to the Password Administrator, who verifies your membership in CCA. As soon as you are approved, you will be sent an email, and you can then login.



CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA

AKC MEDALLION FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.v

AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING CCA MEMBER TO RECEIVE THE AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The recipient must be a member in good standing of the CCA for at least five (5) years. They must have undertaken substantial activities to promote the sport of purebred dogs, demonstrated a high level of commitment to the Chihuahua and embody the attributes outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship

The recipient should regularly attend dog shows with their dog(s) and/or participate in activities (conformation, performance and companion) of the CCA and/or regional clubs. This annual award will be presented to an CCA member at the annual award banquet for their contribution to the club/breed. Examples of such contributions might include spearheading a successful program, making a major contribution to the breed, organizing a successful fund raising effort, or "simply" a selfless act of kindness.

1. How will Recipients be Nominated?

Nominations should come from three (3) CCA members in good standing with an essay of 200 words on why the individual (or group) deserves to be nominated. The essay should describe the activities of this individual (or group) that makes them a worthy candidate and explain how this person exemplifies good sportsmanship as outlined in the AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP. The nomination will be sent to the CCA Secretary and received by April 1 of each year. If the CCA Secretary does not receive a nomination from the membership by April 1, the CCA Board can make the selection for the recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for that year. If no candidates names are submitted, or no candidate found to meet the criteria established by AKC, there will be no award. The CCA Board will then review the nominations, to make sure that they meet the standards as set forth by AKC. All suitable candidates will then be sent to the Election Chair, who will include the names in the annual ballot.

2. WHO WILL SELECT THE WINNERS?

The award recipient will be selected by a vote of the membership of the CCA in a secret ballot, that will be returned to the teller. The winner will not be announced until the annual banquet at the Fall National Specialty.

3. What are the criteria of the award?

The award will recognize an individual (or individuals) who has shown unparalleled examples of sportsmanship and who best exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship as outlined in the AKC CODE OF SPORTS-MANSHIP, including but not limited to: fairness, civility, honesty, unselfishness and respect of the rules. The individual will also have set a good example and acted responsibly in furthering the CCA's objectives:

- 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.

If you wish to nominate an individual and/or group of individuals who you feel meets and/or exceeds the standards established by the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, please send the name, address and an essay of 200 words on why the individual or group deserves to be nominated by April 1, to:

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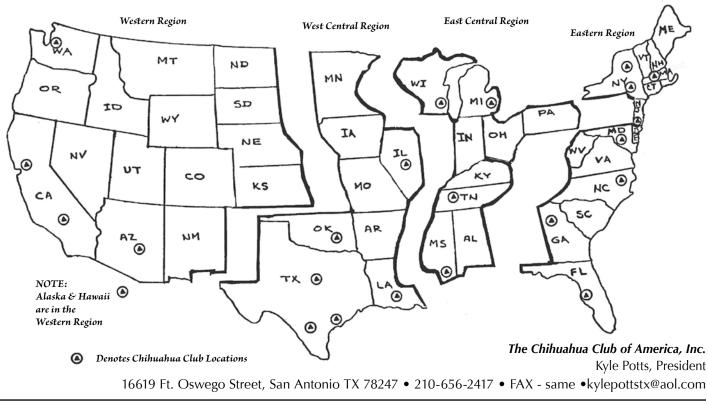
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