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BIS BISS GCHP Bramver's Orihime

Best in Show



One



Owned by LORI BLOCK & BILL BLOCK

Best in Show

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#1

LONG COAT CHIHUAHUA*

*per CN Breed thru October 2022

Multiple
RESERVE BESTS IN SHOW
GROUP WINS
BESTS IN SPECIALTY SHOW
2022 WKC BEST OF BREED

THANK YOU JUDGES

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GCHP BRAMVER'S ORIHIME



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"Ore"

“Ore” is a special treasure in so many ways. With her sparkling and confident personality, eager desire to please, love of meeting new people, exceptional devotion to always giving her best in the show ring, and an extraordinary beauty that shines both inside and out, she is truly “One of a kind”. “Ore” has touched many lives and is an exceptional ambassador for the breed.

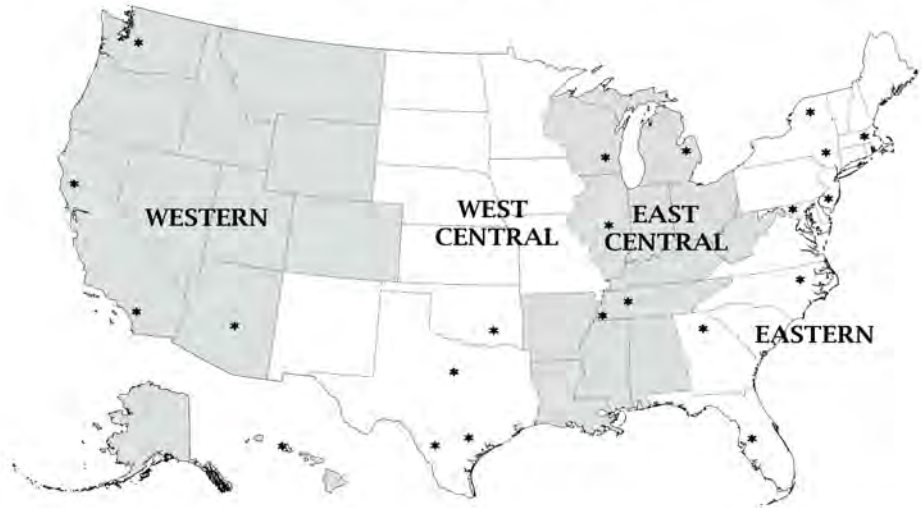




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Editor's Pen

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday. I didn't get much of a break between Chi Chatters with the delay of the Nationals photos it set me back four weeks, which gave me less than a month to get two issues together to then must start on the Winter issue! Whew!

In the Fall issue of the Chi Chatter, I posted a calendar for everyone which shows all the deadlines for the Chi Chatter and the mailing months. PLEASE cut it out or make a copy for yourselves for quick reference.

I STILL need help with several areas of the Chi Chatter so please contact me if you are willing to donate some of your time. SEND ME YOUR WINS! Everyone can afford sharing your wins with everyone in Bragging Rights for \$25. And it doesn't have to be conformation wins. Whatever discipline, show off your wins!

May All Your Ribbons Be Blue or Better,

Michele Misurelli-Gillis

Michele Misurelli-Gillis, Editor



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 3, 2023-The balance in the CCA checking account is \$90,441.60. This amount includes \$26,106.71 for the Health Fund. I will have a better breakdown for the other funds (Juniors, Rescue, and Trophy) as soon as I get a chance to enter all of the deposits from November & December into the system. My last two months have been consumed with collecting payments from the Nationals, collecting Chi Chatter ad payments, collecting member & member club dues, and sending out multiple rounds of dues reminders via snail mail & email.

One of our members suggested that we might move our dues deadline to another month, one that was not as busy as December. Many of our members find it convenient to pay their dues at the Nationals in October, as I bring the forms with me to the shows. The forms are available on the CCA website. They are published near the end of the year in the Chi Chatter. And you can always contact me for copies of the renewal forms and Code of Ethics forms. For the last two years, I have sent out the forms at the beginning of December, and I remind everyone again near the end of December. Our dues deadlines – December 31st for the normal amount, January 31st for an additional \$5.00, and February 28th for an additional \$10.00 – have been set that way for a number of years. I've tried to make things as easy as possible for our members and member clubs to get their dues in on time, thereby avoiding the additional fees for late payment. And, considering how time-consuming dues collections are for me in November and December, I would absolutely be open to any members who choose to send their dues in as early as September. It would certainly make my life easier.

If you make payments to CCA online, and the payments are coming from an account with another name, please remember to place the member's name in the comments section. It makes my life easier if I don't have to scroll through all of the email addresses on our membership roster, trying to pin down which member is making a payment. Also please remember that the CCA PayPal email address is chiclubofamerica@gmail.com. I generally include my email address in all correspondence, but only as a way to contact me. Please do not use my email address to make PayPal payments to CCA.

Thanks to all of our members and member clubs who have already renewed their membership. I think we have close to 80% of our members who have met the December 31st deadline.

Have a wonderful new year and be well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherrie L. Shirky, CCA Treasurer
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President's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish everyone the best year yet. Many of you who know me well, also know that being President of Chihuahua Club of America was not on my bucket list. However, I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve this club and the wonderful breed in other ways than I have in the past. I have the best interests of the breed and the club in mind, always. I am very grateful for the wonderful members we have and hope to get to know everyone better this year. We have some wonderful things coming up in our club and our breed.

First of all, 2023 is a major birthday. Chihuahua Club of America is turning 100 years old this year! To celebrate, our show chairs are planning lots of wonderful things for our Regional and National shows this year. The events will be held in the Dallas, Texas area for this year. The hotel in St Louis,

Missouri, where we have been for many years, has new ownership and is not going to include dog shows any more. Anyway, if you would like to help with the shows, please contact Kyle Potts, kpottstx@aol.com. Her co-chair is Michelle Brislin, who is also the Top Twenty chair. All this requires lots of work and helping hands, so I encourage any of you with talents you'd like to share, to contact these ladies and step up.

Your Board and I have been working very hard to figure out how everything involving a club like ours must be done. We've gradually been able to get better at all this. This year we are going to try to improve more and streamline everything so that we can keep you better informed. If you are not on the Chihuahua Club of America's official Facebook, ask me or any of the board to invite you and that will happen. We try to put any announcements up there in a timely manner, so it's a good way to keep up. Our local clubs advertise in the Chi Chatter, but feel free to put show information on the CCA Facebook page as well.

Many of you have received dues reminders from our Treasurer, Sherrie Shirky. If you have already paid, thank you. If you haven't done that yet, from now until January 31, 2023, there is a \$5 late fee so the amount to send is \$40. If you don't get it in by February 28, 2023, there's another \$5 due so it would be \$45. You may send a check to Sherrie's address at 6410 Falls Church St. San Antonio, TX 78247, or use PayPal. The club's PayPal address is Chiclubofamerica@gmail.com.

After February 28, your membership will have lapsed, and you will have to reapply. Also, I'd like to remind our members to support your local clubs too. Some of our local clubs have shut down. That is very sad. Part of this may be due to the aging of our members. As we get older and don't get younger blood in, it's harder to put on a show. If anyone has some ideas on how we can support your local club a bit better, please let me, or your region's CCA Vice-President know.

There is a map of the U.S. in each issue of Chi Chatter and on the page with the Club's officers and Committee Chairs, your Vice-Presidents are listed as well. They would be happy to hear from you.

It's show season again! I can't wait to get out to the shows to see all our new up and coming Chihuahuas start or continue their show careers. See you soon, I hope.

Your President,

Lynnie Buntten

Allynid "Lynnie" Buntten, President CCA

CCA Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF CCA BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2022

President Lynnne Bunten called the meeting to order at 7:36 CST.

Present: Lynnne Bunten, Racheal Miller, Emily Buller, Kara Gordon, Sherrie Shirky, Bill Block, Annette Waldkoetter, Michelle Brislin, Christie Foulk. Absent Beverly La Fleur.

Also, present Barbara Proctor – Parliamentarian.

Minutes approved as read for November 9 Board meeting.

Minutes of October 15 Annual meeting approved by Board with no corrections

Minutes of August 11 Board meeting approved with no corrections

Secretary Report: Christie has received a member complaint along with a \$50.00 check. Copies of the complaint were mailed to all Board members on Nov. 21 2022. Updated Standing Committees and new Committee Chairs have been sent to Michelle Brislin for the website.

Treasurer report: Treasurer Sherrie Shirky has mailed renewal forms with the code of ethics form to all members who have not yet renewed. Emails have gone out to foreign members. Sherry says we must have a signed COE on file. CCA Member Club renewal forms were mailed to the contact person on file for each member club not yet renewed.

For those members who renew online, the member renewal forms, and COE can either be mailed or emailed to Sherrie Shirky, CCA Treasurer.

The balance in the CCA checkbook is \$84,102.00—comprised of \$26,036.71 for the Health Fund, and \$58,065.29 for the General Fund.

The Board ratified previous email votes to seat Christie Foulk as CCA Secretary, and to seat Racheal Miller in Christie's vacated Director seat.

The Board ratified previous email votes to seat new committee chairs, as well as reseating the standing committees.

The Board ratified the previous email vote to amend the standing rule concerning approval for member club specialties. This standing rule has been changed to: **No two Member clubs located less than 500 miles apart can hold their specialty shows on the same dates or overlapping set of dates without approval from CCA.**

Michelle Brislin's motion, seconded by Racheal Miller, that the Board add a standing Rule requiring that individual members or families must only renew their own -personal family member renewals, due to the concern that allowing others to submit renewals could create a liability for the club. The Board approved the motion.

The standing rules are in the process of being updated.

The following new members were approved:

Mike Wolfe, Clayton and Sharon Mooney, Susan Gartner, Barbara Chamberlain, Susan Mc Neely, Annalisa Waldkoetter, Betty Pollock, Laura Strucky, Kacie Davis, and Halley Garret. A new junior member, Bryant Janetzke has been approved.

The Board called for an adjournment with a fixed date of December 14 at 7 CST to reconvene.

On December 14 at 7:15 CST The CCA Board reconvened to set the date and time of a hearing in regard to a member complaint.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Foulk

CCA Secretary



Dear Wonderful CCA Members,

As the New Year begins, your CCA Board has been busy behind the scenes! I can report that this Board is working very well together. We are excited about our 100 Year Anniversary!! And we are excited to say that our membership roster continues to grow! Please be sure to read about our upcoming plans in each issue of the Chi Chatter. And, if you have a minute let our fabulous Editor Michele Misurelli-Gillis know how much you appreciate her hard work. It is much more than a full-time job!

The CCA Board would like to let you know that our very competent CCA Secretary Racheal Miller, has decided to step down. She has done a fantastic job and we would like to let her know how much we appreciate her tireless hard work for the club. In her stead, I (Christie Foulk) have taken over as CCA Secretary. Racheal has agreed to step in and continue on the board in my director position. The Board has unanimously approved this change.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Each year the Board will appoint standing committees or persons, to advance the work of the Club. Standing Committees shall be filled each year by the Board within thirty days of the start of the Club's official year. The Committees shall consist of the following: Nominating, Membership, Election, Awards and Recognition, and Historian. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board at any time to aid with particular projects or Club activities. The Committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

In keeping with this, The Board has appointed the following Committee Chairs for 2023:

Nominating Committee Chair: Beverly La Fleur
Membership Committee Chair: Belinda McCormick
Rescue Chair: Lynnne Bunten
Ways and Means Committee Chair Belinda McCormick
AKC Delegate: Joao Machado
Judges Education Chair: Joao Machado
Handbook Chair: Beverly La Fleur
Health Committee Chair: Heather Bondra
Sunshine Committee Chair: Christie Foulk and Sherrie Shirky
Top Twenty Chairs: Michelle Brislin and Kyle Potts
CCA National Show Chairs: Kyle Potts and Michelle Brislin

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the listed Chair.

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the AKC Gazette position, as well as someone that enjoys working with young folks to head up our juniors program. We want to take this opportunity to thank Donna Bledsoe for being our past Junior Chair!

The Seated Standing Committees are as follows:

Nominating Committee:

Beverly La Fleur- Chair, (W)
Sheryl Wineburner, (WC)
Cherry Parker, (EC)
Lynn Montambo, (EC)
Penny Tuominen (E)

Membership Committee:

Belinda McCormick-Chair, (W)
Annette Waldkoetter, (EC)
Tina Bregman, (E)
Sarah Deville, (W)
Sheryl Wineburner (WC)

Election Committee:

Tracy Potts-Chair, (WC)
Lori Block, (E)
Stephanie Shultes, (W)
Debbie Robertson, (EC)
Racheal Miller, (WC)

Awards and Recognition:

Emily Buller, Chair

Historian:

Jen Lee

Respectfully,

Christie Foulk
CCA Secretary

ATTENTION MEMBER CLUBS

Please remember to send
in your club reports!

Special Show results and
photos certainly count as
a report.

Please send all reports to
the editor:

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Get your
Specialty Show
ad NOW!

Remember, the
Chi Chatter is
bi-monthly so
plan ahead to
get your ad in
way before your
closing date.

Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix

Specialty Show November 26, 2022



CHIHUAHUAS (LONG COAT)

JUDGE: MRS JENNIFER D BRIDGES

BEST IN SWEEPS OREO 'DANGER'.

BREEDER: SHARON SPENCE & ALLISON GRAY .

OWNER: ALEJANDRA RODRIGUEZ.

AGENT: PAULA MURRAY.

REGULAR CLASSES

JUDGE: MS PEGGY BEISEL-MCILWAINE

RESERVE WINNERS DOG. H&H ELON.

BREEDER: MICHELLE HEROD..

OWNER: MICHELLE HEROD.

WINNERS DOG/BEST OF WINNERS/BEST OF VARIETY JUMO MUCH - ARGENTINA COCO

BONGO. BREEDER: JULIA MORENO.

OWNER: JULIA MORENO.



WINNERS BITCH

DEMYAN'S STELLA ROSA DEL STACK.

BREEDER: TERRY STACKHOUSE & JEANNE DEMYAN.

OWNER: TERRY STACKHOUSE & JEANNE DEMYAN.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH MAJESTIC'S SNOW BEAR. BREEDER: SARAH FAUSEL OWNER: SARAH C FAUSEL.

BEST OF OPPOSITE CH LAFLEUR'S LADY IN BLUE BREEDER: BEVERLY LAFLEUR

OWNER: BEVERLY LAFLEUR.

SELECT BITCH GCHP CH VISTA LAFLEURS LOTUS T'SEAS MI. BREEDER: BEVERLY LAFLEUR & STEPHANIE

SCHULTES. OWNER: DEBORAH LONG & S SCHULTES & B LAFLEUR.

SELECT DOG/BEST OWNER HANDLED GCHP CH H&H HOTROD. BREEDER: MICHELLE HEROD.

OWNER: MICHELLE HEROD AND TODD HARRIS.

AWARD OF MERIT CH JOELLES NEVER GIVE UP. . BITCH. BREEDER: LISA NAVE. OWNER: LISA JOELLE NAVE.

AWARD OF MERIT OREO 'DANGER'. BREEDER: SHARON SPENCE & ALLISON GRAY OWNER: ALEJANDRA RODRIGUEZ. AGENT: PAULA MURRAY



CHIHUAHUAS (SMOOTH COAT)

SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE: MASAKI SHIMYZU

BEST IN SWEEPS MAJESTIC'S LAST MAN STANDING .

BREEDER: SARAH FAUSEL. DONNA. OWNER: SARAH C FAUSEL.

REGULAR CLASSES

JUDGE: MS PEGGY BEISEL-MCILWAINE

BEST OF WINNERS/BEST OWNER HANDLED DEMYAN'S HAVIN' A PARTY DEL STACK.

BREEDER: TERRY STACKHOUSE & JEANNE DEMYAN. OWNER: TERRY STACKHOUSE & JEANNE DEMYAN

RESERVE WINNERS DOG ANGEL FIRE'S (SANDOVAL. BREEDER: ANGEL SANDOVAL FLORES. OWNER: REINA M MANSO.

WINNERS BITCH DEMYAN'S MAGGIE MAYDEL STACK. . BREEDER/OWNER: TERRY STACKHOUSE & JEANNE DEMYAN.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH WHEELARKK'S SPUN GOLD OF JETSTAR. BREEDER: DARLEEN SUE WHEELINGTON. OWNER: JOIE CHANDLER.

BEST OF VARIETY GCHS BK'S CONEMARA EL CID. BREEDER: BARBARA K SMITH AND CONNI M ROBINSON. OWNER: BARBARA K SMITH AND CONNI M ROBINSON.

BEST OF OPPOSITE: GCHS WEESTAR I'LL REMEMBER YOU. . BREEDER/OWNER: CHRISTIE FOULK.

SELECT MAJESTIC'S LAST MAN STANDING. BREEDER: SARAH FAUSEL. OWNER: SARAH C FAUSEL.

AWARD OF MERIT SILVERCREEK SAMBUCA OF RAFINA BREEDER: DAWN RYZENGA-VAN DYKE. OWNER: JOIE CHANDLER





BEST OF BREED
JUMO MUCH - ARGENTINA COCO BONGO,
BREEDER JULIA MORENO, OWNER STEPHANIE SCHULTES & DEBORAH LONG



BEST OF OPPOSITE:
GCHS WEESTAR I'LL REMEMBER YOU,
BREEDER/OWNER: CHRISTIE FOULK,

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHIHUAHUA CLUB



Cordially Invites You to Attend Our 89th Specialty Show!

This show will be held concurrently with the Conejo Kennel Club.
The Lake Mathews Kennel Club will also be a part of this cluster!
Look for more details online at Jack Bradshaw Dog Show Superintendent.

LUNCH PROVIDED FOR EXHIBITORS!! RAFFLE BASKETS! BEAUTIFUL CHIHUAHUAS!

Confirmation Judge will be Mr. Robert Hutton.

Saturday April 22, 2023
Industry Hills, Expo Center
16200 Temple Avenue
City of Industry, Ca.

Hope to see you there!

Presenting to the fancy...

Coco

Jumo Moch Argentina Coco Bongo



Days after landing in America,
COCO goes BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW at his first show.
Thank you , judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
for finding our new star in a gorgeous line up of top winning dogs!

Both dogs owned by Deborah Long and Stephanie Schultes

Prim

GCHB Vista T'Seas Mi Primrose



Finishing the year with a bang!
Primrose wins Group 4 under esteemed judge John Wade...

...then walks into the NOHS Group and wins a GROUP 1 under Lori Nelson!



Watch for our *Sassy* girl in 2023!

CAD



Out of the Chute

by Joyce Gutshall

TEACHING THE WEAVES

I once read that the only part of agility which is totally unnatural for dogs is weaving. It takes a great deal of patience and practice to teach a dog to weave. There are many different methods and approaches to teaching weaves.

I think that weaves are the most difficult obstacle on any course for most agility dogs - including Chihuahuas. Weaves require a great deal of concentration, and the slightest distraction can result in a weave fault.

It is very easy for your Chihuahua to miss the weave entry - especially if he is going fast or coming at it from a difficult angle. Another very common weave fault is popping out early - often at the 10th pole.

Weaves are so difficult that AKC novice courses contain only six weave poles instead of twelve and each team is given three attempts to complete the six weave poles without being faulted. Moving from novice to open is difficult because in open there are twelve weave poles and only one attempt to complete them correctly is permitted without accruing faults.





Some of the various methods for teaching and learning weaves include weave-o-matics, 2x2s, channel weaves, using guides - for Chihuahuas x-pens work well. Some people start by luring using peanut butter or cheese on a long stick or wooden spoon. I think most people end up using a combination of different methods until they find out what works best with their Chihuahua.

Each dog will be different, but what is certain is that it takes weeks or even months of daily practice to master the weaves. Weaves are not something that your Chihuahua will learn if they only do them once week. Some successful agility dogs never totally master independent weaves, and you will see many handlers assisting their dogs through the weaves. There are some games classes where weaves are optional, and these were always my favorite as I never successfully trained any of my Chihuahuas perfectly for weaving.

Back when I personally was competing in agility my Chihuahuas would only weave with me on their left. I didn't compete long enough or practice hard enough to master offside weaves.



If you want to compete properly you will need to train your Chihuahua to weave with you either on the left or the right, and it would probably be best to alternate sides right from the beginning.

My friend Brenda Landis has her Chihuahuas are trained to weave independently, quickly, and efficiently with her on either side. Here are some pictures of her and her Chihuahuas and some various training methods she uses.

Greta in the 2x2 's

Gonzo in the Weave-o-matics

Chico and Tilly with x-pen guides.

Whichever method, or combination of methods, you use keep in mind agility is supposed to be fun! Be patient, be kind and encouraging. These little dogs thrive on affection and praise. If you are having fun, so will they. And visa-versa, so keep it light. Some will learn quickly; some may take some time. Multiple, short, practice sessions are very effective.



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Front Well Under the Dog

Over the years I have known our breed I have found this aspect of the Chihuahua Standard one that many do not understand. I have heard many say, "Just look at the front." When I look at this front, I see two straight legs that are anything but set on well under the dog. Not only is this phrase very misunderstood; it is my opinion it is probably one of the most difficult aspects of the Chihuahua to breed for and to maintain.

When I used to teach the seminar for judges at our national, I usually suggested to my audience that they take an index finger and physically trace the outline of a dog they are examining. I will never forget having a judge of our breed come up to me after this presentation and say, "I never understood this phase until you described/defined it today." When one traces the outline of a correct Chihuahua Front, it can be quite an "eye opener". Starting on the throat of the dog and tracing down toward the front legs one should find a significant amount of chest before the front legs are found. Tracing the outline of the dog with the index finger should take one "under the dog" before front legs interfere with this tracing exercise. A properly placed front assembly is a critical part of a pleasing side picture of our breed.

If one places his/her hand on the withers of a Chihuahua or any dog that should have a front well under itself, this person should then find point of shoulder. From point of shoulder to elbow should also be evaluated. The distance from withers to point of shoulder and point of shoulder to elbow should be as close to equal as possible. When the front is not well under the dog, a shorter distance is found from point of shoulder to elbow than point of shoulder to withers. This finding makes for what is most often called a straight front.

The Judge's Verdict – Dick's Thoughts

Mr. Richard Miller, AKC Judge – CCA Life Member

Persons that use this term correctly are referring to the angle created by the shoulder blade and the upper arm of the dog. A dog with a straight front when its standard calls for a front well under the dog has a serious fault even though the standard does not address this as a serious fault.

This straight front is unable to reach like it should. This reduced reach in front coupled with an angulated rear often causes the dog to side wind as it moves. The angulated rear can drive so well that the front gets in the way of proper movement. The dog has no choice but to place its rear feet to one side or the other of the interfering front legs. This is especially true of a dog that is not overly long in body. A longer bodied dog can have a very faulty front and move true down and back. We have all seen dogs that do lots of stepping, but they are not getting very far. This kind of movement is anything, but what we want to see.

A Chihuahua should be swift moving; however, this swift movement is a reaching front coupled with a driving rear that carries the dog swiftly around the show ring. This can only happen when the well angulated front (a front well under the dog) is matched with a well angulated rear assembly.

Breeders have to concentrate on breeding the total animal. This is a huge challenge given there are so many aspects of the Chihuahua (or any breed) that make a specific breed unique. When I was actively breeding, I never bred for extreme heads. I liked a pretty head, but I found it very difficult to compromise on a good front assembly.

Many times, when I was showing in group competition I would like to get toward the front of the line. Too often another exhibitor felt my Chihuahua could not move out well enough to be near the front of the line. Many times, I found it necessary to say, "I'll trade places with you after we move if my dog cannot keep up in line."



The Institute of Canine Biology

REDUCING STILLBORN PUPS AND C-SECTIONS

By Carol Beuchat PhD

I have been making some progress with help from cooperative breeders doing what I have been calling "dark whelping" (coined by me, so it's not already a thing). Shortly thereafter, people started posting about "what they do" that they think reduces mortality and CS, and it was clear my post would turn into a depository of crowd-sourced anecdotes and opinions.

This is not a good thing. There are plenty of people with opinions but no actual knowledge. Swimming in a sea of this stuff, breeders will make the mistake of adopting opinions and anecdotes as facts. It happens all the time, and as this "information" gets spread around, it becomes more and more "true", facebook groups are formed that dispense advice, and all sorts of stuff becomes "fact".

For a great example of this: There is an entire industry now built on the "fact" that the correct diet for dogs is raw meat. Yet, there is no actual, scientific information that supports this, and in fact most dogs have a digestive physiology that handles grains as well as we do. In fact, the scientific term for this "raw" stuff is ideology, or as I would call it, "hooley". And yet, I suspect my mere mention of this will set some fingers typing comments telling me I'm wrong. (I'll turn off comments to prevent this.) No data, no evidence, just argument. That's how you spot ideology.

My point here is that I've been working on this for a year. There is no information about it in dogs. I have looked hard and I seem to be the only person worldwide to be poking around in this topic.

Notice that I have provided very little information about this; basically I have described some general observations. Yet, already there are "experts" telling others what they "know" about it. So, for the little that I know about it, I am uncomfortable as the "world expert" Now, please read this. Carefully.

Resist the urge to listen to people that claim to know anything about it, because they have no data. It doesn't exist. And be especially careful about hearing something and thinking to yourself that it must be true because it "makes sense".

I can tell you that this is FAR more complicated than you can know, and indeed when it's all figured out we will be looking at a huge pile of what for you now are "unknown unknowns" - i.e., stuff you know absolutely nothing about or even that it exists, and would never guess could have anything to do with this.



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I have been deep diving over the last year in science I also would have never guessed would be relevant and, if it was crazy for me, you can be sure you won't get it figured out by thinking that it "makes sense".

So, what I'm saying here is that this should interest every breeder, but until we get it figured out, you should assume - as I do - that you know nothing about it. I will continue to be circumspect about what I say about this until we start nailing down pieces with enough data to feel comfortable that we have it right. In the meantime, please help me try to prevent the spread of "information" unsupported with facts, and especially step on the fingers of those trying to pass as Facebook "experts".

If this really interests you and you would like to participate in some citizen science to learn more, you do that by participating in the Traction Mat testing and we will work on the dark whelping thing at the same time.

If you would like to participate, please contact Carol Beuchat at [ICB info@instituteofcaninebiology.org](mailto:info@instituteofcaninebiology.org)

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LONG COAT

SMOOTH COAT

1	<u>GCHP CH Bramver's Orohime</u> <u>L. Block / B. Block</u>	1	<u>GCHS CH Krispin Ever Body Nose Yur Name</u> <u>P. Martinez / S. O'Connell / H. Maxwell</u>
2	<u>GCHP2 CH Timeless Stella By Starlight At Aero</u> <u>K. Potts / A. Bunten</u>	2	<u>GCHG CH Guichon's Having A Riot</u> <u>J. Guichon</u>
3	<u>GCHG CH One Love Hashtag Not Vanilla.</u> <u>D. Shindle / H.</u> <u>Maxwell / E. Hutson / P. Martinez</u>	3	<u>GCHS CH Bk's Conemara El Cid</u> <u>B. Smith / C. Robinson</u>
4	<u>GCHS CH Onelove C'Est La Vie</u> <u>T. Bregman</u>	4	<u>GCHS CH Sailor S. Lipetskih Ozer</u> <u>T. Lee</u>
5	<u>GCHS CH Improv Valkvrie Biggie Smalls</u> <u>J. Johnson / C. Collins</u>	5	<u>GCHS CH Starry Night Dr. Drake Ramoray</u> <u>S. Weisman Walker / C. Randall</u>
6	<u>GCHS CH Dazzles Shar's Easy Rider</u> <u>D. Jensen / S. Massad</u>	6	<u>GCHG CH Destiny's Drink Till She's Pretty</u> <u>T. Stephens</u>
7	<u>GCHP CH H&H Hotrod</u> <u>M. Herod / T. Harris</u>	7	<u>GCHS CH Weestar I'Li Remember You</u> <u>C. Foulk</u>
8	<u>GCHB CH South Fork's Fashion Diva</u> <u>M. Held</u>	8	<u>GCH CH Kingsas Bell Of The Ball</u> <u>P. Gaskin</u>
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12	<u>GCHB CH Joelles More Money Mo</u> <u>L. Nave</u>	12	<u>GCHS CH Randenn's One Punch Knockout</u> <u>B. Stockdale / A. Thomas</u>
13	<u>GCHB CH Vista T'Seas Mi Primrose</u> <u>S. Schultes / D. Long</u>	13	<u>GCHS CH Krispin Hi Roller</u> <u>M. Held</u>
14	<u>GCHS CH Lyon's Toys All In The Game</u> <u>M. Martin / P. Lyon</u>	14	<u>GCHP CH Dartan Diamonds Are Forever At Viva</u> <u>C. Bozzo</u>
15	<u>GCH CH Jetstar's Wish Upon A Star</u> <u>J. Chandler</u>	15	<u>GCHB CH Superiority Complex S Lipetskih Ozer</u> <u>Y. Velazquez / N. Kostina</u>
16	<u>GCH CH Bcr Shameless</u> <u>H. Maxwell / S. O'Connell</u>	16	<u>GCH CH I Am The Joker Daretta</u> <u>B. Stockdale / A. Thomas</u>
17	<u>GCHB CH Di Pinto's Valentino Son Of The Sheik</u> <u>M. Smith</u>	17	<u>GCHS CH Jems Chicago Fire</u> <u>J. Simon</u>
18	<u>GCHB CH Majesty N Calmont's Excellence I Am BNRNFDC</u> <u>CGCACGUTKI S. Mattson</u>	18	<u>GCH CH Destiny's Buzz Kill</u> <u>L. Bowes</u>
19	<u>GCHS CH Bellastaff The Candy Man Can</u> <u>G. Dattilo / C. Collins</u>	19	<u>GCHS CH Kingsa's Taking A Wild Chance</u> <u>P. Gaskin</u>
19	<u>GCHB CH Cogie's Yur My Goliath</u> <u>S. Ritenour</u>	20	<u>GCH CH Dartan Gotcha Looking</u> <u>S. DelPriore</u>
21	<u>GCHB CH Timeless Bella</u> <u>K. Potts / T. Potts</u>	20	<u>GCH CH Team Airborn's Zesty Knockout</u> <u>R. Green</u>
21	<u>GCH CH Paradox Bello Cello</u> <u>S. Lebeck</u>		

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10	<u>GCHP CH H&H Hotrod</u> <u>M. Herod / T. Harris</u>
11	<u>GCHBCHMajesty N Calmont's Excellence I Am BN RN FDC</u> <u>CGCA CGCU TKI S. Mattson</u>
12	<u>GCH CH Linbrooke Winter Wisdom</u> <u>T. Widick-Eckery / G. Eckery-Widick</u>
13	<u>GCHB CH Fantasy's Irresistible Prince Charming</u> <u>F. Lynn-Kuhlman / M. Meyer</u>
14	<u>GCH CH Calmont's Another Rising Star</u> <u>S. Waller-Michalsky</u>
15	<u>GCH CH Wystas Ezekiel At Heavenly RN TKN</u> <u>T. Ruddach / J. Ruddach</u>
16	<u>GCHB CH Bright Lights Rich Cousin</u> <u>K. Gordon / J. Fisher / E. Lima</u>
17	<u>GCHB CH Vista T'Seas Mi Primrose</u> <u>S. Schultes / D. Long</u>
18	<u>CH Chedon's I Can'T Wait To Be King</u> <u>J. Machado / D. Bledsoe / R. Bledsoe</u>
19	<u>GCH CH DiLusso's Ruby</u> <u>M. Krivolapova</u>
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6	<u>GCHP CH Destiny's To Infinity And Beyond</u> <u>M. Cook / A. Parisek / J. Parisek</u>
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17	<u>GCH CH Pocahontas Malkanorah</u> <u>J. Machado / S. Ludmir</u>
18	<u>GCH CH Chihuahua Del Valle Call Me Olivia</u> <u>T.Rendic / D. Rendic</u>
19	<u>GCH CH Granello D'Oro-Pc Di San Gimignano</u> <u>C. Carroccio</u>
20	<u>GCHB CH Superiority Complex S Lipetskih Ozer</u> <u>Y. Velazquez / N. Kostina</u>

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LONG COAT

1	<u>GCHS CH Dazzles Shar's Easy Rider</u> Donna Jensen / Sharon Massad
2	<u>GCHB CH Fantasy's Irresistible Prince Charming</u> Fran L. Lynn-Kuhlman / Melissa Meyer
3	<u>GCHB CH Majesty N Calmont's Excellence I Am BN RN FDC CGCA CGCU TKI</u> S. Mattson
3	<u>GCHB CH Loucan Dressed To Kill At Tic</u> Laurie D. Thompson
5	<u>GCHS CH Lyon's Toys All In The Game</u> Marcia Martin / Patricia Lyon
6	<u>GCH CH Lynn Creek's Delaware's Hopeful Winner</u> Patricia Lynn Stancil
6	<u>GCH CH Dar Fudziyami Oscar</u> C. A. Halligan / L. Lebedenko / L. Graham
8	<u>Improv Valkyrie Donut Be Jelly</u> C. Collins / G. L. Izadora Destree / J. Johnson
9	<u>GCHB CH Vista T Seas Mi Primrose</u> Stephanie Schultes / Deborah Long
10	<u>CH Chedon N Tiptop's Eat My Shorts</u> Holly Norman / Brittany Wangsgard
11	<u>CH Namurachi Chavez</u> Silvia Leticia Chavez Pierce
12	<u>GCH CH Wystas Ezekiel At Heavenly RN TKN</u> T. Ruddach / J. Ruddach
13	<u>GCHS CH Guichon's Woke Up Feeling Dangerous</u> Linda Krawczonek
13	<u>GCH CH Sweet Bean's Original Outlaw RN ACT1J CGCA TKI</u> Jane Graham / Leah Graham
15	<u>GCH CH Legacy's Inky Dinky Parlez-Vous</u> Belinda Demaree McCormic
15	<u>GCH CH Chula's Blue Skies Smilin-L</u> Barbara C. Sikes / Jerald Doug Sikes

SMOOTH COAT

1	<u>GCH CH Sweet Bean's At Last AC T1J</u> Jane Graham / Leah Graham / Tracy Beman
2	<u>GCHG CH Terlingua Dark Side Dazzler BCAT</u> Marilyn and Kathleen Dempsey
3	<u>GCHP CH Dartan Diamonds Are Forever At Viva</u> Cecilia Bozzo
3	<u>CH Kalliope Guess Again</u> Kris Specht
5	<u>CH Guichon's Toby Or Not To Be</u> Junko Guichon
6	<u>CH Sheppard's Love Letter From Joey</u> Kelee Hirn-Sheppard / John Sheppard
7	<u>GCH CH Hidden Valley Burning Like Dynamite</u> Brenda Diclemente / Anne Dunn
7	<u>GCHB CH Firebird Farms Monsters Boss</u> Tammy L. Judith L. Hesser
9	<u>GCH CH Kingsas Bell Of The Ball</u> Pam Gaskin
10	<u>CH Paradox Honky Tonk Woman</u> Sherry Lebeck
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