

# **Guide to the Chihuahua Club of America records AKD.5.9**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Kennel Club Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Chihuahua Club of America.
<b>Title</b>	Chihuahua Club of America records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1956-2004
<b>Extent</b>	9.25 Linear feet 14 doc boxes; 4 flat boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials are in English.
<b>Abstract</b>	The Chihuahua Club of America (CCA) records collects some of the work of the CCA in its efforts to help and promote the Chihuahua breed inside and outside the fancy. The collection's newsletters, meeting minutes, and clippings give insight to many regional Chihuahua dog shows, the operations of the Club and the breed's popularity from the 1950's to the early 2000's.

### Preferred Citation

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## Club and Breed History

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**Club History** The Chihuahua Club of America, founded in 1923, was created to develop a community of Chihuahua breeders and further the breed in the United States. The founders included Mrs. Henrietta Proctor Donnell, Ida H. Garrett, Alice Dobbs, Rose Clark, M. R. Muller and Clara L. Dobbs. One of their most notable members included Helen Nowicki a Chihuahua breeder among other breeds and the editor of *Dog World* magazine.

Mrs. Dobbs was instrumental in establishing the annual specialty show, which was first conducted on 19 May 1928 at the Queensboro Kennel Club show with 42 dogs entries – 14 males and 28 females. Within a few years, the club decided to hold their annual meeting and specialty show in Chicago indefinitely. This move created a more centralized meeting location for members and ultimately the breed's registration with the AKC grew from then on.

Since its inception, the club has been heavily involved in protecting the breed's health through sponsored medical research, breeder surveys, and papers on topics such as the molera in the Chihuahua.

**Breed History** The Chihuahua's history dates back to the 9th century during the Toltec civilization in what is now known as Mexico. The Toltecs had what is known as the precursor to the Chihuahua, the Techichi, a small, long-haired dog. And this dog was believed to have been bred with the Xoloitzcuintli, the Mexician hairless dog to produce the Chihuahua as we know it today.

In 1888 James Watson, an author and judge, purchased a bitch named Manzanita. Owen Wister, author of *The Virginia*, also imported a Chihuahua named Caranza, which became the dog that produced the famous bloodlines, Meron and Perrito. Surprisingly, most of the imports at this time were long coats, not the popular smooth coat. The AKC recognized the breed in 1904 with the first registered Chihuahua Midget (2291) owned by H. Raynor of Texas. Within a couple of years, the breed had its first champion, Beppie (85317) owned by Mrs. L. A. McLean of New Jersey.

Some of the earliest breeders included Mrs. Harry S. Peaster of Philadelphia who owned the La Rex Doll Kennels. The kennel produced a record number of champions and provided the foundation stock for other well-established dogs. La Oro Kennel which, produced national champions like Ch. Ai Si Ora Principe, Ch. La Rey, La Oro Marinero and others, was owned by legendary breeder Anna B. Vinyard who served as president of CCA during the 1950s. Probably two of the most well noted Chihuahuas are Ch. Tejano Texas Kid who took a record 15 best in shows and Ch. Holiday Gold Jubilee who took 16 best in show and 81 Toy Group firsts. Ch. Holiday Gold Jubilee, aka Doc Holiday, is also notable on account of his record as the first Chihuahua to be ranked as number one in the Toy group in the United States.

It took over 50 years before the long and smooth coats were exhibited at dog shows. In 1952 they were separated into two varieties with the smooth coat the preferred variety as pets. One year prior to this, Ch. Attas' Gretchen a smooth coat Chihuahua won the first all-breed Best in Show, a milestone for the breed.

The Chihuahua standard calls for a dog of no more than six pounds, which makes this breed the smallest in the canine world, however, what the breed lacks in statue he makes up for in character. He is a lively, alert and, most surprisingly, a hardy dog.

## Scope and Contents Note

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The collection includes **meeting minutes** dating back to the 1970s (many are also reproduced in the ACA newsletters). Most **correspondence** and other **club administration** materials date from the 1980s-2000s, with historical documentation of the breed standard, as well as notable pedigrees and champions. The **dog show** series contains an inclusive run of Specialty catalogs from 1983-2000, many marked, with select independent shows of various member clubs as well as pedigree lists, judge's programs, premium lists, and event and win shots (1979-2004). A small collection of photographs and ribbons feature prominent breeder and handler Marta Hooks, including Ch. Snow B Bear d'Casa de Cris, the first-ever long-haired Chihuahua to win Best in Show.

The **publications** series contains an extensive selection of newsletters and periodicals produced by the ACA, regional clubs, and other Chihuahua fanciers. Further Chihuahua-themed books, directories, pamphlets, and clippings are also present. The latter document the breed's popularity in the mid-1990s, peaking with the famous Taco Bell advertisement campaign. **Scrapbooks and ephemera** also appear in the collection, including various medallions, some for the club's golden anniversary. A c. 1983 scrapbook of photos and clippings has been disassembled, with loose items interwoven. Another 2004 scrapbook, assembled from cut-out photos of club members and events, celebrates 100 years of the breed's recognition by the AKC.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged into six series.

- 1 I. Meeting Minutes
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  - 4 IV. Dog Shows
  - 5 V. Publications
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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

## American Kennel Club Archives

### **Access Restrictions**

This material is open to research without restrictions.

### **Publishing and Use Restrictions**

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### **Provenance**

Donated by the Chihuahua Club of America representative Darwin Delaney. New additions were made in 2016 from relevant materials located in the AKC Archives.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Chihuahua Club of America.

### **Subject(s)**

- Chihuahua
- Toys (group)

## I. Meeting Minutes

## Collection Inventory

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**III. Club Administration**

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Independent Specialty. Chihuahua Club of Mid-Jersey. Catalog and Pedigree List 1983; 1984; 2000	12	1
Independent Specialty. Nashville Chihuahua Club. Pedigree List 2000	12	1
Independent Specialty. Chihuahua Club of Northern California. Catalog 1983; 1994; 1991	12	2
Independent Specialty. Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix. Catalog and Pedigree List 1984; 1997	12	2
Independent Specialty. Southern California Chihuahua Club. Catalog 1984; 1986	12	3
Independent Specialty. Texas Chihuahua Club. Premium List 1988	12	3

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Independent Specialty. Dallas Chihuahua Club. Catalog 1983-1984	12	17
Independent Specialty. Chihuahua Club of Maryland. Catalog and Premium List 1984; 1988; 1987; 1999	12	18-19
Foreign. Chihuahueños De Mexico. Catalog 1980; 1981	12	4
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Ribbons. Ch Snow Bunny d'Casa de Cris [2 items] 1975-1976		OS
Photos. Portrait. Ch Snow Bunny d'Casa de Cris c. 1975		OS
Photos. Win Shots. Marta Hooks [6 items] 1975-1976		OS
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## Newsletter. Chihuahua

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Pamphlet. <i>Caring for Toy Dogs</i> . Jeffrey P. Bennett 1997	12	5
Pamphlet. <i>Chihuahuas: the first Chihuahua Book</i> . Alameda Kennels [2] 1980	12	6
Pamphlet. <i>The Chihuahua</i> . Southern California Chihuahua Club c. 1975	12	7
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Magazine. <i>AKC Gazette</i> 2000 May	12	12
Magazine. <i>Chihuahuas</i> 1999	12	13
Magazines. <i>Dog Fancy, The World of Toy Dogs, Perros</i> 1984; c. 1994; 1999	12	14
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Book. <i>The Complete Chihuahua</i> . Rosina Caselli et. al 1973		15
Book. <i>Guide to Owning a Chihuahua</i> . Roberta Sisco 1996		15
Book. <i>How to Raise and Train a Chihuahua</i> . Estelle Ferguson and Sara M. Barbaresi 1958		15
Book. <i>Know Your Chihuahua</i> . Earl Schneider c. 1970		15
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Book. <i>Pet Chihuahua</i> . Tressa E. Thurmer 1962		15
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## VI. Scrapbooks and Ephemera

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