

Chinook Historical Tidbits



- **1917** Chinook is born on Arthur & Kate Walden's Wonalancet Farm from a husky and a large mixed breed dog of unknown origin. The 3 pups looked like neither parent.
- **1927** Admiral Richard Byrd appointed Arthur Walden lead driver and dog trainer for Byrd's Antarctic Expedition & Chinook and his offspring were "the backbone of transport."
- **1931** President Herbert Hoover declared a Chinook, Paugus, and his young owner, Lawrence Orne, to be America's most typical "boy and his dog."
- **1981** The Chinook comes close to disappearing and has even been in the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the World's Most Rare Dog when only 11 breedable dogs are left alive.
- **2009** The Chinook is declared the Official State Dog of New Hampshire.
- **Today** The Chinook is thriving as a well loved suburban pet for families and those who enjoy outdoor sports like sledding skiing, running, hiking and a variety of other outdoor sports. You name it and your Chinook is ready to give it a try.

CHINOOK - America's Dog

The Chinook's historical significance and position today as a valued family pet, have helped it rebound from near extinction. But preserving such a valuable breed can't be done by any one person. With the support of your membership, the **Chinook Owners Association** is able to preserve the Chinook dog for many generations yet to come.



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Developed in New England in the early 1900s to be the "gentlemen's carriage horse of sled dogs," the Chinook has found its niche today as the perfect suburban family pet. Chinooks get along well with people, especially children, have little to no dog aggression, and have an easy exercise requirement. More easily trainable than other Northern breeds, Chinooks have found a place as recreational sled dogs (as well as scootering, competitive weight pulling, skijoring, and other drafting sports), and in Agility, Conformation, Obedience and Rally, Herding, Search & Rescue, and just about any active dog sport. Just about anything their owners enjoy, a Chinook will enjoy too.



Chinook Smiles



Chinooks can often be seen with a wide happy smile. Their personality matches their happy expression.



Though the Chinook is primarily a tawny dog with black or cream markings, other colors sometimes occur, going back to the early days of the breed. The COA recognizes the historical significance of these



dogs and though their color is a fault in the show ring, many excellent black and tan or buff Chinooks have earned Champion and Grand Champion titles. In working ability they are every bit as capable as their tawny counterparts. And as the saying goes, "Ears & Color Don't Pull the Sled."

Speaking of ears, you see above that they can be down, or folded back in what we casually call "helicopter" carriage, or pricked up. They also can be one of each.



Chinook Facts



Original Purpose: Sled dog for freighting, racing, "the gentleman's carriage horse of sled dogs".

Country of Origin: New Hampshire, USA by Arthur

Walden, and later Julia Lombard and Perry Green. See www.chinook.org/about.html for more information on the Chinook's fascinating history.

Physical Description: Males are 65 to 90 pounds 23" to 27". Females are 21" to 25" and range from 50 pounds to 70 pounds. The coat is a double one with a soft downy undercoat and a thick, harsh outer coat. Dogs that live in hotter climates won't develop as much undercoat as those that live in cold winter areas. See the full breed standard at www.chinook.org.

Purpose Today: Chinooks today excel as family pets, especially in homes with children. For people who enjoy outdoor winter sports, the Chinook is the perfect match. They also enjoy pulling scooters, sulkies, and other vehicles the rest of the year. They are successfully working as Service Dogs for the disabled and as Therapy Dogs visiting hospitals and rehab centers.



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