



Chinook Owners Association

Details of COA Breeders Code of Ethics

The creation of new life is a serious, far-reaching responsibility, and each puppy produced has the potential for creating more life. Because thousands of dogs are destroyed each year, quality breeding of Chinooks must be paramount. In addition, the home of placement is critical. Chinooks should only be placed with owners approved by at least one Chinook owner in person, and in homes the breeder is certain will uphold the OWNING Code of Ethics.

Each breeder should answer the following questions of their breeding program:

- 1-How closely do the bitch and stud Chinooks to be bred conform to the UKC Chinook standard?
- 2-Who determined that conformation status: you, a third party, a UKC judge, a senior Chinook breeder? Have you received at least 3 objective opinions?
- 3-What improvements will this breeding bring to the Chinook?
- 4-What shortcomings will this breeding eliminate?
- 5-How will you and owners of these puppies improve shortcomings in the future?
- 6-Know in detail the genetic health of BOTH the sire and dam.
- 7-Have you exhausted all research (including checking with sibling owners and progeny owners) to determine health of sire and dam: seizures, hip dysplasia, CERF for eyes, thyroid, brucellosis, and other health concerns?
- 8-Do sire and dam indicate ability and willingness to work? Have they worked on a sled team, earned obedience titles, competed in fly ball or agility, done therapy work, backpacked, or worked in other venues?

Every breeder is expected to follow all puppies produced by seeking important information from owners at various stages in the puppies lives. Breeders should use this information along advice from experts to improve the quality of future breedings.

As a rule, dogs should have hips certified as passing by OFA or GDC with a permanent certification before breeding. Dogs should have CERF clear eyes within 12 months of breeding.

Each breeder/owner is obligated to share full information, positive and negative, about genetic characteristics of a dog to be bred. All breeder/owners should give out negative information about their dogs ONLY. Do not pass on negative information about someone else's dogs. Improvement of the breed depends on sharing negative information, but if such information is passed along in a harmful way, the breeder harmed would hesitate to be truthful in the future.

Breeders are expected to give puppies appropriate veterinary care and socialization, as well a considerable individual attention.

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