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Alpine Babazuzu ["Zuzu"]

# From the President

**Dear Readers,**

...Cue the old ESPN football music...

Are you ready for some SNOWFALL???

As I compose this note, I constantly interrupt myself to check the latest satellite images. Looks like New Jersey is in for another big snow. My neighbors bemoan the weather, and I sympathize with the difficult commutes; but secretly, I'm sooo excited! We just don't get snow like this in the Garden State! Sled websites are like a siren song to me. So many things I should be doing...like finishing this letter...sigh.

Clearly I'm not the only one anxious to get out with my dogs - snow or not! The La Pine Mushing weekend is featured in this issue, and two more Chinooks were awarded Working Dog Program titles. So while I squeal with delight at all the white stuff in my front yard, MANY of you are enjoying the great outdoors with your Chinooks, no matter what the weather - and that is fantastic.

See you on the trail!

*- Kim Kramer, President*



Granite Hill Ooli

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News of the Chinook Owners Association (COA) and the world's best kept secret- the Chinook!

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# **\*\*s\*n\*o\*w\* \*\* \*d\*a\*y\*\***

*chinooks were born to celebrate \*snow,\* but my mama was not. so each winter i dutifully teach her the Joy of \*Snow\*...i play tug with the shovel & pounce at each feathery scoop mama & papa toss my way. i gobble refreshing mouthfuls after a romp with dog-friends at the park. i stand patiently as mama rubs me with handfuls of clean & fluffy stuff for a refreshing \*snow\*bath. i even guard against the uninvited \*snow\*people & woof softly each time we pass one. but there is one Celebration of \*Snow\* that outshines the rest. it is my best & favorite Gift from the Sky...*

\*snow\*flakes greet  
my feet  
kiss  
my nose  
silent chilly air ignites  
fire in my heart  
i spin  
dance  
hop  
& turn  
my joyful eyes  
to mama leaning down  
to kiss & whisper  
\* s n o w \* d a y \*  
she smiles  
& i lick  
her laughing face.  
race to park  
fetching sticks  
digging  
dashing  
chasing friends  
mama's mittens offer  
treats.  
returning home  
\*snow\*bath  
dry towel  
warm breakfast  
full tummy  
squeaky toys  
tea & blankets  
cozy couch  
snuggled tight

kitty sisters  
mama  
papa  
movies flicker  
on tv.  
mama's lap  
always room  
cradles  
papa's feet  
kitty sisters  
& my head  
sleeping  
keeping mama  
warm  
gentle hands  
rub my cheeks  
my ears  
my face  
trace my nose  
my eyes.  
outside  
wind blows  
\*snow\* swirls  
inside  
clinky-clanky radiator hisses  
kitties purr  
soft hands now resting  
on my chest.  
nuzzled in our cozy nook  
keeping mama  
warm  
close  
loved

happy  
safe  
in her lap  
at peace  
we slumber  
blissfully  
dreaming  
of forever days  
snuggled  
as  
the kiss  
&  
whisper  
\* s n o w \* d a y \*  
e c h o e s  
in my ears.

~\*blue\*~

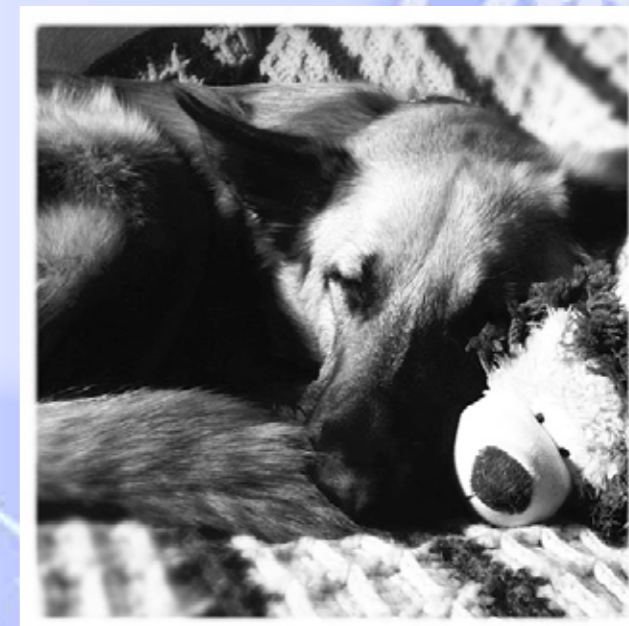


PHOTO BY JEANIE AUDINO

# Chinook Pedigree Project (CPP)

The Chinook as a breed is coming to a crossroads: what is the best path forward to ensure there are healthy Chinooks with a sustainable population in the future?

- Karen Hinchy

## Background

A little over a year ago, the Chinook community was presented with an incredible opportunity: to be the pilot breed working with Dr. Carol Beauchat and the Institute of Canine Biology (ICB) in research analyzing purebred dog populations.



Dr. Carol Beauchat

Accurate information on the Chinook population is a critical enabler for all to make the most informed decisions. It will allow individuals, breeders, and clubs to determine how to move forward in the best interests of the breed. While genetic health testing is incredibly valuable to determine the risks in an individual dog, a view of the entire population is required to provide the best information on health, longevity, and genetic diversity for an entire breed. Population analysis is particularly useful to help develop breed conservation plans, including those geared toward improving health results for issues for which there is no genetic test.

Our community has long understood the importance of health and diversity of the entire Chinook population, and developed the COA CrossBreeding Program over 20 years ago to compensate for the genetic bottlenecks in earlier Chinook history. Since that program's creation, science has evolved considerably. ICB with the Global Dog Pedigree Project seeks to apply scientific approaches used to analyze populations of endangered species in zoos and heritage/rare breed livestock to provide a sustainable genetic future for the Chinook. The COA quickly agreed this was an important opportunity and the Chinook Pedigree Project (CPP) was born.

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Willow, Sky, & Calli



Cloudburst Ledgebak Eclipse (Tiber)

## Chinook Pedigree Project - FAQ

### What's in it for the Chinook Breed?

- 1) A scientific analysis of the entire Chinook population
  - o Effective population size
  - o Founder analysis
  - o Genetic relatedness, etc.
- 2) Data to develop strategies to preserve and improve the health, viability, and genetic diversity of the breed
- 3) An understanding of how the Chinook population compares to other dog breeds
- 4) The opportunity to be the first breed to participate in the Dog Pedigree Project and shape the service/offering

### What's in it for individual Chinook Breeders?

- 1) Analysis of the diversity/interrelatedness of the Chinook breeding population
- 2) Visibility of your kennel's or dogs' diversity within the population
- 3) The ability to ask questions about the population and your specific dogs
- 4) Understanding of new tools from the population analysis that can be used to help you make more informed breeding decisions
- 5) Education on:
  - o Population genetics and the status of the Chinook breeding dogs (benefits/risks)
  - o Various strategies for maximizing diversity for the Chinook

# Chinook Pedigree Project (CPP)

## Chinook Pedigree Project and where we are now

Over the last year, the vast majority of active Chinook breeders as well as long-time owners have worked together with unprecedented cooperation to align on the pedigrees and records of all modern Chinooks (Peter Richards era forward). With some additional input, the committee also added the vast majority of Chinook pedigrees from the original Chinook (1917) forward through the 1960s.

While there is still a disconnect of a generation or two between the historical dogs and the modern dogs, for the first time we have in a single place comprehensive pedigree information for almost every Chinook born! This is an amazing resource for us to use to develop the best strategies to support the breed into the future. We have found 2,829 Chinook records. Data including dog name, sire, dam, date of birth, sex, whether the dog is alive or dead, and intact or neutered is publicly available in a spreadsheet. While this may seem a modest accomplishment, and there is certainly vast opportunity to expand the information in the future, this achievement is actually unique in the purebred dog world. Since most other breeds are significantly larger than Chinooks, they are light-years away from having a single database that identifies all of their dogs.

## Initial Findings

The CPP is deep in the analysis of our population at this time, but here are some initial results to provide just a flavor of what is to come:

Number of animals: 2,829 (through end Dec 2013)  
Mean COI: 32.59% (calculated back to the pedigree gap in the 50s)  
Mean Average Relatedness: 46.28%

<b>Name</b>	<b>POBL</b>
Perry Greene Riki 1968	0.479
Perry Greene Oomalik 1964 - Smead	0.717
Perry Greene Myah 1966	0.860
Perry Greene Adak 1964	0.954
Northdown Nugget	0.971
Glendon's Sweetie	0.985

The table above shows the main genetic influences of all Chinooks in the reproductive population. POBL is the cumulative percentage of blood or genetic influence from the ancestor. Interestingly, ONE DOG, Perry Greene Riki 1968, is roughly HALF of the genetic contribution to the ENTIRE Chinook gene pool (47.9%). Two dogs (Perry Green Riki 1968 + Perry Greene Oomalik 1964 – Smead) together provide almost three-quarters of the genes in the entire Chinook population (71.7%).

One way to think of this is that any Chinook today traces almost half of their genes back to Perry Greene Riki 1968, making him like a genetic parent for every Chinook today. Any purebred Chinook breeding thus pairs dogs with a common 'genetic parent'. Another way of

describing this is that almost every possible Chinook breeding today is the genetic equivalent of breeding half-siblings, and this is demonstrated in the inbreeding coefficients which are typically in the 30% range. This may sound alarming, and to geneticists it probably is, but we should balance this by remembering that Chinooks on average currently enjoy good health and longevity for dogs of comparable size.

If we are to retain and improve on the health and longevity for future Chinooks, completing this analysis and working with a group of scientists to review it and propose the best options to move forward is imperative. The Chinook Pedigree Project is currently refining the population analyses, so stay tuned for more information.

If you have questions on the Chinook pedigree project, please feel free to email Karen at [Karen@BashabaChinooks.com](mailto:Karen@BashabaChinooks.com).

The ICB page on the Chinook Pedigree Project may be found here: <http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/chinook.html>

And more details on the initial population analysis may be found here: <http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/chinook-summary.html>

## What's COI?

COI, or Coefficient of Inbreeding measures the common ancestors of dam and sire, and indicates the probability of how genetically similar they are.



*Sabaka, Rain, Sunshine, Karelia, and Savannah with Donna Boatwright*

# La Pine Mushing Weekend: La Pine State Park, OR

## Stories from those with Chinooks in the Working Dog Program (WDP)

*Every November, dog mushers from around the northwest converge on the state park in La Pine Oregon for three days of dryland mushing. Everything from backyard dogs pulling bikes and scooters to teams of 16 Alaskans who have seen Nome start their season warm-up by practicing passing and assessing the pulling ability of each dog. Photos courtesy of Kay Lee Brown*

While the dogs rest, mushers gather to share food and drink and swap tales and wisdom. Until a couple years ago, I had the only Chinooks. This year we had 11 Chinooks. Greg Aitken brought one; Marleen Mandt – 2; Dan Silvertree – 3; David Hassilev – 2, and me – 3. Sunday morning we combined ganglines and tugs and hooked up 10 Chinooks to Dan's quad. Trask at 3 ½ months was in lead and took his job seriously.

- Kay Lee Brown, Brownstone Chinooks



BrownStone Cascade Mt. Trask in the lead

### First time at La Pine

- David Hassilev

My wife Jane and I started down the “mushing” road in September of 2012. We were hooked from the start and I’m sure we will attend the La Pine Mushing event next year as well!

The La Pine event has been going on for years as an informal get together for mushers to share friendship, knowledge, and have some good fun running dogs. It’s held in November, when the weather is crisp and cold enough in Oregon for the dogs to run. It’s held at a beautiful location without the stress that might be associated with a racing weekend.

We travelled in our RV with our two Chinooks, Kona and Sury and our beloved mixed breed geriatric dog Duke. For us it was just over a six-hour trip, but there were others who travelled much farther. There were plenty of places to park the RV and plenty of room for the dogs. The cabins available don’t allow pets in the cabins so your dogs have to be okay sleeping outside. Karen Yeargain of [www.tumnatkisiberians.com](http://www.tumnatkisiberians.com) organized the event and also reserved the lodge for a potluck dinner, presentations, etc.

It was great to see all the different teams of dogs. We had a great contingent of Chinooks represented, with Silvertree and Brownstone Chinooks as well a few others present.

Our big thrill was the opportunity to run our dogs with Dan Silvertree and Lindsay McCann’s pack. This was the first time our dogs had the chance to get hooked up to a larger team and really work as a sled dog team rather than just a two-dog bike team. It’s much easier for dogs to learn what’s expected of them when running with experienced dogs in a team. Dan borrows dogs from other mushers during the training and racing season to help fill his team. We had our two Chinooks Kona and Sury, Dan’s Parkie and Kenna Lu as well as Lu’s sibling Katsute who was on loan. Dan also had some Alaskan Huskies: Gallatin, Prince, and Shaktoolik.

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# Wags and Brags

We have had so many new titles earned recently that we may have missed some. If your dog is not included and should be, please email Dave Schiller right away so we may correct our omission.

Please join us in giving huge congratulations to ALL our newly titled dogs and their proud owners.

## New Champions

- CH 'PR' Callicoon Adjo – Jan Sacca and Maia Summer
- CH 'PR' MountainThunder Great Kyraina – Kristy Jolly and Penthea Burns
- CH 'PR' Moonsong Small Wonder – Jean Bouteiller & Carie Taylor

## New Rally Obedience

- URO2 - ALCH 'PR' Channahon Nika of Willow Creek - Anton & Marion Koenigsmann

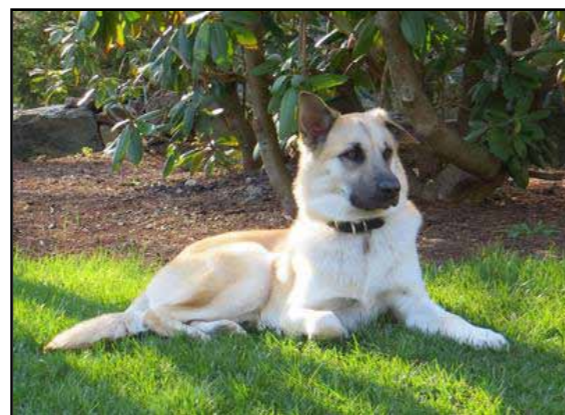
## Upcoming Shows

The UKC offers a huge variety of conformation shows and working trials, many combined and offering Total Dog, all over the U.S. and Canada. Complete information is available from the UKC Dog Events website at <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView>. You can search by using many different criteria such as state, month, activity type, dog club, etc.

If you have additional questions on UKC events, please contact the COA National Bench Chair (Dave Schiller), the UKC (269-343-9020) or COA-L, the COA discussion group.



MountainThunder Great Kyraina (Kyra)



Callicoon Adjo

# United Kennel Club (UKC) New Titles



Moonsong Small Wonder (Reine)



Channahon Nika of Willow Creek (right)

## 2013 FINAL TOP TEN RESULTS

Chinook Name	Owners	Points
01. GRCH'PR'Cloudburst Ledgebak Kraumayok	Diana Fowler and Joann Blackman	62
02. GRCH'PR'Bashaba Sky	Mary Jo Crance, John Habermehl, Karen Hinchy	47
03. NBOB GRCH'PR'Lakeside Run's Little Bear	Kristine W Holleran	25
04. CH'PR'Forever Greene Tagluk	Patricia Richards or Perry Green Richards	17
05. GRCH URO3'PR'Skyland Harper Of Grtmtn	Denise Reed and Steve Kramer	15
06. CH'PR'Forever Greene Trondek	Kristine Holleran	13
06. CH'PR'Callicoon Adjo	Jan Sacca and Maria Summer	13
08. GRCH'PR'Crossing Creek Encore	Diana Fowler and Joann Blackman	12
09. GRCH'PR'Southwind Tungortok Tatkret	Diana Fowler and Joann Blackman	10
09. CH'PR'Greatmountain Nutter Cove	Sara Treat and Gayle Shaw	10

# Wags and Brags

## Working Dog Program (WDP) New Titles

The Working Dog Program (WDP) promotes the historic and modern working purpose of the Chinook dog. The COA WDP promotes positive dog ownership by recognizing accomplishments in drafting, service/citizenship, and dog sports.

The program encourages the breeding of better Chinooks by honoring the workability of the dogs. For more information about the Working Dog Program, go to <http://chinook.org/wdp.html>.

Congratulations go out to the following WDP qualifiers:

### Novice Sled Dog Certificate:

- Frontier Halona Joy Katsute – Susan Fletcher

### Novice Pack Dog Certificate:

- Bashaba Tobias Jackson – Kelly Shekiro



Frontier Halona Joy Katsute (middle)



Bashaba Tobias Jackson

## First time at La Pine

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We spent two great days running Kona and Sury with the larger team and they gained from the experience. There is a lot of observation and trial and error that goes with working sled dogs. For me, I deferred to letting Dan Silvertree watch the team and place dogs where he thought they might work best, while I observed from my perch on the ATV behind him. I also try to video record all my training runs, so I can review the run later at my leisure. I learn a great deal from those videos.



David & Desert Sol Surya (Sury)

The third day of the La Pine event, we ran as a two-dog bikejor team with friend and fellow Northwest Sled Dog Association (NWSDA) member Donna Morton. Each day our dogs ran .6 miles from the campground to the staging area, then approximately five miles through the forest, and then back to the campground. Each of the three days the dogs showed improvement.

We thoroughly enjoyed the area, the fellowship and the opportunity to learn and have fun with our dogs. Jane and I certainly want to return to La Pine next year for this event and if you're in range, we strongly recommend you put it on your calendar if you'd like to run your dogs in a relaxing and supportive group in a fantastic place!



Trask, Cedar, & Koyuk with Kay Lee Brown





# HEALTH FLASH

The COA would like to thank all owners that have obtained health tests for their Chinooks in the last quarter! All owners are strongly encouraged to submit health tests to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), regardless of diagnoses by the attending veterinarian. As you submit results, please ensure you have initialed to make any results public-- the more we know, the easier it is for breeders to work on making the next generation of Chinooks even healthier. Go to <http://ofa.org> for information on these and other Chinooks.

Name	Hips	Eyes	Other
<i>Bashaba Sky</i>		Normal	
<i>Channahon's Mighty Mojo</i>	Fair		Patella: Normal Practitioner
<i>Daybreak GreatMtn DownEast Sky</i>	Excellent	Normal W/BO	
<i>Daybreak Kenya Grace</i>	Excellent		
<i>Downdog Baron of Lighthouse</i>	Good		
<i>Granite Hill's Kewalik</i>	Fair		
<i>Granite Hill Timmee Atole</i>	Good		
<i>GreatMountain Georgia Rose</i>	Good		
<i>RainMountain Frontier Shuksan</i>	Excellent		
<i>RainMountain Quilceda Song</i>	Good		
<i>Sandhill's Linc of Channahon</i>		Normal	

\*A Chinook receives certification from the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) if it has obtained both hip and eye health tests, and one additional test - cardiac, elbow, or knee.



Happy holidays from Hurricane Nittany!

# COA Members

## Why be a member of the COA?

- Talk to other Chinooks owners through our members-only discussion group
- Be included in our membership directory to find Chinooks (and their people) near you
- Create a profile for you and your Chinook
- Access extensive online historical information about the Chinook
- Access all issues of the Chinook Quarterly (this publication)

Your member dues also further other programs such as the Chinook Pedigree Project (and other health/genetic research), the Chinook Rescue Program, the National Family Reunion and Specialty, and others. Join or renew online at <http://chinook.org/join.html>.

## From the Membership Chair

It's Time to Renew your COA Membership!

Memberships expire March 31st. Thanks to all the members who have renewed thus far, and a special welcome to new members!

Renewals are being conducted online, and individualized emails have been sent to everyone who is up for renewal. If you received an email, please follow the instructions in the message to complete your renewal. If you haven't received an email and think you're up for renewal, please contact: [member.services@chinook.org](mailto:member.services@chinook.org).

If you need to renew by regular mail, the form and instructions can be found in the Members Area of the COA website (<http://www.chinook.org/join.html>).

Still not sure what to do? Send an email to [member.services@chinook.org](mailto:member.services@chinook.org). I will assist you and answer any questions.

The COA values your membership. The outstanding CQ you are enjoying is just one of the many benefits available to you. A full list is available on the web site. Looking forward to hearing from you!

*- Kris Holleran, Membership Chair*

# Litter Basket



Visit <http://chinook.org/admin/litters.php> for more information

## New Arrivals

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Birth Date	Litter Name	Details
Forever Greene Chinooks	West Haven, VT	CH Forever Greene Qannik	Forever Greene Atka	10/18/2013	n/a	7 puppies; 3 M, 4 F
MountainThunder Chinooks	Fort Collins, CO	GRCH PR MountainThunder Scarlet Begonia	PR Bashaba Tobias Jackson (Toby)	10/24/2013	The Wanted Litter	7 puppies; 2 M, 5 F
Rivertrail Chinooks	Ithaca, NY	CH PR Rivertrail Chimera's Wrath	PR Granite Hill Dughall Mor (Doogy)	10/27/2013	The Furryners	3 puppies; 1 M, 2 F
RainMountain Chinooks	N. Stanwood, WA	RainMountain Quilceda Song (Emma)	PR Grand River Kaibab	12/16/2013	Cosmic Litter	4 puppies; 2 M, 2 F
Bashaba Chinooks	Morristown, NJ	CH Bashaba Sakari Dawn	GreatMountain x Cedar Adahi	1/24/2014	Lead Dog Litter	3 puppies; 1 M, 2 F
GreatMountain Chinooks	NH	GreatMountain Franconia Ridge (Nia)	GreatMountain Walden's Dream	1/27/2014	Franconia Notch Litter	6 puppies; 3 M, 3 F



Forever Greene



MountainThunder - The Wanted



Rivertrail - The Furryners



RainMountain - Cosmic



Bashaba - Lead Dog

## Successful Breedings

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Due Date
Springcreek Chinooks	WA	Moonsong Law of the Jungle (Raksha)	Atholl Hurricane Nakoda Rain (Kodi)	Mar 2014
Moonsong Chinooks	WA	Boreayl's The Bee's Knees (Honey)	Moonsong Never Cry Wolf (Peter)	Mar 2014

## Planned Engagements

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Due Date
Rivertrail Chinooks	Ithaca, NY	PR Rivertrail Kiku	PR Moonsong Time Bandit	Mar 2014
RainMountain Chinooks	N. Stanwood, WA	Hurricane Elizabeth in the Rain	TBD	Mar 2014
Carrigain Mountain Chinooks	Francestown, NH	CH PR GreatMountain Madison	Skyland Sabino Cuculann of GreatMountain	Apr 2014
GreatMountain Chinooks	ME	Daybreak GreatMtn Donweast Sky	TBD	Apr 2014
Great Valley Chinooks	Malvern, PA	Daybreak Kenya Grace	TBD	Apr 2014
Wachusett Chinooks	Wachusett, MA	CH PR Granite Hill Cascade Range (Cassie)	Sandhill's Linc of Channahon	Apr 2014
Silvertree Chinooks	Portland, OR	Frontier In Bocca al Lupo (Kenna Lu)	PR Granite Hill Odiorne Point (Jetty)	May 2014
Desert Sol Chinooks	Gilbert, AZ	CH PR MountainThunder Great Kyraina (Kyra)	Aspen creek's Pal's Bro	May 2014



GreatMountain - Franconia Notch



**Wren Hill Glory 2000 - 2013**  
*Marianne DuBois*

Wren Hill Glory crossed the Rainbow Bridge on November 1, 2013 at the age of 13 1/2. Though her body was failing she kept her cheerful and, dare we say, assertive attitude right to the end. She is greatly missed by her two and four-legged family.



# 2014 Winter Carnival

**Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm**  
**February 22, 2014**

Join Chinooks New England (CNE) at the 20th Annual Winter Carnival and enjoy:

- Ice harvesting demonstrations
- Horse drawn sleigh rides
- Snow show contests
- Chinook meet and greets
- Dog sled rides (weather permitting)
- Sled dog display

Volunteers will be available to offer additional information to the public about the breed. Additional CNE events will take place throughout the weekend. CNE looks forward to seeing you! See [www.chinooksnewengland.org](http://www.chinooksnewengland.org) for the latest information. Please RSVP or request more information from [chinooksnewengland@gmail.com](mailto:chinooksnewengland@gmail.com).

## Fact or Fiction?

**The dog named "Chinook" Arthur Walden had in Alaska was the father of the breed.**

**Fiction.** That dog stayed in Alaska. Walden was given a granddaughter of Polaris lead dog from Admiral Peary's team. This dog was the black and white female called Ningo and she was 3/4 Greenland Husky. Kim, who was primarily a St. Bernard, wandered into Walden's life. Ningo and Kim were the parents of the dog "Chinook" we know as the father of the breed.

*Courtesy of Rick Skoglund and the Perry Greene Archives*

# Meeting Minutes (December - January)

All meeting minutes can also be found at:

[http://chinook.org/board\\_minute.html](http://chinook.org/board_minute.html)

## December 10, 2013 COA Board Meeting

Present: Kim Kramer, Karen Schiller, Vicky Delfino, Ed Bigos, Jon Jolly, Dave Schiller, Kris Holleran, Penthea Burns, Ginger Corley, Dan Silvertree, Donna Kirkley Boatwright, Karen Hinchy, Corine Lindhorst

Absent: Kathleen Riley-Daniels

### Report of President

Report of Vice-President – The Vice-President had nothing new to report.

Report of Secretary - The October 22, 2013 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.

Report of Treasurer – The most recent Treasurer's Reports are posted on the Board Yahoo group in the Files Section in "Treasurer Reports" in the "2013-11 November" folder.  
Current Club Activity  
Hurricane Fund – The remaining Fund balance is \$1,482.18.  
Cover dog contest – The cover dog contest added \$40 to the Health Fund in October and November.  
Calendar - \$684 was received in November for calendar sales.

Report of Immediate Past President – The IPP had nothing new to report.

### Report of CQ co-Editors

The Fall CQ in the new PDF format was well received. We are working to correct a couple of issues on email delivery. The next edition is scheduled to be released in early February 2014. The survey results are in, with 99 responses. Jon will present a summary of the results, and this will be discussed in the January meeting.  
A motion was proposed for New Business.

### Report of Bench Chair

The Specialty T-shirts have been mailed out. The venue for the 2014 Chinook National Specialty has changed. The Specialty will be held in conjunction with Gateway Nationals in Gray Summit, Missouri in October. A committee is being seated to coordinate the activities. The Bench Chair will notify the membership of the venue change via email.

Report of Membership Chair – One member renewed early for 2014-2015.

### Report of Committees

Registrar – The Registrar had nothing new to report.

Publicity & Advertising – The P&A Chair presented the press releases for the 2013 National Best of Breed and 2012 Top Ten Best of Breed to the Board. Karen Hinchy and the P&A Chair will discuss development of a press release for the Chinook Pedigree

### Project.

Rescue – Rescue had nothing new to report.

Historian – The Historian had nothing new to report.

### Crossbreeding

### Health

### Working Dog Program

Karen Bourque's Granite Hill Ooli qualified for a Working Pack Dog Title.  
Susan Fletcher's Frontier Holona Joy Katsute has qualified for a Novice Sled Dog certificate.

Constitution & By-Laws Review/Revision Committee – Kathleen  
Nothing new to report.

COA Facebook Page Policy Committee – Dan  
Proposed policy will be finalized in the P&A Committee and presented to the Board in the January meeting. Kristy Jolly has volunteered to serve as COA Facebook Coordinator.

2016-2017 Events Committee – Bob Cottrell and Edward Bigos met with Erica Boynton from the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm and some Board members from the Tamworth Historical Society on 12/7/13 to discuss options for working together on upcoming events. The significant anniversaries are:  
2017 – 100th anniversary of Chinook's birth  
2016 – 250th anniversary of Tamworth, NH  
2015 – 250th anniversary of Conway, NH  
2014 – 20th anniversary of Chinook Winter Carnival in Tamworth

### MACC

### CNE

The 20th annual Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 at the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm from 10:00Am to 4:00PM.  
CNE will have the display space allocated to non-profit causes in the Tamworth Lyceum at 85 Main St. in Tamworth, NH. Bob Cottrell made the arrangements. A portion of the month's coffee sales generally go to the non-profit.

### Unfinished Business

Establish COA Policy & Procedures Committee – Dave  
\*Postponed until January Board meeting.  
Establish Breeder Relocation Assistance Committee – Dan  
Jude Griffin has agreed to flesh out the Joyce Maley Relocation Assistance Program policy and begin its implementation. Jude will put out a call for volunteers for the committee.

### New Business

Motion 2013-45 (Calendar Pricing) – Passed by Unanimous Consent  
The following motion was approved by the Board between regular meetings in order to expedite calendar mailings.  
Motion by Penthea Burns, Second by Kris Holleran:  
I move that the COA sell the 2014 calendars for \$19 including shipping.  
Motion 2013-46 (CQ Access by Non-COA Members) – Passed 11-2-0-1  
Motion by Jon Jolly, Second by Penthea Burns:  
I move the COA allow the most recent past edition of the Chinook Quarterly to be accessed by non-COA members. Each current

edition will be accessible by COA members only. On release of each current edition, the most recent past edition will be available for non-members and the current edition will be available for members only. Non-COA members will only have access to one edition at a time while members can access the current and archived editions.  
Injunction Against APHIS – Ginger  
The Board agreed to further discuss this issue in the January meeting.

### Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion 2013-47 – Passed by Unanimous Consent  
Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Penthea Burns:  
I move that the December 10, 2013 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

### Adjournment

Motion 2013-48 – Passed by Unanimous Consent  
Motion by Donna Boatwright, Second by Vicky Delfino:  
I move that the December 10, 2013 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned.

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### COA Board Meeting

### Roll Call

Present: Kim Kramer, Kathleen Riley-Daniels, Karen Schiller, Vicky Delfino, Ed Bigos, Jon Jolly, Kristy Jolly, Dave Schiller, Kris Holleran, Penthea Burns, Ginger Corley, Dan Silvertree, Donna Kirkley Boatwright, Karen Hinchy, Corine Lindhorst

### Report of President

Report of Vice-President – The Vice-President had nothing new to report.

### Report of Secretary

The December 10, 2013 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.  
The Secretary received the Year End, 2013 Club Newsletter from the UKC, and reported that an updated Constitution & Bylaws and Membership List must be on file with UKC by December 31, 2014.

### Report of Treasurer

The most recent Treasurer's Reports are posted on the Board Yahoo group in the Files Section in "Treasurer Reports" in the "2013-12 December" folder.  
Current Club Activity  
Calendar - \$1,102 was received in December for calendar sales. \$1,786 has been received, in total, for the 2014 calendar sale to date (end of Dec.). This represents the sale of 94 calendars.  
Bank Accounts – The club has the following amounts of cash on hand at the end of the year (Total, net of the Alley fund is \$22,617.25):

General Funds	\$18086.97
Health Funds	1381.49
Rescue Funds	1666.61
Hurricane Funds	1482.18
Alley Fund	50.00 (to be disbursed)

Report of Immediate Past President – The IPP had nothing new to report.

### Report of CQ co-Editors

The next issue of the CQ will be coming out in mid to late February.  
The Board discussed results of the COA membership survey and identified several areas for future ideas and projects.

### Report of Bench Chair

2014 National Specialty  
Judge Arthur has been secured for the Specialty show at Gateway Nationals. The 2014 Specialty Committee is being formed, and accommodations are being considered.  
The Bench Chair is working to secure a reliable t-shirt vendor for ongoing availability of shirts through the Chinook store.

Report of Membership Chair – Membership reported the addition of one new member and six puppy family memberships. One member renewed and one member added a Breeder listing.

### Report of Committees

Registrar – The Registrar is working with the Crossbreeding Committee and assisting a member with a single registration matter.

### Publicity & Advertising

Kristy Jolly has been added as a Facebook administrator. An article, "Is My Dog a Chinook?" will be posted to the COA Facebook page to help with a recent uptick in "Chinookalike" inquiries.  
Press Releases have been sent to various magazines for the following:  
GRCH 'PR' Lakeside Run's Little Bear (2013 National Best of Breed)  
GRCH 'PR' Skyland Harper of GreatMountain (2012 Top Ten Best of Breed)  
The Board was updated on progress of other P&A projects.

### Rescue

There are no dogs currently in need of relocation. We receive two to four applications per month, usually spiking after a large public event.  
Joyce Maley Breeder Assistance Fund  
The Board reviewed the first revision of the JMBA Fund policy. Comments will be addressed in an upcoming revision, and a call will be put out to the membership for committee volunteers.

Historian – The Historian had nothing new to report.

### Crossbreeding

The Crossbreeding Committee debated and passed the following motions:

#### CBC MOTION 2014-01:

I move the eligibility for purebred status to third generation crosses for dogs that comply with the existing program criteria.  
Made: P. Burns, Second: D. Boatwright Passed 4-0-1

#### CBC MOTION 2014-02:

I move fourth generation offspring of any third generation dog that is accepted as a purebred will be designated purebred and automatically eligible for full UKC registration.  
Made: K. Hinchy, Second: C. Lindhorst Passed 5-0-0

The Committee brought a motion for Board approval of these

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modifications. \*See New Business

The Crossbreeding Committee has defined two key activities for 2014:

- Documentation of over two decades of internal knowledge on crossbreeding pros/cons, challenges, rescue policy implications, how to select Dogs Zero, case studies based on program experiences, UKC & AKC implications, and mentorship
- Definition of an inquiry for external review of the program
- Seeking review of the current program's rules and ideal outcomes with population geneticists/conservation biologists
- Exploring a new objective for crossbreeding in the Chinook
- Scientific Outline of what an ideal crossbreeding program would look like to meet that ideal objective.

Health - The Health and Crossbreeding Committees agreed to seek proposals from a couple of scientists on the cost of analyzing the data from the 2008 COA Health Survey. The objective of the analysis would be:

To analyze the data from the COA Health Survey and characterize the health status of the Chinook breed as a whole as well as compare relative health outcomes in different Chinook sub-populations (Crossbred dogs by generation where possible and Purebred Chinooks). The analysis will report on the incidence of health conditions in the following areas (as outlined in the survey)

Overall, Reproductive Health, Hip and Joints, Vision, Seizures, Allergies, Gastrointestinal, Temperament, Other

Working Dog Program - The WDP Committee is working on our first application of the year for a Novice Pack Dog, submitted by Joe Shekuro.

Constitution & By-Laws Review/Revision Committee – Kathleen  
The Board was provided with an update on new UKC requirements. Kathleen will contact UKC with the Board's questions and provide a report in the February meeting.

2016-2017 Events Committee – Ed  
The Chair had nothing new to report.

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CNE – CNE had nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business

COA Policy & Procedures – Dave  
Initial policy & procedure framework draft will be presented to the Board in the February meeting.

New Business

Motion 2014-01 (Modifications to COA Crossbreeding Program) – Passed 13-0-1

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Donna Boatwright:  
I move the COA Board approve the changes to the Cross Breeding Program proposed by the Cross Breeding Committee, as follows:

CBC MOTION 2014-01:

I move the eligibility for purebred status to third generation crosses for dogs that comply with the existing program criteria.

Made: P. Burns, Second: D. Boatwright Passed 4-0-1

CBC MOTION 2014-02:

I move fourth generation offspring of any third generation dog that is accepted as a purebred will be designated purebred and automatically eligible for full UKC registration.

Made: K. Hinchy, Second: C. Lindhorst Passed 5-0-0

Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2014-02 – Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Donna Boatwright, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

I move that the January 21, 2014 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Adjournment

Motion 2014-03 – Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Kris Holleran:

I move that the January 21, 2014 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned.

## Other Correspondence

The Secretary received the Year End, 2013 Club Newsletter from the UKC and shared it with Board members.

## COA Constitution and By-Laws Review and Revision

We would like your input on what changes (if any) you would like to see to the COA Constitution and By-Laws.

Please help us by taking a few minutes to look at the current document and share your thoughts. If you have ideas for changes, please share what those changes are and how you would like to see them implemented.

Thank you and please share your thoughts and ideas with the Committee Chair, Kathleen Riley-Daniels, by 2/15/2014 at:  
Outlaw.Chinooks@gmail.com

COA Constitution and By-Laws in PDF format:  
[http://www.chinook.org/documents/Constution-Bylaws\\_March\\_1996.pdf](http://www.chinook.org/documents/Constution-Bylaws_March_1996.pdf)

## Treasury Report

Year Ending Dec. 31, 2013

Income	
Registration fees	69.91
General Donation	143.00
Chinook Store	2,483.80
Membership	7,054.79
Specialty	6,273.24
Total Income	16,024.74
Expense	
Transaction fees	524.84
Chinook Store	1,166.59
Specialty	4,651.49
Housekeeping	199.99
Insurance	840.00
Marketing	177.13
Website	440.00
Total Expense	8,000.04
Other Expense	500.00
Net Income	7,524.70

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<http://www.chinook.org/ct.php?id=1008>

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