
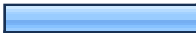






1. Do you believe that the current COA Code of Ethics should be revised?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		71.4%	50
No		28.6%	20
answered question			70
skipped question			0

2. Do you wish to provide feedback on the content of the proposed Code of Ethics? If so, you will be directed to additional questions. If you choose not to provide additional feedback, the survey will be completed.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		72.9%	51
No		27.1%	19
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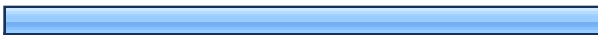

3. Do you approve this content of the Preamble to the Code of Ethics?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		83.3%	40
No		16.7%	8
answered question			48
skipped question			22

4. Please provide comments on the Preamble to the Code of Ethics.

	Response Count
	19
answered question	19
skipped question	51



5. Do you approve this content of the General Conduct for All COA Members?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		89.4%	42
No		10.6%	5
	answered question		47
	skipped question		23

6. Please provide comments on items 1-3 on the General Conduct for All COA Members.

	Response Count
	13
answered question	13
skipped question	57



7. Do you approve this content of the General Conduct for All COA Members?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		78.7%	37
No		21.3%	10
answered question			47
skipped question			23

8. Please provide comments on items 4-5 on the General Conduct for All COA Members.

		Response Count
		16
answered question		16
skipped question		54



9. Do you approve this content of the introduction to the Conduct for Breeder Members?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		80.4%	37
No		19.6%	9
answered question			46
skipped question			24

10. Please provide comments on the introduction to the Conduct for Breeder Members.

		Response Count
		16
answered question		16
skipped question		54



11. Do you approve this content of the General Breeding Guidelines?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		71.7%	33
No		28.3%	13
answered question			46
skipped question			24

12. Please provide comments on items 6-8 in the General Breeding Guidelines.

		Response Count
		20
answered question		20
skipped question		50



13. Do you approve this content of the General Breeding Guidelines?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		65.2%	30
No		34.8%	16
answered question			46
skipped question			24

14. Please provide comments on items 9-12 in the General Breeding Guidelines.

		Response Count
		25
answered question		25
skipped question		45



15. Do you approve this content of the Guidelines Concerning Heritable Diseases and Genetic Issues?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		73.3%	33
No		26.7%	12
answered question			45
skipped question			25

16. Please provide comments on items 13-16 on the Guidelines Concerning Heritable Diseases and Genetic Issues.

	Response Count
	18
answered question	18
skipped question	52



17. Do you approve this content of the Guidelines Concerning Registration and Sales or Transfer of Ownership?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		80.0%	36
No		20.0%	9
answered question			45
skipped question			25

18. Please provide comments on the Guidelines Concerning Registration and Sales or Transfer of Ownership.

	Response Count
	13
answered question	13
skipped question	57



19. Do you approve this content of to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		86.7%	39
No		13.3%	6
answered question			45
skipped question			25

20. Please provide comments on items 17-19 to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree.

	Response Count
	12
answered question	12
skipped question	58

21. Do you approve this content of to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		71.1%	32
No		28.9%	13
answered question			45
skipped question			25

22. Please provide comments on items 20-22 to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree.

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17

answered question

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skipped question

53

Page 3, Q4. Please provide comments on the Preamble to the Code of Ethics.

1	The "bible" for writing in business is the Chicago Manual of Style. It sets the grammar rules for adult writing in the world of business. So according to all the basic rules of grammar and the Chicago Manual of Style, it should be COE and not CoE. The latter makes me want to up chuck.	Apr 22, 2012 5:55 AM
2	It's not bad, but I think could do a better job laying out the purpose of a CoE.	Feb 2, 2012 4:28 AM
3	...but, what exactly does "each individual will have his or her own interpretation of the breed standard" mean? I thought "breed standard" meant "not open to interpretation." This phrase is not a big deal, just a little confusing to this new owner :)	Jan 30, 2012 6:49 AM
4	covers an appropriate amount of expectations in a concise manner.	Jan 29, 2012 2:36 PM
5	.	Jan 29, 2012 1:40 PM
6	Ethics are what we do when no one is looking. It is my opinion they should serve as a guide only.	Jan 14, 2012 11:32 AM
7	Implicit in MEMBERSHIP...FULL ACCEPTANCE OF. I contend that a pet owner might not necessarily agree with all of the breeding code, but still be ethical in Chinook ownership. This wording is onerous and should be removed.	Jan 13, 2012 7:08 AM
8	What are the consistent set of goals for the breed? Should they be outlined here, or should they be included somewhere in the CoE. This sent me scurrying to look for those goals. They are not readily apparent on the COA web page.	Jan 12, 2012 7:01 AM
9	We should stay away from terms that animal rightists have developed to limit our ability to own our own dogs. 'Guardian' may limit our ability to pick what food we feed them, and force us into to use all available efforts to keep them alive even when we feel it is there time to go, which could involve attorneys being hired for both us and the dogs. \$	Jan 11, 2012 8:12 PM
10	It is fine but should contain a specific sentence that the CoE will not be used to penalize breeders if they do not follow the CoE to the exact letter.	Jan 10, 2012 8:18 PM
11	none	Jan 9, 2012 6:08 PM
12	Preamble of current Code of Ethics does Not need to be changed. Original is very clear and concise.	Jan 8, 2012 7:00 PM
13	The new Preamble is okay, but I don't see the need to change the old one. I am concerned about the third sentence -- the "consistent set of goals" could give rise to complaints if someone feels a breeding is inconsistent with group goals for the breed.	Jan 7, 2012 6:25 AM
14	Are there penalties for not doing so? I am a new owner, so I don't really know enough. It is food for thought though.	Jan 6, 2012 7:19 PM
15	much more understandable language	Jan 6, 2012 6:37 PM
16	I largely like this draft. My only problem with the entire document is actually with inconsistent use of the language, subject verb agreement, and occasional use of verbs to start bullet points. I note we say above "strongly encourage". That	Jan 6, 2012 4:51 PM

Page 3, Q4. Please provide comments on the Preamble to the Code of Ethics.

makes the use of the word "Will" at the beginning of bullet points nonsensical. Mind you, that's the English teacher part of me talking (Marne). I am submitting my suggested changes via email to the three of you, with explanation of my diacritical markings.

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| 17 | Add that the United kennel Clubs COE as published is binding on breeders/ members not voluntary, lets get serious | Jan 6, 2012 7:58 AM |
| 18 | I agree with one caveat. A Chinook is a Chinook. Why should individuals have different interpretations od the breed standard. The word "standard" should be self explanatory. | Jan 5, 2012 6:56 PM |
| 19 | But as a group we have a consistent set of goals for our breed. - I do not believe this statement to be factual. Based on discussions I've seen on Chinook lists, some members have very different ideas of the breed historically, currently and in the future. Especially in regards to the cross breeding program and it's impact on our breed. This statement seems inaccurate and it seems unfair to ask members to agree with something that isn't even known, understood, declared or agreed upon by any majority of the club or board that I'm aware of. | Jan 5, 2012 6:25 PM |

Page 4, Q6. Please provide comments on items 1-3 on the General Conduct for All COA Members.

1	I by far prefer the shorter version of the definition of sportsmanship.	Apr 22, 2012 5:55 AM
2	This is pretty basic.	Feb 2, 2012 3:37 PM
3	No information about helping the novice exhibitors -- I think that is important to remind people about.	Jan 14, 2012 11:35 AM
4	I think "not allowing my pet to roam, Keeping it leashed where appropriate, preventing annoying and unnecessary barking , and cleaning up after it in public and private places" would be a wonderful clause to keep. Also, # 3 under exhibiting about safety, mental well being etc. is important.	Jan 12, 2012 7:07 AM
5	This seems like it is a bit long and No categorized quite right.	Jan 11, 2012 8:15 PM
6	Include expanded comment from previous committee draft to the board. This is much too simplistic. People need the expanded background information to add meaning to this statement.	Jan 9, 2012 6:09 PM
7	These items are all covered in the existing Code and do Not need to be changed.	Jan 8, 2012 7:04 PM
8	2. I would like to see two additions in the "responsible dog owners section". Firstly, I would include #3 from the old code: Tend to the mental well being of my Chinook and not leave it confined or without human contact for excessive periods of time. Also, please specifically include "love/affection" along with the socialization and training. (Socialization means teaching a dog/child to become a member of society). Chinooks need LOTS of love!	Jan 7, 2012 3:21 PM
9	Nicely worded.	Jan 7, 2012 12:32 PM
10	simple language and more detailed responsibilities for treatment of dogs	Jan 6, 2012 6:38 PM
11	Consistent use of English here	Jan 6, 2012 4:52 PM
12	I would like to see the word "love" in line 2, but that's just me!	Jan 5, 2012 6:58 PM
13	In essence, this asks all members to represent the club in a positive light. Understandable and acceptable, IMO.	Jan 5, 2012 6:26 PM

Page 5, Q8. Please provide comments on items 4-5 on the General Conduct for All COA Members.

1	Does this mean that someone on the Board should give a breeder information about the breeder's dog?	Apr 22, 2012 5:55 AM
2	Both statements could be more concise, #4 could hold out a standard of honesty rather than appearing to be a rule about bad behaviors.	Feb 2, 2012 4:31 AM
3	Add aggressive behavior in testing No where do you mention aggressive temperament of breeding bitch or stud continued in breeding pool	Jan 29, 2012 1:40 PM
4	#4 looks fine. #5 makes me wonder who will be riding herd on people to be sure they do this.	Jan 14, 2012 11:36 AM
5	please add to the last sentence at the end of it, "or the COA Health Committee".	Jan 12, 2012 2:01 PM
6	My only concern is if new health screenings or genetic testings become available that have costs out of reach of many owners, would they be held responsible?	Jan 12, 2012 7:09 AM
7	This is way too long for what it has to say. The last COE seems to cover this better.	Jan 11, 2012 8:18 PM
8	4. One persons 'facts' may not reflect the truth. this statement should be removed.	Jan 11, 2012 5:42 PM
9	"False or misleading statements" is terminology subject to the speaker's beliefs. I can believe it true even if it is false. I believe the ONLY acceptable wording here is "negative statements". Whether it's true or false, if it degrades the breed, other owners or breeders, it is NOT acceptable.	Jan 10, 2012 10:13 AM
10	none	Jan 9, 2012 6:09 PM
11	No need to change from the current Code.	Jan 8, 2012 7:10 PM
12	We need some sort of data base that breeders can go to on the COA website to get health information or report health information.	Jan 8, 2012 6:23 PM
13	Nicely worded	Jan 7, 2012 12:33 PM
14	notice no bullet points begin with "Will"	Jan 6, 2012 4:52 PM
15	Please simply remove the parentheses & suggested list of diseases therein. It's not necessary for comprehension this item, and may indeed mislead some to prejudge these diseases as primary over others in ALL cases (dogs or matings), which it can't be until the Ne is raised and/or overall breed Numbers doubled, say. So the reference here this item 4 I would simply ask be removed. I would also strongly suggest revisiting whether references here and elsewhere to 'hereditary' diseases could be further updated to state 'genetic diseases' (for reasons of complexities already in DNA science with regards to heredity, epigenetics, etc.)? I'm not entirely sure then whether 'hereditary' diseases fully encompasses. I would change it to 'genetic diseases', unless for any reasons professional canine geneticists would recommend that's TOO broad (vs perhaps not broad enough if we use 'hereditary')? Again, I'm unsure we have the correct terminology here yet then. Thanks.	Jan 6, 2012 3:34 PM

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16	"False" statements? It's very difficult to know for certain what is false and what is true. I would rather it read that breeders will refrain from sharing negative information about dogs not produced by their kennel or not within their own dog's pedigree, but rather point the inquirer in the direction of the source of which to find accurate information. It is much easier to express that you want members to act ethically and put themselves in others shoes than it is to determine what "facts" or "fiction" they should or are allowed to share. I love the idea of this statement - but don't like the wording. I do approve of #5 as is.	Jan 5, 2012 6:30 PM
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Page 6, Q10. Please provide comments on the introduction to the Conduct for Breeder Members.

1	I find the tone a bit unnecessary - a COE should be aspirational and this passage seems a bit ominous.	Feb 2, 2012 3:41 PM
2	Paragraph 2 seems unnecessary, as does paragraph 3.	Feb 2, 2012 4:32 AM
3	perhaps another word than "bottlenecks" "multiple genetic problems/risks/?"	Jan 30, 2012 7:10 AM
4	I like the introduction, or a form of, the opening paragraph of the "Details of COA Breeders Code of Ethics". It brings attention to the serious consideration which must be used when planning a litter.	Jan 29, 2012 2:41 PM
5	Remove or rewrite the second paragraph it not written style as the rest of the document	Jan 29, 2012 1:40 PM
6	Be very cautious of the word "guardian" given the animal rights activities in the current animal world. Not certain that "bottleneck" should be included -- although it may be accurate, it is also disputed.	Jan 14, 2012 11:37 AM
7	This sounds like there are specific personal agendas in here. An ethic should be accompanied with similar items and not be singled out because we never know which will be the most important when.	Jan 11, 2012 8:27 PM
8	as a person new to the chinook breed I am not aware of what is meant by the multiple genetic bottlenecks which is why I am choosing "no." Maybe it would be helpful if it where further explained.	Jan 11, 2012 7:21 AM
9	The wording of the current Code more effectively and simply handles this section and does not need to be changed.	Jan 8, 2012 7:13 PM
10	This is one area tha really concerns me. I've been involved with horse breeds for years as both and owner and a journalist. Looking back over 50 years, I see that breeding for particular physical characteristics has led to nothing but grief--schisms within the ranks, health issues for the animals, and worst of all, decreases in the genetic diversity that can keep a breed, particularly small breeds, genetic healthy. All the above said, I must admit my prejudices. I have a black and tan Chinook, my first, and she is one of the best dogs we have ever had. I have nothing against golden Chinooks. But I sense a bias among breeders against the black and tan dogs who obviously carry on different genetic lines. PLEASE EMPHASIZE THE 'CHOSEN FOR THEIR WORKING ABILITY, RATHER THAN JUST THEIR LOOKS' part of your code. If you wanted to word this more strongly, I would approve of that.	Jan 8, 2012 10:23 AM
11	With reservations- the diversity of Chinooks' "appearance", for lack of a better word, concerns me. I've heard some judges say that we are looking more alike than in the earlier years, but I'm not so sure. To state that not every litter fits into a narrow definition seems to condone some breeders producing litters of small, narrow chested, poorly shouldered, foxy faced dogs. I know that health and temperament are of utmost concern, but "looks" should also be very important - the breed's history of work, size, and strength matters.	Jan 6, 2012 7:53 PM
12	Should this mention the cross breeding program also? Or does that stuff come later?	Jan 6, 2012 7:22 PM

Page 6, Q10. Please provide comments on the introduction to the Conduct for Breeder Members.

13	With reservations- our diversity in "appearance", for lack of a better word, has been a concern of mine for many years, as well as of judges involved with our breed. I know that many people have commented about how much more "uniform" the breed is becoming, but I am not so sure. It is of utmost importance to focus on health and workability, but this intro appears to condone breeders who produce overly small, narrow chested, poorly shouldered, and foxy faced litters - dogs who do not comply with our standard nor with the intent of the historical working Chinook. I understand the statement that not every litter fits into a narrow definition, but I think this statement is a two-edged sword.	Jan 6, 2012 7:20 PM
14	nice addition of details	Jan 6, 2012 6:39 PM
15	Add. Breeders shall not "cull", euthanize healthy puppies add, contracts will include provision that owners agree to insure that their Chinook receives routine preventative health care from a licensed veterinarian	Jan 6, 2012 8:00 AM
16	I don't necessarily understand why our breed has survived genetic bottlenecks better than others because in the past dogs have been chosen for workability, not just their looks. - Can't really agree with it. Can't agree with the next set of guidelines either until I get that far...	Jan 5, 2012 6:33 PM

Page 7, Q12. Please provide comments on items 6-8 in the General Breeding Guidelines.

1	I wish people actually did #6 but they don't. And if you actually do #7 you are stoned. Any time I would dare share information about a dog I am berated to the point of bloodletting. People are still hiding things about their dogs as if they are hiding dirty family laundry. Instead they are duping the public. To counter this I have begun to offer a complete lifetime genetic health warranty. I want to see my peers step up to this.	Apr 22, 2012 5:56 AM
2	Again- this section is NOT aspirational - it verges on a "checklist" for ethical behavior. Life (and dogs) don't comply with a checklist. The content itself isn't bad, but it should be phrased in a more positive manner. Use of "Should not" vs. "will not" and concepts such as "we strive to breed females that are mature physically and emotionally and healthy enough for the rigors....." eliminates the need for the age proscriptions, etc.	Feb 2, 2012 3:52 PM
3	Item 6 includes 4 different concepts Item 7 should not include the breeders forum and includes 3 separate concepts. Item 8 is not a statement of ethics but a list of requirements Far too wordy.	Feb 2, 2012 4:34 AM
4	I agree in principle, but based on individual interpretation of all things, wonder how this would be enforced. Also physical and temperament soundness and determination of those may vary dramatically from one individual to another.	Jan 14, 2012 11:41 AM
5	It is demeaning and insulting to mandate a full veterinary exam prior to breeding a 10-year-old stud. To suggest such would be appropriate, however.	Jan 13, 2012 7:10 AM
6	Though I would never breed outside of these guidelines I don't feel that COA can police the breed as outlined here. What are the consequences?	Jan 12, 2012 2:04 PM
7	This is confusing. Must be revised.	Jan 11, 2012 8:29 PM
8	8. is too restrictive, there may be times this would eliminate a good breeding.	Jan 11, 2012 5:45 PM
9	Where do we address "test breedings"? Sometimes a breeding can occur with known health issues. We need some guidelines around those...they don't have to be onerous, but something to indicate a conscious decision to breed outside of what is stated in # 8 above.	Jan 11, 2012 3:00 PM
10	Same comment as for previous items #1 - #5. Current Code does not need changing.	Jan 8, 2012 7:15 PM
11	I think that overall health is more important than whether the male can perform the act. There might be size issues that might hinder a successful natural breeding--not that the dog is too aged.	Jan 8, 2012 6:31 PM
12	Yes, with the proviso that the UKC breed standard include wording about emphasis on working ability and specifically state that there is no color preference (or preference of the set of ears, or shape of snout, or curvature of tail, etc.). Thanks for listening to my rants about this.	Jan 8, 2012 10:24 AM
13	These statements are encouraging and not in conflict with what most Chinnok breeders are following now.	Jan 7, 2012 12:39 PM
14	#8 is where things start getting too specific, thus opening up the possibility of	Jan 7, 2012 6:31 AM

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breeder complaints against each other. If we are not going to have enforcement of the COE, we don't need to be this specific. Or at least add "strive to" at the beginning of the paragraph.

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| 15 | #7 - I would never refer any new owner to seek advice on the Chinook Breeders Forum. It is a privately owned site, and has been quite contentious and disturbing at times, with little or no oversight, and the COA has absolutely no control over what is said, posted, or distributed. The sentence could read "Breeder Members..... may choose to work with the Chinook Breeders Forum, a privately owned site/list." Ethical breeders would follow #8 without guidelines; those who are not will continue to overbreed females, produce multiple litters every year, and use a male well past the suggested age without a health evaluation. No enforcement - but is there a possibility of a member filing a written concern? | Jan 6, 2012 8:01 PM |
| 16 | Again, with reservations - #8 is impossible to enforce, so serves as only a guide. Ethical breeders would adhere to this anyway, but those who are not will continue to ignore such guidelines. I would like to see the word "bitch" in line 5 changed to "female" to be consistent. Also, UKC does not refer to a "bitch", only "female". | Jan 6, 2012 7:27 PM |
| 17 | I don't know enough to be breeder, but this seems reasonable. | Jan 6, 2012 7:22 PM |
| 18 | replace "will:" above #6 with "agree to:" From here on out I'm just going to say "yes". If you think my input formative, please refer to the email I sent you. | Jan 6, 2012 4:52 PM |
| 19 | I would say that any MAIDEN female over the age of 7 should have a full vet exam prior, and strongly recommended for all over 7 too, aye. Something akin to that. But many established dams won't require the full vet check at 7 even, if'n they had their last litter at 6yo or 5yo, etc., imho. Every MAIDEN (first litter at or over 7yo) likely will be made safe by prior thorough vet check though, aye. And please, will you consider full vet exam of studs at a broader 12 years or older (vs 10yo?)? Or perhaps the medium of at least 11yo then? I would ask the committee revisit this age then, to make sure that 10yo is current average then for reduced vigor, libido, motility, etc. I don't know. But I do wonder if'n at least this could be safely bumped up to 11th vs 10th birthday then. Maybe not. Not sure. Thanks. | Jan 6, 2012 3:53 PM |
| 20 | "we breed for improvement of the Chinook breed" - without expressing how to improve it. Going back to the fact that breeders disagree on this, that and everything - how are we improving the breed? I think a lot of recent discussion claims we are ruining the breed. If you want people to accept these guidelines, you need to be more clear about our purpose of breeding...what is improvement? Who determines improvement vs. decline? 7. Breeders Forum can be useful - but in fact I have lost breed potential bitches over certain comments made in this forum. I don't feel the club should "recommend" it. Perhaps this would be best addressed as agreeing to seek the help and support of other Chinook breeders - vs. too closely working within your own genetic line and doing everything on your own without consideration of the breed as a whole. 8. Is ok because it describes flexibility and sounds more like a guideline than "breeding police". However, I think that the point of the matter is that all Chinooks should have a physical exam before breeding to insure that they are healthy and in good condition for breeding, whelping and raising a litter. | Jan 5, 2012 6:43 PM |

Page 8, Q14. Please provide comments on items 9-12 in the General Breeding Guidelines.

1	Wording is mixed up on #9. It should be "The stud owner shall be just as discerning as the bitch owner . . ." Too few stud owners do this. #10 is missing an initial "We will . . ." I don't think people realize how important this is. This has the effect of making a sire and dam into Popular Sire and Popular Dam even if they weren't bred very often. In the "old days" we had a practice of only moving forward one or two pups of each gender from each litter. So even if we had ten great males in a litter, only the two best would be used for breeding, ensuring that the very best were being used and we were seriously improving the breed. #s 11 and 12 are also lacking "We will . . ."	Apr 22, 2012 5:58 AM
2	Again, not a very aspirational tone. Point 9 concerns me on behalf of new owners we ask to keep a dog open- this implies a much more significant responsibility that they might not be willing to shoulder. Point 10 is a good theoretical point, but practically there is no way to know those things when one is planning a breeding - you'd need a time machine to see what happens over the next 10 years. Better to say something like all breeders "consider the genetic diversity of the breed and maintaing a robust gene pool when planning breedings."	Feb 2, 2012 3:59 PM
3	#9 goes too far and interferes with the contractual rights of the bitch owner. All are far too wordy and prescriptive	Feb 2, 2012 4:35 AM
4	Question if 3 or 4 litters is within reason. Not being a breeder I simply don't know. Question the restriction of evaluation #11; the necessity of championship and/or working titles, or critique (who would be the evaluator). My impression is that only Chinooks who are superior could be breed and that breeders would be required to show their dogs.	Jan 30, 2012 7:21 AM
5	.	Jan 29, 2012 1:45 PM
6	How discerning are people expected to be? Not loving the wording here. This smacks of breeder policing -- who is going to be in charge of keeping tabs on all this? What are the definitions of some of these words? For example "overly" what does that mean?	Jan 14, 2012 11:48 AM
7	Item 9. It is unfair and unrealistic to expect a stud owner to be responsible equally with the dam owner for the pups produced through the dog's life. Particularly when we are pushing for puppy owners to keep a dog open for potential future breeding when they have no desire to be breeders, this places an unfair burden on them, and unless it is pointed out and verbally discussed before puppy placement, it is misleading at best to place this expectation on new puppy owners. This could be addressed by requiring breeders who place studs with potential breed homes to accept such responsibility on behalf of the puppy owner, but the larger issue is whether the price of one puppy, who may be third pick behind the bitch owner and the bitch's breeder, is sufficient compensation for this huge responsibility. I would go so far as to say I would resign membership in the organization if this provision remains in the COE.	Jan 13, 2012 7:15 AM
8	Rescue is a benefit of being a breeder in the club. If a dog needs to be rehomed and you've been passing on applications because you aren't planning a litter where will you find the contacts to place a dog that needs rehomed. People that fill out forms for rescue usually aren't looking for a puppy so an adult dog has an excellent opportunity to find a home with rescue applications. As a breeder I	Jan 12, 2012 2:15 PM

would make every attempt to find the dog a new home myself, but to say a dog can't be relinquished to rescue is crazy. Perhaps I misread the paragraph. I consider rescue a benefit of the club and there to fall back on if needed. What will happen to someone who uses a stud or dam more than outlined? Consequences? I had a female who never had more than five puppies in a litter. If I bred her four times, she would have contributed less than 20 pups to the breed. How does that compare to a female that produces 10-12 pups a litter? Not fair!! How will you not allow a given litter to dominate a gene pool? Good luck with that! It's usually not known who will be breedable or how many go on and reproduce from the litter for 3-7 years-referring to grand pups from the original litter. Pretty soon you'll be stipulating only two dogs from each litter can be bred and how will that affect the gene pool. Other limiting factors usually come along to determine how many pups are used. Lines were heavy with Duncan and Seanook years ago but everyone did there best to use new genes and I don't think we had a catastrophe because of it. I feel these statements limit diversity.

9	How many stud owners are fortunate enough to have input into where the puppies are placed? If this is a shared decision between the bitch and stud owner, I think equal responsibility is fair. If this is not a shared decision, I think equal responsibility is not fair, as the stud owner has had no input into placements. There could be placements which they would not consider appropriate and have a higher risk of pups being returned. Yet have no say in the matter.	Jan 12, 2012 7:18 AM
10	Nine is unacceptable. Ten is unacceptable--produce and joining the gene pool are two different things--it seems that it is not likely for a person to take Back all the puppy has produced. That would each breeder could only breed 10 or so puppies per year. #12, con't. Why do we have a breed rescue, then.	Jan 11, 2012 8:40 PM
11	May be impossible for the stud owner to assume equal responsibility, they may not receive the necessary information. No limit on dam's litters. Should a bitch that produces 6 excellent pups in three litters be required to stop there?	Jan 11, 2012 5:48 PM
12	# 10 - Do we have any way of knowing the counts of offspring by dam, dam/sire combo at any given time? It will be kind of tough to consider this if we do not have insight to it.	Jan 11, 2012 3:02 PM
13	I am strongly opposed to the provision of the stud owner assuming equal responsibility for the resulting puppies. They do not get any benefit from the sale of the litter beyond a stud fee and more often than not a stud owner is a pet owner willing to keep a male intact as a favor to the breeder. This is a wholly unreasonable provision. I also object to the stud/female/litter domination provisions. Often what have been thought of as popular sires in our breed have their offspring fizzle and we're wondering why more didn't move forward - it's often because too many people were throwing stones at them at the time they were placing pups. No problem with # 11. Opposed to #12. Most contracts in our breed require owners to relinquish to rescue if the breeder is not available to take back the pup - it's why we have rescue. If I breed, place a litter and then become incapacitated, I cannot take the litter back. I do not agree it's the stud owners responsibility. I would never sign a code of ethics that contained these provisions.	Jan 10, 2012 8:28 PM

Page 8, Q14. Please provide comments on items 9-12 in the General Breeding Guidelines.

14	Opening statement para 9 should read "The stud owner shall be just as discerning as the bitch owner". Para 10 Begins "We will consider"... Para 11 - Begins "we will use" also define "knowledgeable professional" Does this mean leave it up to the breeder?	Jan 9, 2012 6:15 PM
15	Same comment as previous section. Current Code does not need changing. In this section #12 should definitely NOT be include by adding the owners of the sire.	Jan 8, 2012 7:20 PM
16	I think it should be a requirement that both the stud and bitch owners share health information with each other for the lifetime of the puppies whom they have created. Along with new owner contact information.	Jan 8, 2012 6:36 PM
17	I have a question about point #12. Does "not relinquishing a dog to breed rescue" also mean that a breeder or stud owner with a returned dog (breeder or stud owner assuming costs/housing of this returned dog) would not be able to use breed rescue as a resource for possible homes?	Jan 8, 2012 2:28 PM
18	This is one of the reasons I chose a Chinook and recommend the breed to others.	Jan 8, 2012 10:25 AM
19	Q12 might be confusing to a owner who is out of touch with their breeder. *if* they can not or do not know where to contact their breeder they should be informed that contacting COA breed rescue would be the next best place to go....the "no relinquish" to bred rescue part makes it sound like they shouldn't contact them . It would be more clear if it said "shelter or pound."	Jan 7, 2012 12:47 PM
20	Too much detail; too many absolutes. Second sentence F #9 - change "will ensure" to "will strive to ensure". Love the last sentence, but I almost lost a breeding over this one last time around... #10 and #11 have nice suggestions, but I see a ton of breeder complaints being filed over the content. #12 is great.	Jan 7, 2012 6:36 AM
21	Again, no enforcement or consequences - not sure the COA should be the "breeding police", but could there be some way of a member raising a concern?	Jan 6, 2012 8:01 PM
22	#10 - number of litters should be two, no more than three, except when a litter is lost or consisting of a single puppy. The "knowledgeable professional" is vague - perhaps could be better defined or expanded?	Jan 6, 2012 7:33 PM
23	This seems reasonable. However, should it contain some verbiage as to technology enhancements such as freezing sperm etc? Or does that go back to having a sire that is being over bred?	Jan 6, 2012 7:25 PM
24	"We will also assume equal responsibility with the owner of the dam for the pups produced throughout their lifetimes. " While I like how this may indeed be a 'proactive' thought, I don't think COA can hold anyone responsible for pups they never have/will own? So I think maybe this simply couldn't be legally binding in reality, except in cases where written contracts between stud and bitch owners also included any type of shared ownership of the litter? I think only litter owners can indeed be legally responsible then. So wouldn't recommend COA overstep whatever UKC regs/legal bounds of ownership are, please. Also please add 'UKC' to all references to 'total breeding population. For again, COA cannot hold it's reg'd breeders responsible for AKC breed population. I think the PCs (UKC	Jan 6, 2012 4:29 PM

and AKC) will need to remain painfully clear with every reference to the 'breed' here forward then, now there are in fact two Chinook kennel club 'breeds' per se (even though proactive breeders do also correctly discuss overall populations, UKC and AKC, also correctly). But important for COA to hold it's breeders responsible for only the UKC 'breed' clearly. I would also suggest removing this sentence item 10. "Depending on the number of puppies in a litter, no more than three or four litters will be produced by any single dam." Then either leave the paragraph as stands; or perhaps state in broader terms-- 'More prolific dams need not be further bred in geriatric years.' Or some such thing. But since I like how you do not refer to numbers with regards to the Studs and pop sire syndrome; Please also try not to refer to numbers of pups or litters for the dams too, some how. Don't be more unforgiving with the dams than with the studs then even, I mean. Thanks. re: Item 11 I would strike this entire minutia, and replace with a much broader goal/outline of whatever UKC current expectations are with regards to pup socialization. Then allow the breeders to continue to evaluate at whatever ages they see fit, as well as place pups how they see fit. For this item assumes all pups need be professionally evaluated then placed (which, especially in sledding breeds, they don't). So make a more balance item here, please, with regards to not only companion litters' needs, but also the needs of real life working pups/dogs. Working pups should never be 'pushed' to eval or placement. So we need to remain mindful of a 'balance' then somehow. I would recommend you replace this entire item 11 then with more broad as well as a few detailed expectations with regards to Socialization that EVERY breeder can in fact 'buy into' within confines of their whelping rooms and homes then, aye. In other words, you need to allow for a greater degree of variant HUMAN social & working dog breeder types/environs too then this Item. For sleddog breeders evaluate their own dogs along with their vets. So we are 'pros' too. See if you can balance item 11 then somehow with that of more of a working dog's breeder needs too. Thanks. And re: Item 12. Aye, that's good except again-- I don't think the owner of the sire/stud can be held responsible for pups they never owned. And most breeders contracts already call for direct RETURN of pups to home kennels anyway, if a third home cannot be found or agreed upon, eh? Maybe COA should just begin asking all breeders written contracts to state clearly the pup/dog is to be returned directly to home kennels should the owner need relinquish it? I don't know. But please try to add more clarity this item 12 too then.

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| 25 | Breeding police...who determines which bitch or stud is "an appropriate mate"? 10. If a stud or a bitch produces large litters, is it fair to censor them from additional breedings and genetic combinations? Rather than have that separate from number 11, I think the two need to be combined. A popular sire (or dam) is only a risk if too many offspring move forward. 12. With the MAJOR difficulty in finding new people to become breeders, this statement WILL elicit a fear of responsibility from some new breeders. Most average owners who are asked - or pushed - into breeding contracts will not be able to take dogs back. I think that this needs major rewording and reconsideration!!! I think that breeders should understand that ethically, they will be expected to assist in rehoming any dog from their kennel at any time it needs it and that Chinook Rescue should be a last resort. A breeder who uses Rescue to place a dog from their kennel should be asked to make a hefty donation towards the cause if they cannot take physical responsibility for the dog. In a perfect world, all breeders could take back their dogs. But that is NOT the case in real life!!! Especially for pet owners asked to breed. | Jan 5, 2012 6:51 PM |
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Page 9, Q16. Please provide comments on items 13-16 on the Guidelines Concerning Heritable Diseases and Genetic Issues.

1	I would like to see an addition to #16 that says that a person is free to disclose the genetic health issues of any dog they own or have bred.	Mar 23, 2012 4:21 AM
2	These should be refined to be statements of ethics not rules that breeders must abide by. If somewhere else the club wishes to produce information about health screening, resources, test breeding, and new innovations, then that would be a good resource. Ethics should stand up over time and not have to be changed if a new health screening is developed, a new health issue is identified or if a health/genetic screening is debunked. Ethics should be more simple and straightforward.	Feb 2, 2012 4:38 AM
3	Question if the second statement in #15 is necessary/too restrictive. Instead "As new testing becomes available to further reduce genetic health problems, breeders are encouraged to utilize these advancements"	Jan 30, 2012 7:28 AM
4	add personalty disorders	Jan 29, 2012 1:45 PM
5	Again, who is going to police this activity to make certain people are following through?	Jan 14, 2012 11:54 AM
6	I support test breedings in some cases and feel the breed would be crippled had they not been done. With a limited gene pool you have to allow for special circumstances	Jan 12, 2012 2:16 PM
7	#14. "especially sensitive" may be necessary, but seems pretty open. What about test-breedings? Shouldn't there be some comment on those? #15. Again, the cost of genetic testing may be astronomical and the efficacy of such tests may be in question. Perhaps "we will use them when appropriate and the validity of such testing is assured".	Jan 12, 2012 7:31 AM
8	This does not necessarily fool the science.	Jan 11, 2012 8:42 PM
9	Genetic testing for ALL heritable diseases could be quite expensive an not necessarily helpful. ALL DOGS have some genetic health issues therefore none should be bred? shades of PETA here.	Jan 11, 2012 5:51 PM
10	I would add a sentence to 16 based on Padgett's recommendations - which is that Breeder Members should support each other in relation to health disclosures and educating potential puppy owners about the importance of opened disclosure.	Jan 10, 2012 8:30 PM
11	Para 14 Begins " Breeder members are strongly discouraged" ... Also add anasarca to the list of health issues	Jan 9, 2012 6:16 PM
12	Same comment as prevous section.	Jan 8, 2012 7:26 PM
13	Again, the integrity I discern among Chinook breeders is one of the reasons I recommend the breed (plus they are so good with kids!)	Jan 8, 2012 10:26 AM
14	This is fine.	Jan 7, 2012 12:48 PM
15	Please, please don't take away the requirements for health screenings!	Jan 7, 2012 6:38 AM

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| 16 | Should this mention some type of temperament testing as well? I realize a dog's personality is what it is, but I understand that some personality traits are genetic. I don't know if those can be tested for though. | Jan 6, 2012 7:26 PM |
| 17 | re: Item 13 The 'minimum' requirement should likely be hauled much further back to a baseline of combined 3 gen health pedigree and same 3 gen vertical pedigree each litter now, until the Ne reaches 200 animals NEXT GEN. So for the next five years even, the 'minimum' goal for 'testing' likely should become overall purebred/diversity testing. Then the individual disease frequencies/testings follow based on individual dog's welfare, aye. So I would at least caution to remove the qualifier of 'minimum' in context then, if we can endure this much change yet as I suggest. And also remove ANY required testings, and replace with a list of ALL RECOMMENDED Testings currently then. And yes, then, of course, OFA and CERF would also remain high on that list. But please keep in mind how, to my knowledge, the most inbred Chinook I've ever known (in 20years) was indeed also a professionally diagnosed epileptic Chinook, with good hips and eyes. Meaning whatever improvements have been made in hip and eye disease, may also continue to come at the expense of increased neurological disorders and autoimmune disease in future too. There is no way to know what risks you are taking with continuing such a 'minimum screenings program' then as yet outlined here. And imo, it's a risk the genome could no longer afford in 2001, let alone in 2011, unfortunately. So the bare 'minimum' today likely should be ever more conservative and simply be a full 3 gen ped analysis of both the Health ped as well as the Vertical ped, until the Ne rises. NO screenings required, but ALL screenings (for top 10-20 disease frequencies finally) STRONGLY RECOMMENDED and LISTED as they all exist today, in all commercial available and Beta testing forms/research. For it's time to strike a balance for greater flexibility as well as greater caution. And this is the only way I know how to do both yet then-- Allow for minimum of ped analysis alone, and strongly recommend MORE SCREENINGS than ever yet then, with regards to individual disease tests/screenings. It's not 'good enough' to slap on how we'll use more tests if we come to trust more ALREADY AVAILABLE! For indeed, in the end, hips and eyes may already have proven least of our issues, if inbreeding levels aren't halved again/finally next gen(s) forward. So my point remains, it won't have been enough to prove we improved hip and eye evals these past 20 years, if we also can't prove what other disease frequencies we also may have helped to rise in process this/NEXT Gens. For indeed the genome is not broader now. It's narrower. Which in a 'pure' breed, calls also immediately then for more out and cross breeding. But I digress. | Jan 6, 2012 5:02 PM |
| 18 | 13. Some tests are and aren't accurate. Breeders should not be told to test for ALL heritable diseases in which we can. I would rather see hips and eyes listed - and any other testable condition known to affect close relatives (or even suspected). #15 - basically the same thing. I don't think we should force tests when so many are new or inaccurate or not suited for our breed. #16 fully covers the earlier statement about "making false statements about other breeders" and I would rather see that earlier statement completely removed. This says it appropriately. | Jan 5, 2012 6:55 PM |

Page 10, Q18. Please provide comments on the Guidelines Concerning Registration and Sales or Transfer of Ownership.

1	The real point is about clarity of contract and expectations - that doesn't need a written document.	Feb 2, 2012 4:01 PM
2	Again, this appears as a rule and should be written to describe the ethics of sale. It does not address registration. It seems like a mishmash of ideas and not clearly thought out.	Feb 2, 2012 4:40 AM
3	Ensure new puppies owner have no problems UKC, AKC or UKC/AKC registration bottlenecks.	Jan 29, 2012 1:48 PM
4	Contracts are only as the individuals in them. Requiring written contracts will also create additional litigious behavior from members. Again, who is going to make certain all these parameters are met?	Jan 14, 2012 11:55 AM
5	Why is the club involved in how an individual conducts their business. We may end up in a liability situation.	Jan 11, 2012 8:44 PM
6	would substitute 'should' for 'must'	Jan 11, 2012 5:52 PM
7	There should be some recognition here that when two dogs are bred together both owned by the breeder, there will not be writing to support the breeding. Otherwise fine.	Jan 10, 2012 8:32 PM
8	Would not change from the current Code.	Jan 8, 2012 7:27 PM
9	Wish more breeds required this.	Jan 8, 2012 10:27 AM
10	Fine	Jan 7, 2012 12:49 PM
11	This sounds reasonable.	Jan 6, 2012 7:27 PM
12	The COE needs an Enforcement clause. What if a breeder fails to provide papers? What if a breeder does not provide a contract. What is my recourse? How do I complain? How does the Board approach such a breeder. Other breed clubs like the LCA and former CDCA have an additional clause that allows for a process for a complaint. Without this, the COE has no teeth, or seem serious. I will e-mail you a copy.	Jan 6, 2012 8:04 AM
13	I believe it needs to be included that when a puppy or dog is sold, it will be recorded in an ownership agreement AND the registration papers are immediately the property of the new owner. If they are not immediately available at the time the puppy is sold, they need to be provided by the time the puppy is 6 months old. If an owner wishes to show their dog - they should have this information by then. There is NO EXCUSE for a breeder to not provide these papers in a timely fashion if they are selling a rare breed dog that is advertised as registered. Further, no owner should have to go through the hassle and stress of having to track down a breeder to get them to register the dog or litter. This happens far too often and causes serious buyer-owner relationship problems and looks bad for the image of the breeder - something that the mission statement of this document specifies...the COA wants to breeder to represent the club in a positive light.	Jan 5, 2012 7:00 PM

Page 11, Q20. Please provide comments on items 17-19 to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree.

1	I particularly like point 18- it achieves a more aspirational tone.	Feb 2, 2012 4:01 PM
2	17 seems random - is that all that breeders should screen for? That is the danger in being too specific. #18 should be restated - again the focus on open dialog may need to be restated to be more inclusive. It seems to narrowly defined because of the effort to be specific - which is rule based, not a statement of ethics. #19 is a prescription and not a statement of ethics.	Feb 2, 2012 4:43 AM
3	How does the COA intend to make these things happen? Prepping buyers does not make them actually do those things.	Jan 14, 2012 11:57 AM
4	Item 17 and item 9 are related. If Stud owners are expected to share lifetime responsibility for the puppies, they should have equal say, and even veto power, over any puppy placement.	Jan 13, 2012 7:17 AM
5	I thin some of these should be individual decisions.	Jan 11, 2012 8:47 PM
6	But...I think there should be a clear provision that each Breeder should become familiar with and comply with their state's laws related to the care and sale of puppies.	Jan 10, 2012 8:33 PM
7	Substitute the word "adopt" or"adoption" for the words sell and sale. We are responsible for these dogs for thier lifetime. We sell "things" not "beings". This will not aply to para 22. In this instance sell is the appropriare word	Jan 9, 2012 6:23 PM
8	Would not change from the current Code.	Jan 8, 2012 7:28 PM
9	Fine	Jan 7, 2012 12:50 PM
10	This sounds reasonable	Jan 6, 2012 7:28 PM
11	I think the breeder members should agree to the UKC's COE also	Jan 6, 2012 8:04 AM
12	It should be added that stud owner contact info should always be included with the sale of the puppy too. Earlier this document stated that the breeder and stud owner must be reponsible for the dog if it needs rehoming - yet some owners may only have the contact info for their breeder. Suppose the breeder doesn't get back to them, isn't in the breed anymore, etc. (which I've seen happen plenty) - how are they to know who else to go to? There needs to be a support system available and it is the stud owner's right to know as well. This brings me to another area of concern - earlier you stated that the breeder and stud owner are responsible for the dog if it needs rehoming, however, my contract, as a liability precaution states that I am no longer responsible for the dog. It does however state that should the owner need to give up responsibility/ownership of their dog - it must be returned to me or approved by me. Such lingo could be difficult to work with if one wanted to really pick this apart!	Jan 5, 2012 7:05 PM

Page 12, Q22. Please provide comments on items 20-22 to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree.

1	These items seem more like instructions or guidance to breeders than statements of ethics. #21 should only be the first sentence.	Feb 2, 2012 4:45 AM
2	In 20. Provide UKC registration papers within a reasonable time frame. Reasonable time frame is much too vague and should be more specific (for example, within X number of months).	Jan 29, 2012 6:06 PM
3	Enforcement? I do agree with #22.	Jan 14, 2012 11:58 AM
4	Item 21. The old COE was better. The seller should "assist" in finding a new home, not necessarily be the only one to find the home.	Jan 13, 2012 7:18 AM
5	# 20 How ill shyness and allergies be defined, especially in puppies? What particular eye disorders? Breeder's option, possible cataracts - some of these disappear with age or come to light as the pup gets older. # 21.Does this negate number 12? Placing the responsibility on the dam's owner?	Jan 12, 2012 7:37 AM
6	20 does not follow the science. 21 goes way beyond most people's abilities.	Jan 11, 2012 8:51 PM
7	20. EVERY DOG has some genetic defect. According to this no dogs would be bred.	Jan 11, 2012 5:54 PM
8	A general comment on guidelines. They are just that: guidelines. So, the words like "will", "always", "never", etc. should be replaced with less demanding terms such as "strive for", "typically", "rarely", etc.	Jan 11, 2012 3:07 PM
9	See previous comments concerning the words sell and sale	Jan 9, 2012 6:23 PM
10	Would not change from the current Code.	Jan 8, 2012 7:29 PM
11	Noting paragraph 14--there might be reason for "test" breedings with some dogs so therefore I do not agree that all dogs with a possible genetic defect be spayed/neutered.	Jan 8, 2012 6:44 PM
12	Fine	Jan 7, 2012 12:50 PM
13	#20 seems vague. We would need to define "reasonable" in the first sentence. The last sentence of #20 would require seeing into the future -- these things cannot be determined at the time a puppy is sold.	Jan 7, 2012 6:42 AM
14	Decidedly yes, especially 22	Jan 6, 2012 7:29 PM
15	re: 20 Again, not sure if 'hereditary' health defect should be 'genetic'. I don't know. Pls consult UKC or geneticist or legal counsel. Just not sure. And please consider adding to end of this item something like-- '...it will be sold only with a spay/neuter contract, if the breeder's vet concurs neuter surgery is advisable at this time'. For in fact, some science would indicate perhaps male epileptics should NOT be neutered. As well, certain conditions in female pups may also warrant NO spay for some time to come in life, etc. So leave this door further ajar for instances of individual pups' conditions and welfare then. Thanks.	Jan 6, 2012 5:10 PM
16	Again, add that they agree to the United kennel Clubs codf ethics and agree to an enforcement clause	Jan 6, 2012 8:05 AM

Page 12, Q22. Please provide comments on items 20-22 to what the Breeder Members of the Chinook Owners Association will agree.

17	20. Reasonable time frame? 6 months - a dog cannot be shown before 6 months. There is no reason that a breeder can't have the pups registered immediately - with the exception of "cross" litters. If a breeder is to withhold registration papers for ANY reason - this should be listed in the sales contract. For instance, I will allow new owners to do a payment plan, but ownership will not be transferred into their name until they have paid - which could be up to a year. This will be specified in the sales contract. I agree with 21 and 22 as is.	Jan 5, 2012 7:08 PM
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