

Lines from Linda

By Linda Ayers Turner Knorr

It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it...

Assignments to judge in our fiftieth state are hard to come by. After all, in order to travel so far one must plan to stay for awhile. Judges must be willing to enjoy the warm hospitality of the islanders and to submit to the aura of fine living Hawaiian style.

At their most recent show, I was fortunate enough to be the only rookie serving on the panel with four all rounders: **Glenn and Jean Fancy, Joe Tacker, and my father, Roy Ayers.**

Under the guidance of **Mr. E. R. Champion**, *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* of Honolulu, Hawaii, the oldest all breed club in the islands, is planning a grand celebration! On Sunday, September 12, 1993, *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* will host its 100th championship all-breed show at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall in Honolulu.

"**Champ**" (by name to all island dog fanciers) was born into a family of sporting dogs, carriage horses, and other domestic animals. Since his earliest childhood he has been a fancier of cats, dogs, birds and fish. He has devoted a life-long career of efforts on behalf of the welfare of both domestic and wild ani-

mals. In Hawaii, over a period of some forty-seven years, he has been actively involved as a director or officer of various humane and animal organizations. For many years he headed the *Hawaiian Humane Society, the Hawaiian Kennel Club, The Cocker Spaniel Club of Hawaii, the American Spaniel Club, The Obedience Club, The State Quarantine*

States, Hawaii, and Australia. He has bred and owned Best In Show champions in Cocker Spaniel and Pointer breeds. As a visitor to the island, it is easy to see that **Mr. Champion** has his hand in just about every aspect of island life. He retired after thirty years as vice-president of the Dellingham Corporation, a Fortune 500 company. No wonder this club has so



**Hazel &
Roy
Ayers
and
Glenna and E.R. "Champ"**

Champion All photos by the author

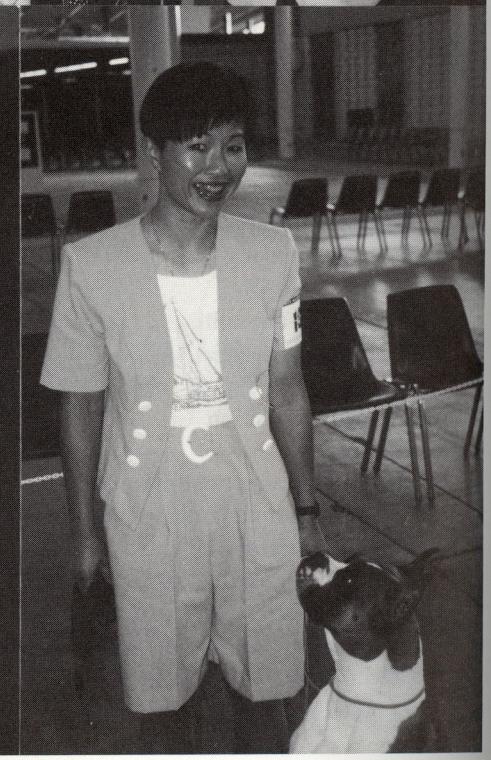
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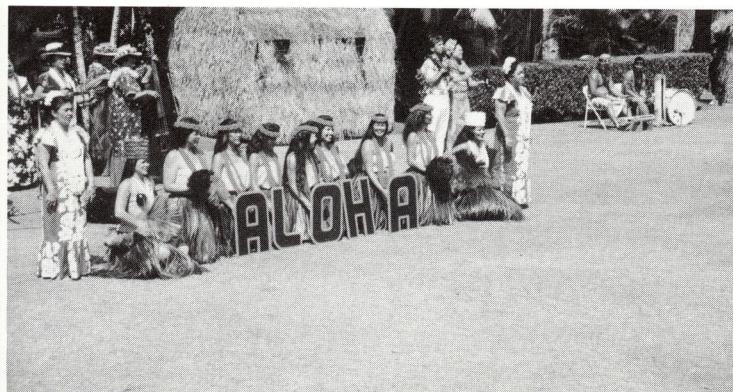
Blind, and he was a member of the *National Dog Museum Steering Committee for the Westminster Kennel Club Foundation*.

As a breeder and exhibitor of sporting dogs, **Mr. Champion** has shown dogs in the eastern, western, and middle United

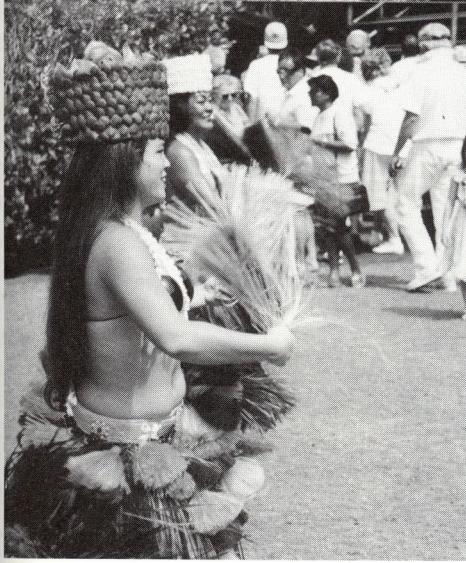
much to celebrate with such a great leader!

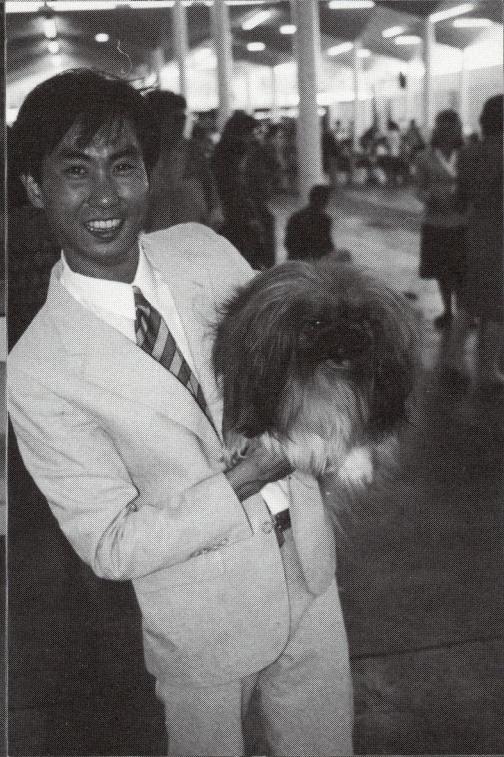
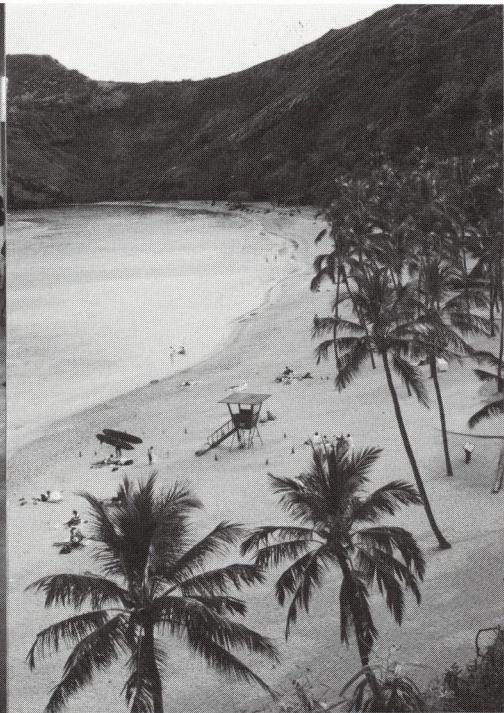
Hawaiian Kennel Club members are hard at work researching the club's history. The earliest official record in the Hawaii State Archives is from the *Honolulu Advertiser* of January 15, 1946. In the column, *History From Our Files - 40 Years Ago*, it says, "In 1906, a meeting was held to consider the formation of a Hawaiian Kennel Club." This seems to





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Laura Furutani, Hawaiian Kennel

Club show secretary, and Nancy

Mathews, Superintendent of Ace

Mathews Dog Shows, ably continue to

keep the day-to-day wheels running for the club show business.

Among special events planned are a noon time Parade of Champions to be lead to the center show ring by the Mayor of Honolulu, **His Honor Frank F. Fasi** with his companion English Springer Spaniel "Gino". Mayor Fasi and "Gino" will be accompanied to ring center by **Larry Coleman** of the Honolulu Police Pipe and Drum Corps with bagpipes and kilts.

A special exhibition will also be presented by *The Obedience Training Club of Hawaii Dog Drill Team* to represent our Hawaii obedience clubs and their fine work with animal citizenship.

An additional offering of Brace Classes will be included in the judging of breeds. Local dog fanciers will train entries for these fun classes. The Hospitality Committee is extending invitations to the 100th show to the "seniors" of the dog show world. Veterinarians, retired breeders, handlers and judges will be honored with special seating and recognition at ring side.

Finally, it is noted for historical purposes that at this *Hawaiian Kennel Club* 100th Championship All Breed Show, **Mr. E. R. Champion**, President, will also celebrate the 30th specialty show for *The Fox Terrier Club of Hawaii*. The breed clubs of Hawaii have, historically, played a major role in the growth and interest of purebred dogs and dog shows on the islands. We salute them all!

After the show they can all go to Waikiki Beach and eat chocolate-covered macadamia nuts and drink pineapple mineral water as my mother and I did after their last event. As I said, judging in Hawaii is really tough!

SO! "**HATS OFF TO THE 100TH**"
Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Show!

**SHOWSIGHT CONGRATULATES
YOU!**

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The author and Dr. Glenn Fancy

indicate to their research committee that definite

plans were in the hopper for an all-breed club as early as 1906 in Hawaii. Under the leadership of **Mr. Harold Castle**, of German Shepherd fame, there were several unlicensed matches and shows in Honolulu before 1932, when records indicate *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* held its first "recognized show". Catalog information lists *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* of 1935 as its third licensed, which would indicate the first licensed show was held in 1933. The Honolulu Advertiser reporter reported on August 6, 1934, that "2,000 people attended *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* show on the Royal Hawaiian Hotel grounds. German Shepherds and Fox Terriers prevailed. One hundred sixty dogs were entered."

Hawaiian Kennel Club all breed shows were then held on a continuing basis until the World War II years. With the return of peace in 1945, dog show activities resumed with full steam under the enthusiastic guidance of **Mr. Arthur Zane**, owner, breeder and handler of German Shepherds, and a highly-regarded all breed judge. (For many years **Arthur Zane** wrote the wonderful K-NINE NEWS column for the Honolulu Advertiser.) *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* show in the post World War II years were unbenched and outdoors on the Punhou School campus.

By the 1960's, **Mr. E. R. Champion** had become president of *The Hawaiian Kennel Club*. All breed shows were held

once a year, still unbenched and outdoors. Show entries ran between 100 and 300 dogs per show.

The 1970's arrived and brought to Hawaii the results of statehood, with outstanding growth in the arts, music, education, a larger human population, and, for *The Hawaiian Kennel Club*, larger entries. Under the leadership of **Mr. Champion** and the board of directors, *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* moved its show venue to better accomodate the growing dog show entries.

The arrival of the 1980's brought the island of Oahu two new all-breed clubs which stimulated dog show participation with show entries jumping to 500 to 600 dogs per show. The exciting consequence was more championship points available as more quality dogs were imported, bred and shown.

Presently, the decade of the 1990s is bringing new adventure, new dogs and more people to *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* show rings. As a result of growing interest and entries, *The Hawaiian Kennel Club* Board of Directors elected to hold "Back-To-Back" (Saturday-Sunday) shows to make a total of three all-breed shows a year.

Members of the club (fifty-two active and six honorary) are busy today planning special events for their 100th championship show under chairperson, **Alan Rowan** and committee heads, **Cyram Castle, Gerri Cadiz, Georgalee Coble, Howard Chong, Joan Luria, Loretta Furutani, C. James Terna, Stan**