

# **Chinook Owners Association**

UKC Chinook National Breed Club Annual Meeting Report June 16, 2006

#### Treasurer - Robert Fowler

2005 and the first quarter of 2006 have been a good "year" for the COA treasury. We have a viable operating fund. We also have a well established rescue fund and now a healthy Emergency Health Fund, which will provide for our Chinooks in need. Our ads in DogsUSA and DogWorld's rare breed issue have presented us with inquiries. For the fifteen months since January 2005 the monthly average of the treasury funds are:

- Operating Funds......\$6136
- Rescue Funds.....\$1900
- Emergency Health Fund......\$720
- Overall monthly average......\$8756

#### Secretary – Donna Canfield

The COA Secretary's tasks include keeping records of all motions and delivering that information to the Chinook Quarterly Editor by its issue deadline. In addition, all information for the COA from the United Kennel Club is addressed to the Secretary. The largest job is conducting the election process every two years. The COA Secretary participated on the Nominating Committee, created a call for nominations and then ballot – both of these were distributed to the full COA membership. The Secretarial Records and Historical Records need to be examined, sorted, electronically scanned and organized. This job will be completed as part of the transfer of records to the incoming Secretary.

# Membership - Laura Morgan & Susan Cunningham, Co-Chairs

The 2006 COA Membership Directory is in production. The following is an overview of the COA membership for the past 5 years:

- In 2002, the COA had 128 members.
- In 2003, the COA had 152 members.
- In 2004, the COA had 165 members.
- In 2005, the COA had 163 members. This included 85 single members, 78 member families, 14 Breeder members, 5 lifetime member breeders, 8 stud fees paid, and 283 member dogs. Thirty-four states and Canada are represented in COA membership.
- In 2006, the COA had 164 members (13 member renewals are in the mail!). The COA was at 200 members at the end of last year, but typically about thirty members don't renew every year. The 2006 membership includes 84 single members, 80 member families, 19 Breeder members, 5 lifetime member breeders, 7 stud fees paid, and 294 member dogs (not counting those checks in the mail member dogs). Thirty-five states and Canada are represented in COA membership.

# <u>Rescue</u> – Heather Martin-Zboray, Chair; Maria Sommer, Application Coordinator Susan Cunningham, Shirley Jackson, Carie Taylor, Jessica Maurer

In 2005, the Chinook community learned of 9 Chinook mix bred puppies in a Maine shelter. The puppies resulted from an accidental breeding between a German Shepard/St. Bernard and a female purported to be a Chinook (producing eleven puppies). After discussion, the shelter released the pups to the COA Rescue. Three of the pups had already been placed by the shelter before the remaining pups were turned over to the COA. Thanks to the kindness of the Chinook Community, loving homes were found for all 6 puppies within a week. The puppies are all doing well and are making their new families very happy. We've heard from 2 of the homes who adopted pups directly from the shelter and hope to make contact with the remaining puppy owner.

The Rescue Committee has also had some follow up activities with previously placed Chinooks.

## <u>Health Committee</u> – Mary Berg Malkiel & Jessica Maurer, Co-Chairs

Shirley Panit Jackson, Steve Giordano, Leslie Donais, Walter Madden, Carie Taylor, Jen Johnson The Health Committee is maintaining and disseminating data and information about health and health trends in Chinooks. The Committee publishes articles in each CQ that are timely and relevant to Chinook health issues. The Health Committee looks forward to forging collaborative efforts with other entities to further our goal of creating an open health registry for the breed.

# <u>CQ</u> – Jessica Maurer, Acting Editor; John & Leslie Donais, Distribution; Jennifer Andrews, Layout & Format

Four CQs were produced in the past year in a non-traditional fashion. Much of the work was significantly delayed, so the publication and distribution of the CQs occurred in the late winter, early spring of 2006. These editions covered a wealth of information. They were favorably and graciously received by members.

## **CrossBreeding Committee** – Donna Canfield, Chair

# R. Rowdy Yates (UKC Judge), Penthea Burns (Registrar), Bob & Connie Jones (share 1 vote), John & Leslie Donais (share 1 vote), Joyce Maley, Richalene Kelsey

The major accomplishment has been integrating PennHIP as a hip evaluation for dogs participating in the CrossBreeding Program. The revised CrossBreeding Program may be found on the COA web site. The Committee recommended and the Board agreed (in Motion 2006-3) that PennHIP can be used:

- with breeding pairs that are both PennHIP evaluated with both dogs recommended for breeding;
- as the evaluation tool for otherwise eligible Chinook crosses applying for purebred status;
- when one dog is evaluated with PennHIP and the other with OFA in a trial program that will be reassessed by the CrossBreeding Committee in August 2007.

To date, six (6) Chinooks from the CrossBreeding Program have been accepted as purebred and registered with the United Kennel Club (Cross to Pure Chinooks). The following is a health, conformation and working summary of these Cross to Pure Chinooks and their offspring. Together, the 6 Cross to Pure Chinooks have produced 53 puppies:

26 males 27 females

Eleven (11) of these offspring are over age 2 years at date of this report. One of the Chinooks produced by a Cross to Pure Chinook has sired a litter in 2006.

Nine (9) of the purebred Chinooks that come from the CrossBreeding Program reported having some kind of hip evaluation and all evaluations were indicative of positive hip health:

1 PennHIP 90% 6 OFA Good

1 vet read good 2 OFA prelim Good

Eleven (11) have reported normal CERF evaluations with one reporting Breeders Option for retinal folds. Of the 26 males, one has been identified as bilateral cryptorchid. One female was identified as chondrodysplastic (dwarf). No other health problems were identified.

Conformation achievements:

6 UKC Champions

5 UKC Grand Champions

21 Best of Breed wins

4 Best In Show wins

2 Best in Multi Breed Show wins

8 Top Ten standings

Titles achieved:

2 Therapy Dog certifications 1 weight pulling title (UWP).

1 obedience title (UCD-X),

2 Canine Good Citizen certificates

1 Temperament Test title.

Five (5) Chinooks are reported to be recreational sled dogs on 3 different sledding teams.

#### Registrar - Penthea Burns

During the last year one purebred Chinook, Howlin Hills Mooseelauke, was UKC registered through the Single Dog Registration process. No litters were registered within the COA CrossBreeding Program during this past year.

#### Working Dog - Corine Lindhorst, Chair

# Ginger Corley, Jessica Maurer, Maria Sommer, Pam Chambers, Joyce Maley

The Working Dog Program has about 6 months of remaining work to complete a final draft. Watch for this in the late fall of 2006.

## **Bench** – Carie Taylor & Sandy Smith, Co-Chairs

The 2005 Chinook National Specialty broke all kinds of records – attendance, number of Chinooks in the ring, money raised in the silent auction and a fantastic array of workshops for Chinooks and their owners. Planning for the 2006 Chinook National Specialty has been ongoing and is here for us to enjoy. It is our hope that we will have a great turnout in Colorado for the 2007 Chinook National Specialty!

UKC show announcements are published in the CQ.

#### **Information Coordinator – Walt Madden**

The COA Information Coordinator has seen a decrease in inquiries over the past few months - to an average of one or two per month. It is uncertain if this is due to more readily available information on the internet or another factor. Most inquiries are from people who are already sold on the breed and want to know where they can get a dog. Those folks are referred to the COA website to research and introduce themselves to breeders near their home. They are also encouraged to check out the FAQ pages on the COA website and to take advantage of the trial subscription to the COA-L to learn more about Chinooks and their people. Hopefully based on that experience they will perhaps become encouraged to join the COA community.

## **Historian – Kathleen Riley Daniels**

The archiving of historical documents still needs to occur with COA funding for copying and archiving of historical documents. A solicitation of historical documents will make a more complete archive.

## **CNE!** - Jessica Maurer, Representative to COA Board

Chinooks New England! has had another successful year. This affiliate club appreciated the positive feedback for hosting the 2005 Chinook National Specialty in New Hampshire, Chinooks home. CNE! is completing its membership renewal and preparing for an upcoming election. During the past year, CNE! has raised funds to support club activities. In addition to hosting the National Specialty, club activities included the 2005 Chinook Olympics in York, ME. In the spring of 2006, CNE! hosted a pulling workshop to rave reviews. CNE! is proud to be a resource to others around the country as they move toward creating additional COA affiliates. CNE! moved their website to <a href="https://www.chinooksnewengland.org">www.chinooksnewengland.org</a>. Check it out!

# **<u>COA Website</u>** – Ann Eakin, Web Page Development & Maintenance

The COA website is a great place for information about all things Chinook. The Breeder's page contains breeder contact information, upcoming litter announcements, advice about finding and placing puppies, and a link to the COA Stud page, home of the world's most eligible Chinook bachelors (viewing is open to females 2 years and up only, please!). The website also has Chinook history with great photos of Arthur Walden and Chinook through the Perry Greene era dogs and up to the present. There are also very informative answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Chinook health, obtaining puppies, and other general Chinook knowledge. Also, all COA members are offered a free web page including a photo as part of the on-line membership guide, sorted by geography to make it easy for members to connect with other local Chinooks. There is also a link to the COA store, where you can find all sorts of great

Chinook items for purchase, such as T-shirts, jewelry, and the new fabulous children's book by David Pagel, "The First Chinook". Please visit the site soon (<a href="www.chinook.org">www.chinook.org</a>) and let us know if you have any ideas for improvements or additions by writing Ann. Eakin@comcast.net.

COA-L - Marne Lindhorst & Jessica Maurer, Moderators; Laura Morgan, Administrator

The Chinook Owner's Association (COA) is pleased to provide a Mailing List, the COA-L, for Chinook owners and those interested in the breed. This list is known as the Chinook Neighborhood for a very good reason -- the Chinook community is so geographically widespread that COA members and those interested in the breed need a forum where they can safely discuss common concerns and issues. The COA-L moved to a Yahoo Group in this past year. The move happened quickly. Kudos to Laura Morgan for administering this during the membership drive. This move accomplished a previously desired goal to be able to post photos and documents that the yahoo group can now accommodate. To learn more about the COA-L group, please visit: <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COA-L">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COA-L</a>

## **COA Calendar Contest** – Ann Eakin, Contest Coordinator

The Calendar contest has been a popular activity and the calendar is a favored item for the saavy Chinook owner/shopper. This year, the contest will be run differently. In 2007, each month in the calendar has a specific theme. Contestants are allowed to enter up to 3 photos for 3 different months/themes in the contest. Each contestant is allowed to enter one additional photo for the cover competition (a maximum of 4 photo entries). Family memberships, please combine photos and act as a single contestant with a max of 4 entries per family, as described above.

The monthly themes are as follows:

Jan & Feb – Winter Recreation

**March** – Stud Dogs strut your stuff (live male, must have sired one at least one litter)

**April** – Chinooks & Flowers

May – Puppies!

June – UKC-sanctioned dog sports

(conformation, agility, weight pull, obedience – NO professional photos or photos with ribbons – these photos highlight the sport, not the winners!)

July - Water dogs

**Aug** – Bragging on Brood Bitches (live female, must have whelped at least one litter)

**Sept** – Rainbow Bridge (honoring Chinooks no longer with us)

Oct – Outdoor recreation

Nov – Chinooks & Kids

**Dec** – Snow dogs

**Cover** – Group shots (3 or more Chinooks)

## *Important requirements* for submission of photos:

- Electronic or print submissions of photo entries are acceptable.
- All photos must be in a *horizontal layout*, with dimensions consistent with 4x6 print format.
- Electronic images must be at high enough resolution to appear sharp when printed to fill a standard sheet of paper. (For initial web voting, please submit electronic files no larger than 150 KB to conserve mailbox space. Higher resolution files will be requested from all winners with digital images for the final printing of the calendar.)
- All photos must be taken by *amateur* photographers **no professional photos or studio portraits** will be accepted (this includes the June UKC dog sports category).
- Include the names of dogs and people pictured in the photo, the name of the dog(s) owners and the name of the photographer with all entries.
- Indicate clearly the month for which each photo is being entered. Submit original photos that have not appeared in the contest in previous years.

Submit photos in print form by mail to Ann Eakin (11 Chestnut Street, Stow, MA 01775) or as JPEG files by email to <a href="mailto:COACalendar@comcast.net">COACalendar@comcast.net</a> before **31 August 2006**.