

# CHICHATTER

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MULTIPLE BEST IN SHOW & SPECIALTY SHOW WINNING

*Lear* 🐾

GCHG BELLO EMBUSTERO  
OF COMPOSANT

*Edmilson Reis*



Flash!  
Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club Specialty  
BOV & BOS!

# New Grand Champions

#1 ★ Willy



CHULA'S GET LUCKY

#6 ★ Rainey



CHULA'S CHASING RAINBOWS

GCH CH Chula's Light Em Up-L ROM x GCH CH Triple A Kissy At Chula's ROM

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★ Breed stats as of Feb 28

# Thank You Active Members!

5 - 10 YEARS!

TERRI BARNES  
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GAYLE ESSEX  
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ANGIE & SHIRLEY FURTADO  
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## ON THE COVER



GCHG Bello Embustero of Composant "Lear", my first Chihuahua, joined our family of show dogs in late 2015. He was hard to miss in the ring at the Americas & Caribbean Show in Chile. Eduardo Paris, who presents our dogs, had seen and admired him in the past and somehow convinced his breeder, Daniel Muñoz, to let us take him home. I was in love!

An AKC Gold Grand Champion, Lear holds champion and grand champion titles in six other countries (Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Italy, Belgium, & Brazil) as well as LatinoAmerican, PanAmerican, and Intercontinental Championships. Winner of multiple Bests in Show and Bests in Specialty Show, Lear added the U.S. to his other #1 country rankings (Brazil, Chile and Uruguay) by ending 2017 as the #1 Smooth Chihuahua.

Lear has introduced me to a wonderful breed. Thank you to his many fans for your kindness and encouragement – they mean everything.

**Kara Gordon**



# Presidents Letter



As you all receive this, spring is just around the corner. As part of this, it's that time of year when CCA begins the process of nominations for BOD positions up for election. If you are interested in being considered, please contact the chair of the nominating committee, Linda George, at [Ouachitah@aol.com](mailto:Ouachitah@aol.com).

Also, it's time to start planning for the next CCA Handbook! For those not familiar with the handbook, it is published every 4-5 years and contains pedigrees, articles, club history, and advertisements. If you are interested in serving on the handbook committee, or have more questions about what is involved, please contact any member of the BOD.



And lastly, you should have received a CCA Member Club Blast via email. This is a new service CCA is offering to member clubs as a means to send information to the entire CCA membership on upcoming events. Deadline for inclusion in the monthly blast is the 30th of the month. If you have questions or your club would like to submit information for inclusion in the blast, please send it to [lapaynel@gmail.com](mailto:lapaynel@gmail.com), subject "CCA Membership Blast".

Best,

Lauren



# Letter from The Editor



It is hard to believe how quickly this year is going! I know that for me I am really trying to take the time to enjoy the moments with my family and friends. Now is the time to think about trying new things. We will soon be upon election time for the club. If you have ever thought about running for a spot on the board or heading up a committee, or even just being on a committee, try it! I have been trying to step out of my comfort zone more, and while at first it can be difficult, the more I do it the less uncomfortable it becomes. I have also found that many times my preconceived notions of how I thought a situation would be, or how I thought others would react, has often been wrong, for the better! We have some great members and some amazing dogs that represent our breed. Now is the time for us to shine!

Do you have any amazing or funny photos or stories to share? If so, please share them with me! I would love to include them in the Chi Chatter. I am working with Jen Newton to create an easy to use place on the CCA website where members can submit info, reports, etc.... The more information we have the better we can make the club.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Chi Chatter. In closing I will leave you with this - What do you call it when a cat wins a dog show?

A CAT-tastrophe!

Smile and enjoy!

-Suzanne



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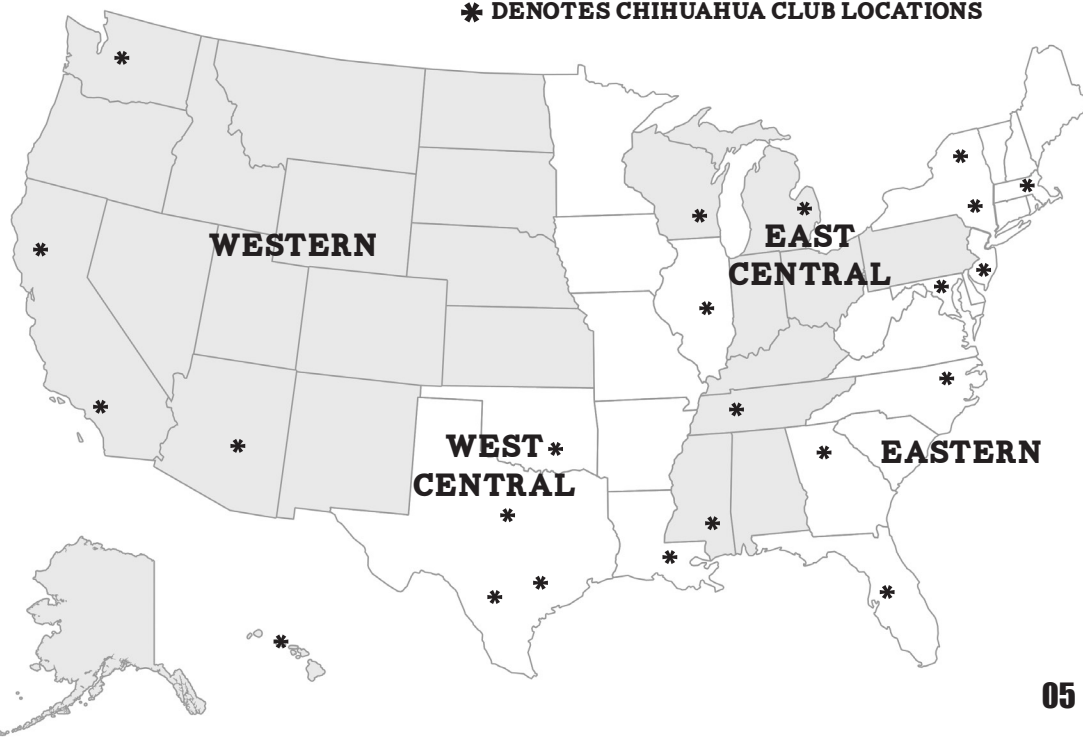
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# NOR'EAST TOY DOG CLUSTER

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NEW SITE – AIR CONDITIONED – PAVED PARKING  
SPORTS TURF FLOORING IN ALL RINGS



## FIVE SHOWS AND TRIALS IN THREE DAYS FOR CHIHUAHUAS

2 shows on Friday, 1 show & a specialty on Saturday, 1 show on Sunday  
Complimentary buffet dinner for Chihuahua exhibitors on Saturday

WIDE WORLD OF INDOOR SPORTS | 1610 DAVISVILLE ROAD | NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI

CLASSIC TOY DOG CLUB OF  
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
Friday Morning and Saturday, May 25 & 26, 2018

TOWN & COUNTRY TOY DOG CLUB OF  
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
Friday Afternoon and Sunday, May 25 & 27, 2018

National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) & 4-6 Month Puppy Competition on Saturday and Sunday

Supported entries for Chihuahuas at all 4 Toy Group shows

Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club independent specialty & sweepstakes on Saturday evening.  
*Judge: Carol P. Smith*

Yankee Miniature Pinscher Club All-Toy Rally Trial on Saturday evening.  
*Judge: Ms. Donna J. Blews-Pappas*

### JUDGES

BREED OR CLASS	FRIDAY AM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Toy Group	Thomas E. Daniels	* Juliann Bitter	* Sandra Bingham-Porter	* Richard Camacho
National Owner-Handled Group	Not Offered	Not Offered	Dianne Tyree	Carol P. Smith
Toy Puppy Group	Stephanie Abraham	Not Offered	Not Offered	Mr. Dennis J. Gunsher
Toy Bred By Exhibitor Group	Not Offered	Dianne Tyree	Adam Stafford King	Not Offered
Chihuahuas (Long)	Thomas E. Daniels	Juliann Bitter	Sandra Bingham-Porter	* Richard Camacho
Chihuahuas (Smooth)	Thomas E. Daniels	Juliann Bitter	Sandra Bingham-Porter	* Richard Camacho
4-6 Month Puppy	Not Offered	Not Offered	Jan Stachurski	Carol P. Smith
Junior Showmanship	Stephanie Abraham	* Dianne Tyree	Sandra Bingham-Porter	Richard Camacho
All Novice Obedience Classes	Lynda S. Moore	Lynda S. Moore	* Dr. Karen Tucker	Karen Wrey
All Obedience Classes Except Novice	Lynda S. Moore	Lynda S. Moore	Karen Wrey	Karen Wrey
Rally	Lynda S. Moore	Lynda S. Moore	Karen Wrey	Karen Wrey
		FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Agility (Toy Dogs Only)		* Frank Gilmer	* Jeffrey Boyer	* Jeffrey Boyer

\*= Permit Judge

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# IN EVERY ISSUE

## 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 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 GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE TO JUNIOR MEMBERS

Travel assistance will be available to junior members of the Chihuahua Club of America who are attending the National show in St. Louis each October. Travel assistance is available to those junior members who meet specific criteria. Full details can be found at <http://www.chihuahuclubofamerica.org/junior-spotlight>.



## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

### (SHOW RESULTS, PHOTOS, EDITORIAL, REGIONAL REPORTS, ETC..)

Show results, photos, editorial and more can be submitted by emailing [kimzachi@gmail.com](mailto:kimzachi@gmail.com). All forms for completion can be obtained on the CCA website or by emailing the above address with your request. All submissions must use the appropriate forms (if applicable) to be considered for submission in the Chi Chatter and/or on the CCA website.



## GUIDELINES FOR PLAQUES AT SPECIALTY SHOW

CCA will offer a BOB plaque (or BOV plaques) and a HIT plaque (if obedience is offered at the local specialty) to CCA Member Clubs for presentation n at their specialties. If notified by the member club in a timely manner; and if the CCA award(s) is published in the local member club's premium list, a copy of which must be received by the awards committee.

Full details on how to obtain plaques can be found at [www.chihuahuclubofamerica.org/cca-member-clubs/awards-recognition](http://www.chihuahuclubofamerica.org/cca-member-clubs/awards-recognition).



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# BULLETIN BOARD

## **Members of the Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.,**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chihuahua Club of America, the Nominating Committee is beginning the process of putting together a slate of officers for this year's elections. Board positions are a 2 year commitment. The following positions are eligible for election this year:

- President
- Secretary
- West Coast Vice President
- East Central Vice President
- Two (2) Board positions

Members who are interested in running for office should contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Linda George prior to June 1, 2018. The following criteria shall be considered for eligible candidates for nomination:

- An understanding of club management and function
- Experience in club service (committee work)
- A willingness to actively serve the best interests of CCA
- An ability and commitment to attend the Regional/National Shows and the General meeting each year
- Agree to be present and active on the board conference calls and to be active in the discussions on the board email list. Board business is conducted via the internet.
- Length of active membership

Sincerely,

**Linda George**  
ouachitah@aol.com  
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# MEETING MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA BOD MEETING MINUTES - January 29, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Lauren Payne at 7.06 p.m. on January 29, 2018.

**ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Shawn Christine Jones, Marcy Blank, H Craig Leslie, Kyle Potts, Myrle Hale, Jessica Simon, Jen Newton, Kris Specht, and Suzanne Stephens. Beverly LaFleur was absent from the call.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Lauren Payne reported that the Date Calendar is a work in progress. An email has been sent to all committee chair for them to submit activity timelines. An email blast had been sent to all member clubs.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.** Marcy Blank reported the following:

- \* We are current in responses to general inquiries via USPS, email and web site.
- \* We are receiving CCA Member Club applications for approval for 2018 Specialty dates and are current in these approvals
- \* Motions There have been no motions passed this quarter.
- \* We are up to date on the CCA Officer roster which has been submitted to and receipt acknowledged by the American Kennel Club
- \* General Non-for Profit Annual Report filed with the State of Illinois on January 5, 2017
- \* The Secretary is current on cross referencing paid dues renewals and listing committee interest.
- \* Per AKC's request, we have clarified which individual's advertising on the AKC marketplace are actual members of CCA.
- \* All new members voted in by the BOD have been notified of acceptance. All current pending candidates' names have been forwarded to the Chi Chatter.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kyle Potts reported the following:

### 1030 BofA accounts

10301 · CCA Regular Checking	\$20,682.85
10300 · The Chihuahua Magazine #0667	\$135.75
10304 · Chihuahua Health Related #0951	\$1,626.98
	\$22,445.58
1202 · Ameriprise Financial	\$82,330.11
Total assets	\$104,775.69

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Kyle requested that the BOD close the Chihuahua Magazine account and transfer the balance to the general fund.

H Craig Leslie made a motion to accept the treasurer's request permitting her to close the Magazine account and transfer the balance to the General account. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: President Lauren Payne reported that the BOD needs to secure a chair for the upcoming handbook committee and look into publishing alternatives to reduce the size of the handbook. Marcy asked about reducing the number of handbooks published in the initial run in order to not incur another surplus of unsold books in inventory. Suzanne Stephens will research options. Kyle Potts stated that the 2015 initial order was for 400 books. Marcy suggested we inventory all future handbooks in QuickBooks.

President Lauren Payne stated that the current issue of the Chi Chatter has been mailed to members. Discussion ensued regarding the smaller font size and pictures of the 2017 national winners. Suzanne Stephens stated that these will be enlarged for future issues featuring the fall shows. Kris Specht offered to assist Suzanne in preparing this issue.

President Lauren Payne will contact the Nominating Committee chair regarding the upcoming announcement soliciting interest from our members to serve on the BOD.

Shawn Jones suggested that the BOD "get its ducks in a row" for the next scheduled conference call and submit and agenda and member call in information preferably a week in advance of the scheduled call.

H Craig Leslie made a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 CST

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marcy Blank-Secretary

## PENDING CANDIDATES.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OCTOBER 2 2017  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. THE BOARD  
WILL VOTE ON THESE CANDIDATES IN JULY 2018

**RUNCHANA LERTSIRISUMPUN**  
SPONSORS: HIRAM STEWART  
KATHY HULSTEIN

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### SHOW COMMITTEE JILL HOPPER

This year's shows will be held once again at the Holiday Inn Route 66 SW in St. Louis, MO. The dates are as follow: Regional Show Thursday/Friday October 11th and 12th. Sweepstakes judge is Michael Dunnington, Conformation Judge is Ann Hearn.

The National Show is held on Saturday/Sunday October 13th and 14th. Sweepstakes Judge is Rachel Murphy, Conformation Judge is Rodney Merry. Be sure to save the date!

### TOP 20 COMMITTEE WILLOW BARFIELD

Top 20 planning is well underway. The committee is Willo Barfield and Kathy Bornemann (Co-Chairs), Colleen Combers, Linda Herr, Shawn Jones, Jen Lee, Sharon Massad, Sylvia Mattson. MARK THE DATE - October 12, 2018

### HEALTH COMMITTEE KRISTI GREEN

CCA AKC-CHF DAF Fund:  
Balance: \$41,480.37

New CHIC Numbers (4th quarter 2017):

There were 35 new or updated CHIC #'s in the 4th quarter of 2017. 10 updated CHIC numbers and 25 new CHIC numbers were issued.

Reminder to all doing OFA health testing; once you submit initial results, RESUBMITS are FREE of charge; simply indicate when you send the updated forms in that it is an UPDATE and you will not be charged. Updating health results during the breeding lifetime of your dog provides even more valuable information past the initial tests.

### BREED RESCUE LYNNIE BUNTEN

I have received a few requests for assistance with Chihuahuas needing a home or other help. Most came from individuals trying to find a home for the pet of a deceased or incapacitated family member. If anyone has any suggestions for resources in your own geographical area, please forward them to me. I can be reached by email at [lynnie@texaskachina.com](mailto:lynnie@texaskachina.com) or by text of telephone at 210-889-0780.

Also, please let me know of any Chihuahua Rescue groups you encounter. There are so many parts of the country without many resources. At the moment, we have only two independent rescue groups listed on the CCA website along with the local club affiliated rescue contacts. If any of those listings are incorrect, please let me know. I'm about to add another independent rescue group to the website, Texas Chihuahua Rescue, based in San Antonio, TX with a branch in Ontario, Canada.



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## EASTERN REGION

KRIS SPECHT

East Coast VP

How can we help our clubs survive? I think we can all agree that clubs, whether at a national, regional or local level are SUPER important and many are in danger of dying. In the New England area, our local member club is struggling. I'm wondering how many other tiny clubs are feeling the same burn? As my local member club gathers together trying to put on a specialty I wonder what we all can do as CCA members to help keep such clubs viable? At a minimum, if you can? Enter a local specialty. Volunteer your time and talents if you're able? Donate to the trophy fund? Even \$10 helps! We are all slammed. SO BUSY! Many of us haven't a show dog right now? Or much time? Or much money? But I know in my heart of hearts EVERY one of us has talents/assets/strengths that are exceedingly valuable!!! And are NEEDED!! Here I am. Your VP for like a minute. And already I'm asking you for stuff? UGH! :/ But I'm here for YOU too! Let me know what's on your mind and how I can help!

KRIS SPECHT

Secretary

**Heart of New England  
Chihuahua Club**

Well WE are excited!! Plans are coming together nicely for our back to back concurrent specialties on April 7-8, 2018 at the Eastern States Expo in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The JUDGES:

- \* Saturday supported judge: Jackie Rayner
- \* Saturday specialty judge: Bradley Jenkins
- \* Sunday supported judge: Dorothy Taylor
- \* Sunday specialty judge: Bonnie Linnell Clarke

AND the mountain of prizes is growing! In addition to GORGEOUS trophies for Best in Specialty Show hand sculpted by Pam MacClintock and Zora Melnick, there are BEAUTIFUL beds, crate pads, snuggly sacks and SO MUCH MORE!!! Everyone wins!! If you enter you get stuff!!!

**CHI CHATTER**

And plans are even coming together for the LOBSTER! I mean we are a tiny club with only so much \$. But WE PROMISED YOU LOBSTA! YOU GONNA GET LOBSTA!!!! (rolls if we still have \$ after buying all those trophies?) The superintendent is MBF. You can find more details on the 2 all-breed shows - Troy KC, April 7th and Trap Falls KC, April 8th and the HNECC concurrent specialties on infodog.com.

Or, if you like special treatment, I'm game. Send me and email at hnecc.sec@gmail.com and I will email you pdf premium lists.

If you can't get to MA in April and just want to support our tiny club, you could donate to our trophy raffle and get chances to win a Pam MacClintock sculpture. You don't have to be present to win!! Just drop me a line at hnecc.sec@gmail.com or go straight to [www.paypal.me/HNECC](http://www.paypal.me/HNECC) and make a donation.

## WEST CENTRAL REGION

JESSICA SIMON

West Central VP

Hope this Chi Chatter finds everyone well and off to a good New Year! I know I am personally happy that Chicago weather is starting to warm up and my RV is out and we are travelling to shows again! We have quite a few specialties coming up and I look forward to seeing familiar faces and beautiful chihuahuas! Below you will find upcoming specialties for our region, member clubs please continue to send me your event dates to include in future issues! Good luck to all that are out and about and safe travels!

ERIN PETERS

Secretary

**Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club**

March 2-4 2018 Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club will be hosting Back-to-Back Specialties in conjunction with the Belle-City All-Breed Shows. These shows will be closing February 14, 2018. It will be held at Purina Farms, 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO. Foy Trent is our Superintendent. You can find the premium at [www.foytrentdogshows.com](http://www.foytrentdogshows.com).

Reserved Grooming and Reserved RV parking is available, please see the Show Premium for contact information.

- \* Specialty judges are Loraine Boutwell and Terry Lyddon.
- \* Sweepstakes judge is Bob Gentile.
- \* Bell-City judges are Carolyn Herbel and Leslie Hiltz.

CONNIE WILLIAMS

Secretary

**Houston Chihuahua Club**

We are gearing up for our 2018 back to back Specialties. Our Judges have been hired. We are working on trophies, raffle table and silent auction items. There are already some nice items coming in. We are looking forward to moving to our new venue, the Omni Hotel – Houston, West Side, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston Texas. We will have a larger show room area. Our shows will still be on the Friday (August 24th, 2018) before the Toy Club of Greater Houston shows (August 25th & 26th, 2018). 4 shows in 3 days!!!! And we have been very fortunate in the past to have large majors that carry on through the weekend shows. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to come join us for some good old Texas Hospitality and lots of fun! Come help us to make those hard to find majors! Y'all come now!

## WEST REGION

SHAWN JONES

With 2018 off to a great start we're seeing some nice Chihuahua's racking up some awesome wins... Congratulations to all! Here in Montana we're having the worst winter we've experienced in many, many years. With the bad weather and a growing litter, I've been sticking pretty close to home but I look forward to getting out to shows this spring to start showing my new puppies and see my dog show friends. Also, my granddaughter Harper (she's 6) wants to start showing dogs this summer so I'm looking forward to seeing her excitement as she learns the art of presenting a dog. Remember there are several upcoming Specialties so please get out and support our member clubs with your entries! And don't forget, if any of you have questions or want to voice any concerns please feel free to contact me.

CHRISTIE FOULK

President

**Southern California  
Chihuahua Club**

A Very warm hello from the members of the Southern California Chihuahua Club! We began our year by hosting a Meet the Breed booth at the Palm Springs Kennel club show in Indio. It is always so rewarding to have the opportunity to teach the public about our wonderful little dogs! This effort was headed up by Becky Bell and a host of other members. When several of our members became aware that many of our local shelters do not have small kibble suitable for the toy breeds in their care, they brought their concerns to our club. Kathy Smith, Becky Yohonn, Donna Enyeart and Doreen Blank led the charge! We began collecting beds, blankets and small breed kibble. This resulted in two van loads of goodies for the shelters!! The recipients were so excited by our outreach that they posted an online thank you to our club. Next on our calendar, is our Annual SOCC Chihuahua Specialty! We are excited to have Mrs. Vicki Abbott as our Specialty judge and Ms. Renee Harris as our sweeps judge. This is always a well-attended show with multiple opportunities for majors. This year we will be holding our show concurrent with the ACDC kennel club shows. Their show will be held in the morning with ours following in the afternoon. We will be supporting their entry as well. There will be shows on Thursday and Friday hosted by the Conejo Kennel Club! That's five fabulous shows! Our members are busy lining up a wonderful array of trophies. We hope you can come on out and visit sunny Southern California for this great line up of shows. The date for our Specialty is Saturday April 21. You can find more information at Jack Bradshaw Dog Show Superintendents or on our website. PS. A highlight is always the amazing catered lunch put on by club members and a fabulous selection of silent auction items. Hope to see you there!



DEBBIE FRANKLIN  
Secretary  
**Chihuahua Club of  
Northern California**

The members of the Chihuahua Club of Northern California are all working hard to bring the fancy their annual specialty held in conjunction with the "Woofstock" cluster on June 6, 2018 in Vallejo, California. CCNC will begin the cluster with the specialty, followed by four more days of shows, with five chances for majors. There will be a wonderful raffle, a grand prize, several health clinics, a best of the best for all specialty winners to compete in on Saturday evening with a free pizza dinner for all, and so much more throughout the weekend. We are pleased to have Ms Renee Pederson Harris as our sweepstakes judge and Mr. John Wade as our judge. CCNC hopes that you will all be able to join us for this super fun weekend at one of the largest, well attended circuits in California on Wednesday June 6, 2016. Our superintendent is MBF-Inc. Hope we see you there! It's gonna be one groovy specialty!!

MARILYN CASIANO  
Secretary/Treasurer  
**Chihuahua Club of  
Greater Phoenix**

Our Specialty Show on February 2, 2018 was a huge success, and once, again the Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix managed to pull off another grand show. Royal Canin sponsored our show, and without a doubt, the level of competition was keen and the quality of all the dogs entered was superb and included some of the top-ranking Chihuahuas in the Country. Although the show was indoors, Phoenix had beautiful weather, with sunny, warm and just plain comfortable temperatures which made all of our out of town exhibitors stay (win or lose) even nicer. Our next Specialty will be September 20, 2018 and CCGP will be concurrent with the Arizona Toy Dog Fanciers Show in Prescott Valley, AZ. These shows will be in conjunction with the Copper Classic event of Prescott Valley Kennel Club & Kachina Kennel Club all breed shows. This will give Chihuahua fanciers another opportunity to enter 6 shows in 5 days, all in an indoor climate-controlled venue. There will be a lot of extra things for Chihuahua exhibitors to participate in, including the famous Bar-B-Q dinner put on by Michelle Herod and her family. The weather should be wonderful (sunny, clear and mild) in Prescott Valley during this time of year (no guarantees though). We sincerely hope that as many CCA members will plan to attend these shows.

ANITA NOLL  
Secretary  
**Evergreen Chihuahua Club, Inc**

Hello to all from the Washington State - the Evergreen State. The Evergreen Chihuahua Club's members and friends celebrated our 32nd Anniversary of independent specialties in August. sponsored by Royal Canin. The shows were a nice success, preceding 2 All Breed Shows hosted by the Olympic Kennel Club. We want to once again thank Loren Coxen and Royal Canin for a wonderful experience!

We have decided to move our show dates, not location, for 2018. We are staying at the Enumclaw Expo Center in Enumclaw, WA, but moving our dates to October 6 and 7. These shows will be run concurrent with the Toy Dog Club of Puget Sound's two Toy specialties, offering 4 chances for majors in 2 days. We will be avoiding the HEAT of August, and the problems of the very popular OKC weekend, namely the crowds. By moving to October we'll have better parking, motel access and no August heat! We do recommend the OKC shows in August! They are AWESOME! In October, if you can possibly fly through Seattle on your way to the National, a few days early, there will be our 4 shows to welcome you. Join us in the Pacific Northwest. It is lovely here!

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# 2017 ORLANDO REGIONAL

The 2017 CCA Orlando Regional was successful. With the venue being in sunny Florida, it is always a trip worth taking. The breed was well represented with the second largest specialty entry of the day. The Chihuahua entry was one of the largest at the AKC/Royal Canin Championship event.

Myrle Hale judged the Sweepstakes and Toddie Clark judged the regular classes. Surely exhibitors were excited to exhibit in their rings. This event allowed us to showcase our breed to the fancy. Both future judges, approved judges, and fellow Chihuahua lovers had the opportunity to watch a quality entry. Having so many beautiful Chihuahuas made for an exciting day for all.

Our Chihuahua “Meet The Breeds” Booth was a hit! As usual, our dedicated crew did a wonderful job. I would like to thank them for their efforts to promote our breed. Lana Bowes worked hard to secure trophy donations for the show. Thanks to Lana and all the donors to the trophy fund.

If you have not attended the Florida Regional Specialty in the past, please consider joining us. It is the perfect venue to celebrate and exalt our breed. We are all winners!



# SAMANTHA AND SUNNY WIN BIG!

*Submitted by Nancy Van Buren*



Samantha Van Buren and GCHB Lake Country's Walking on Sunshine "Sunny" have competed in Junior showmanship since 2012. Sunny was Samantha's 12th birthday present and has been exclusively trained and shown by her. This was Samantha's final year competing as a Junior handler. She qualified and competed with Sunny in this Limited Junior showmanship competition for the past five years and was previously a finalist in 2013. She is the only Junior handler competing with a Chihuahua to become a finalist in this competition.

There were 162 Junior handlers competing at this year's event, which was her last competition as a Junior. Thank you to the Preliminary Judge Valerie Nunes-Atkinson for selecting her as a finalist and to the Finals Judge Houston Clark for awarding her Fourth Place. We also thank members of CCA, who have provided encouragement and support to all Junior handlers, who share a love for this breed.

Finalist and fourth place win photos from the December 2017 AKC/Royal Canin National Championship Junior Showmanship competition in Orlando, Florida.



## Meet The Breed









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