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photo of Moonsong Never Cry Wolf (Peter)

From the President

Dear Chinook Lovers,

I am very honored and proud to serve as the President of the Chinook Owners Association. We are a diverse club, but we all share at least one thing: The Chinook dog experience. I've had Chinooks since the early 1990s and have continued to love the breed since my first Chinook. I know you love Chinooks too; that is why you are a member of this club.

I want to thank you for your past involvement and support, and I look forward to your continued participation and enthusiasm in this coming year.

Our dedicated volunteer Board worked hard this past year to plan and provide a slate of enriching, fun, and memorable events and programs.

We met at dog shows and social events across the country and had a wonderful specialty gathering in Longmont, Colorado. We networked at local, regional and national events and continue to encourage people to learn more about our beloved Chinook dogs.

Together, we have accomplished more than just holding meetings, and we will continue to acknowledge the historical significance of the Chinook while looking to the future.

*- Kathleen Riley-Daniels
President*



Silvertree's Stars and Stripes of Frontier (Jozy)

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

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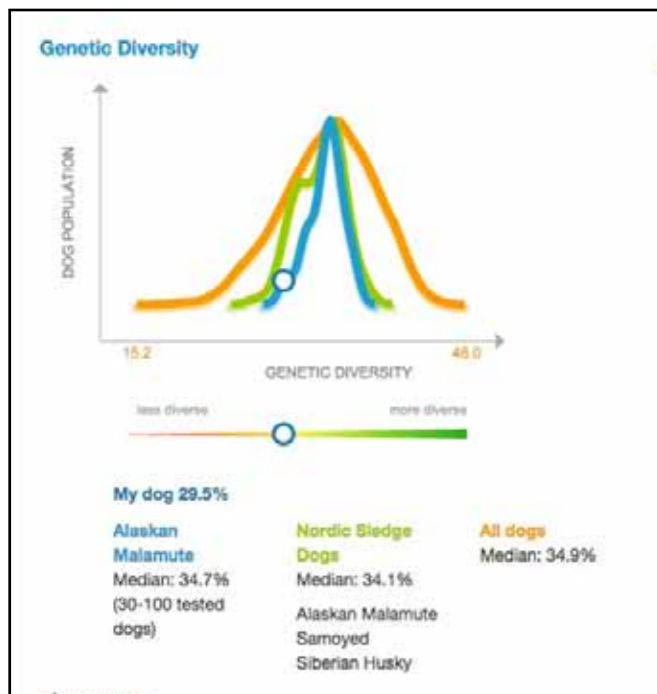
MyDogDNA Genetic Testing for the Chinook

- Karen Hinchy, Health & Crossbreeding Chair

Ever wondered about your Chinook's genetic diversity and how it compares to other Chinooks or dogs in general? Curious about your dog's genetic information related to disease, coat color, or ear set? MyDogDNA now has genetic analyses that may begin to help answer these questions (and many more).

How does genetic testing benefit the Chinook breed?

Simply put, genetic testing provides information that can be used to improve the health of the Chinook breed. As you probably know, Chinooks are rare- with only about 2500 Chinooks EVER since 1917 (currently ~1200 are alive). Consequently, the breeding population is small compared to other breeds. Higher genetic diversity has been linked to improved health including stronger immune systems and increased longevity. MyDogDNA provides a genetic diversity/health index where you can see how your dog compares to other Chinooks and to other similar breeds. Breeders can then use this information to make better breeding decisions and improve the genetic diversity (and consequently the health) of the Chinook breed.



As an example, the graphs in this article show the MyDogDNA results from an Alaskan Malamute. The blue curve of the Genetic Diversity graph (left) shows the diversity of all Alaskan Malamutes. The blue circle is where the individual dog's genetic diversity lies on this curve. In this example, the dog is genetically less diverse than the average population. In the Genetic Relationships cluster graph (right), each Malamute is represented by a circle. Those near the blue circle are more closely related to this dog than those farther away. If this dog's breeder was looking for a very diverse breeding partner, they should consider those dogs in the lower right or left clusters.

Why is MyDogDNA important to breeders?

MyDogDNA Breeder provides you with the ability to choose the dog you are considering breeding, and then lists all possible breeding partners with a predicted genetic diversity/health index rating for the offspring. MyDogDNA also provides coat color and length, ear set, and other genetic information. Currently, there are no known genetic tests for inherited diseases in the Chinook. However, this test includes a potential screening for dwarfism (article in next CQ).

Why is MyDogDNA important to stud owners?

If you have a stud you are hoping to have used, this is a GREAT way to give breeders additional information about him that may make him even more attractive to the right partner.

How much is it and what does it entail?

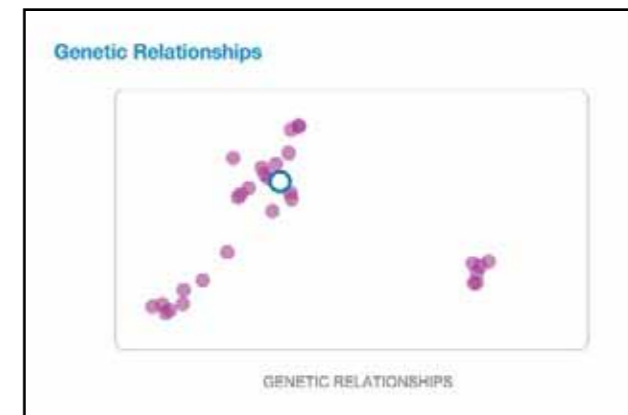
The COA has arranged a group discount with Genoscooper's MyDogDNA 2015 test for breeders and owners looking for answers to the questions above! Available online for 99 Euros, **the COA**

has negotiated a 20% discount for a final cost of 79 Euros, or around \$88 per test! This discount is valid for a LIMITED TIME ONLY – kits must be purchased at www.mydogdna.com during the month of September, with the discount code CHINOOK.

The test is three cheek swabs. MyDogDNA recommends having the dog identified via microchip scanner/tattoo by a licensed vet and having the vet do the test, but technically anyone can take these very simple samples from their own dog.

In addition to helping breeders make better breeding decisions, the COA Health Committee agrees that this new information will build on the data from the Chinook Pedigree Project. This will help the COA develop, in partnership with population geneticists, the best action plan to ensure the Chinook breed has a sustainable genetic future. We encourage all Chinook owners and especially breeders and stud owners to participate. If we can add 30+ Chinooks to the MyDogDNA database by the fourth quarter, Chinook population information (similar to the Malamute example in this article) will be published.

Please email Karen@BashabaChinooks.com with any questions – and don't forget to order your sample kit by the end of September!



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2015 Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion

National Specialty results of 19 Chinooks; Judge Joyce Lea-Hanson

Thanks to all the folks who turned out to attend the 2015 COA Chinook National Specialty and weekend workshops held July 17-19, 2015 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, Colorado! Chinooks of all colors and their peeps came from the East Coast, Southwest, Midwest, and the Rocky Mountain regions. Plus, we had a few dedicated individuals who made the trip out specifically to meet some Chinooks in person, and of course, fell in love with them! It was a busy weekend with the Specialty, Annual Banquet and Silent Auction, a harness fit/weight pull workshop, Chinook Olympics (and just plain fun), followed by more fun and good food at the Colorado Chinooknic!

A special thank you to the 2015 Specialty Committee and our volunteers (and draftees) who helped at the Specialty. We couldn't have done it without you.



Bashaba Linto Calista - National Best of Breed



Laughing Mountain Moonshadow - Champion of Champions

BEST MALE

Cloudburst Ledgebak Eclipse (Tiber)

Reserve: Calicoon Cannon Beach (Cannon)

BEST FEMALE

MountainThunder Thorny Rose (Rosie)

Reserve: Desert Sol Zazu's Pride (Zazu)

Seabreeze Tomorrow Bella Crie (Bella)

BEST OF WINNERS

MountainThunder Thorny Rose (Rosie)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

CH Laughing Mountain Moonshadow (Moonshadow)

Reserve: CH MountainThunder Great Kyraina (Kyra)

CH High Plains Rising Storm (Storm)

CH Laughing Mountain Kiska Nikita (Nikita)

GRAND CHAMPION

GR CH Bashaba Linto Calista (Calista)

GR CH MountainThunder Scarlet Begonia (Scarlet)

NATIONAL BEST OF BREED

GR CH Bashaba Linto Calista (Calista)



MountainThunder Thorny Rose (Rosie) - Best of Winners



Cloudburst Ledgebak Eclipse (Tiber) - Best Male

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Brace

Intervale Perpetual Motion (Zirks)
Forever Greene Qiviut (Qivi)

Parade of Titleholders

NBOB GR CH Hurricane Finnegan (Finn)
GR CH Hurricane Freyja Rain (Freyja)
GR CH Laughing Mountain Zympo (Zympo)

chesterh Sweetie Award

The chesterh Sweetie Award began last year, in honor of Chester Holleran, and is awarded to the Chinook with the sweetest temperament. It is a totally subjective award, and as you can imagine, this is a tough choice, due to the traditionally sweet temperament of the Chinook breed.

This year, we tried something a little different. We had a "secret" judge go around and meet and visit with all the Chinooks and then choose the one they felt had the sweetest all around temperament. We may need to finesse our way of "judging" this in the future, as it is very difficult to try and meet all the Chinooks while there is so much going on.

2nd Annual chesterh Sweetie Award Winner

MountainThunder Great Kyraina (Kyra)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Rob Wylie**, for his great work as Ring Steward, who put on a flawless show, AND this was his first time as Steward!

Also, a BIG THANKS to **David Huberman** for his help during the weekend, looking after dogs, helping with the Chinook Olympics, and being a great resource to ensure all had a good time!



Intervale Perpetual Motion & Forever Green Qiviut - Brace



Hurricane Finnegan (Finn) - Parade of Titleholders



MountainThunder Great Kyraina (Kyra) - chesterh Sweetie



Hurricane Freyja Rain - Parade of Titleholders

2015 Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion

National Specialty results of 19 Chinooks; Judge Joyce Lea-Hanson

Altered Female

Intervale Perpetual Motion (Zirks)

Altered Champion/ Altered Best of Breed

CH Forever Greene Barrow Kenai (Kenai)

Altered Grand Champion

GR CH Laughing Mountain Zympo (Zympo)

Chinook Best Cross of Breed/Best Female Cross

Bashaba Naunbat Nashira (Nashira)

We would like to thank the following individual sponsors/donors who generously supported the Specialty and Silent Auction.

Kim & Steve Kramer
Mary & Andy Malkiel
David Huberman
Karen Hinchy
Patti Greene
Carol Carlson
Corine & Marne Lindhorst
Ginger Corley & Teri Ann Corley
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Karen & Dave Schiller



Intervale Perpetual Motion (Zirks) - Best Altered Female



Forever Greene Barrow Kenai - Altered Best of Breed



Laughing Mountain Zympo - Altered Grand Champion



Bashaba Naunbat Nashira - Chinook Best Cross of Breed

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MountainThunder Chinooks (mountainthunderchinooks.com)



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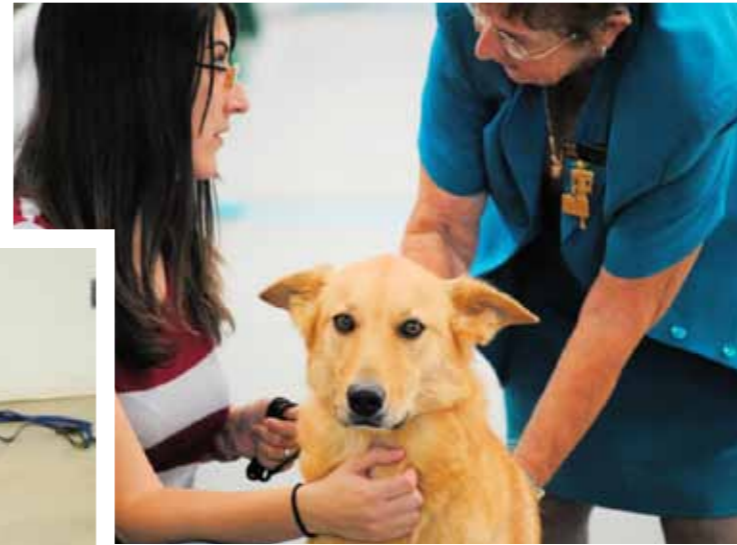
Joanie Carl (sewmanypawsabilities.com)

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More Specialty/Family Reunion photos

Photos by Ruth Greene



Even more photos!

Photos by Ruth Greene



Wags and Brags

Please join us in giving congratulations to ALL our newly titled dogs and their proud owners. If we missed your big accomplishment, please bring it to our attention so we can be sure to include you in the next CQ!

New Grand Champions

- GRCH Laughing Mountain Moonshadow – Mary Berg Malkiel & Andy Berg

New Champions

- CH 'PR' Desert Sol Zazu's Pride (Zazu) – Kristy & Jon Jolly
- CH Cloudburst Ledgebak Eclipse (Tiber) – Corine and Marne Lindhorst
- CH MountainThunder Thorny Rose (Rosie) – Karen & Dave Schiller

Urban Canine Good Citizen

- BrownStone Iditarod Koyuk

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/?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M>.

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 Mary Malkiel, the COA National Bench Chair (<http://www.chinook.org/ct.php?id=1010>), the UKC (269-343-9020) or COA-L, the COA discussion group.

United Kennel Club (UKC) New Titles



Laughing Mountain Moonshadow



MountainThunder Thorny Rose



Cloudburst Ledgebak Eclipse



Desert Sol Zazu's Pride

SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 COA Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion is set for Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in conjunction with the UKC Premier in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Save the Date!

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 Pack Dog Titles:

- Desert Sol Ravi – Suz Houghton & Kathleen Flanagan
- Southwind Kodiak – Jan Allen



Desert Sol Ravi



Southwind Kodiak

Leelu's day at the beach



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Fullwood



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://offa.org> for information on these and other Chinooks.

*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.



COA Members

The COA would like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest (and renewed) COA Members:

Northeast: Craig Ross & Denise Nelken (**MA**), Shawn Gebhardt (**MA**), Karen Hinchy (**NJ**), Steve & Kim Kramer (**NJ**), Debra DiNunzio (**PA**), Meghan & Brandon Alexopoulos (**CT**), Jodie Curran (**VT**), Stephen Eddy (**ME**), Maureen Dunne (**NY**), Michael Rich (**MA**), Doug Cohen (**MA**)

Midwest: William & Lisa Seagraves (**IL**), Danielle Schultz (**IL**), Aaron Goff (**IA**), Tess Lickerman (**IL**)

South: Gene & Judith Lewter (**KY**), Heather Shuster (**GA**)

West: James & Elaine Collora (**CA**), Dave & Karen Schiller (**CO**), Warren Levine (**AZ**), Susan Fletcher (**WA**), Marleen Mandt (**WA**), David & Jane Hassilev (**WA**)

We'd like to thank the breeders who purchased gift memberships to the COA for their new puppy owners! What a great way to get new Chinook owners into the group and show them all the COA has to offer.

Name	Hips	Eyes	Other
<i>Bashaba Guinness</i>	Good		
<i>Bashaba Kchiawasos</i>		Normal	
<i>Desert Sol Atal Nokose</i>	Excellent		Elbow: Normal
<i>Desert Sol Great Surya</i>		Normal	
<i>Desert Sol Maia</i>	Good		
<i>Desert Sol North Star Kodiak</i>		Normal	
<i>Forever Greene Attu</i>	Good		
<i>Forever Greene Kima</i>	Good		
<i>Forever Greene Tensings Nukka</i>	Mild / Right		
<i>Frontier Blisschief Maker</i>	Excellent		
<i>Frontier Finneas Flash</i>	Good		
<i>Frontier Young Man Go West</i>	Excellent		
<i>Grand River Merced</i>		Normal	
<i>Granite Hill Karluk</i>		Normal	
<i>Granite Hill Kewalik</i>		Normal B/O	
<i>GreatMountain Finn Mac Cool</i>		Normal	
<i>GreatMountain Ida Red</i>	Excellent		
<i>GreatMountain Rondo</i>		Normal B/O	
<i>Intervale Franklin</i>		Normal	
<i>Intervale Hiking the Whites</i>	Fair	Normal	Elbow & Patella: Normal
<i>Intervale Home Run</i>		Normal	
<i>Intervale Kali's Echo</i>			Patella: Normal
<i>Intervale Little Jazz</i>		Normal	
<i>Intervale Perpetual Motion</i>	Fair		
<i>Intervale Riverstone Beltaine</i>		Normal	
<i>Laughing Mountain Elessar</i>	Mild / Right		
<i>Laughing Mountain Kiska Nikita</i>		Normal	
<i>Laughing Mountain Moonshadow</i>	Moderate		
<i>Laughing Mountain Tinuviel Diamond Roxy</i>	Excellent		
<i>Moonsong Dr No of Aspen creek</i>	Moderate	Normal	
<i>MountainThunder Terra Tomah</i>		Normal	
<i>Rain Mountain Muckleshoot Song</i>	Good		
<i>Silvertree's Stars and Stripes of Frontier</i>		Normal	
<i>Skyland Claudia Jean of GrtMtn</i>		Normal	
<i>Skyland Eli Strider of Bashaba</i>	Excellent		
<i>Skyland Sabino Cuculann GrtMtn</i>		Normal	
<i>Skyland Sawyer of GrtMtn</i>	Good	Normal B/O	
<i>Skyland Sweet Dominica</i>	Good		

Litter Basket



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

New Arrivals

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Birth Date	Litter Name	Details
Gateway Chinooks	St. Louis, MO	'PR' Cloudburst LedgeBak Alaya (Lola)	BIMBS GR CH 'PR' Southwind Tungertok Tatkret (Blue)	6/9/2015	Jungle Book	5 puppies; 2M, 3F
MountainThunder Chinooks	Fort Collins, CO	CH "PR" MountainThunder Terra Tomah (Terra)	Cloudburst LedgeBak Eclipse (Tiber)	7/2/2015	Thunder on the Plains	8 puppies; 3M, 5F
Rain Mountain Chinooks	N. Stanwood, WA	Hurricane Elizabeth in the Rain	Moonsong Never Cry Wolf (Peter)	7/23/2015	Hurricane-Rain Storm	1 puppy; 1M
Forever Greene Chinooks	West Haven, VT	CH Forever Greene Qannik CGC RN CD NA NAJ NAF	Granite Hill Winnepesaukee (Henry)	7/31/2015	Blue Moon	10 puppies; 7M, 3F



Gateway - Jungle Book



MountainThunder - Thunder on the Plains



Rain Mountain - Hurricane-Rain Storm



Forever Greene - Blue Moon

Successful Breedings

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Due Date
Bashaba Chinooks	Blairstown, NJ	U-WP GRCH Bashaba Sakari Dawn TD CGC HIC	Frontier Luck of the Draw (Gambler)	Aug 2015

Planned Engagements

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Breed Date
Spook Nook Chinooks	Litchfield, CT	CH 'PR' Moonsong Small Wonder (Reine)	CH 'PR' Callicoon Ukko	Jul 2015
Desert Sol Chinooks	Gilbert, AZ	CH PR MountainThunder Great Kyraina CGC DNA-VIP	Granite Hill Shalapau Mamook (Rupert)	Sep 2015
Bashaba Chinooks	Blairstown, NJ	GR CH 'PR' Bashaba Linto Calista DNA-VIP	TBD	Oct 2015



GRCH Cloudburst Kennebec River ("Kenne")
5/26/2001 - 6/10/2015

Leslie & John Donais

GRCH Cloudburst Kennebec River, "Kenne", RBIMBS, CGC, TDI, DNA-VIP left this world on June 10, 2015. Kennebec joined our family in August of 2001 and changed our lives forever. Kenne was the most amazing dog – he has a place in our hearts that no other dog will ever have. We began to bond with him the second he crawled into John's lap as a three week old pup while we sat in the whelping box. He chose us and it was a match made in heaven. Kennebec was a first of a kind in Chinook history. He was the first male Cross-to-Pure, first male Cross-to-Pure to earn the UKC Champion title and the first Chinook in the history of the breed to earn UKC Grand Champion title coming out of the cross program. From his flash in the pan show career, which was class dog to grand champion in 9 shows, earning 3 best of breed wins as a class dog, we knew how special he was. He had an amazing start earning Best of Breed and Reserve Best in Multibreed Show his first time in the ring as a new cross to pure class dog.

What was most amazing about Kenne was his heart. He knew what he was bred for and took lead position on our sled team and never gave it up. He had the heart of a lion and pulled because he loved us. We could see Chinook himself in him. Many Chinook owners told us that he was the closest thing to Chinook they had ever seen. Kenne pulled into his 10th year. We could tell he was tiring yet he pulled with everything he had often pulling the sled, musher, and the entire team along. It was time for him to retire. We knew it was the right thing yet we saw the disappointment in his eyes. Kenne was a wonderful stud dog. He produced very typy pups to carry on his legacy. We are fortunate to have a couple of his daughters, grand and great grandkids living with us.

There is a very large void at Granite Hill that cannot be filled. Kennebec will be alive in our hearts forever. Godspeed beautiful boy. We hope you know how much you were loved.



Cloudburst Kennebec River (Kenne)

If your Chinook has passed any you would like to pay special tribute to them here, please email the information and pictures to Jon Jolly directly at cq@chinook.org.

Chinooks and fun in the sun



Meeting Minutes (Feb - June)

All meeting minutes can be found at:

http://chinook.org/board_minute.html

June 23, 2015

http://chinook.org/documents/board_minutes/2015_06_23_Board_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

May 12, 2015

http://chinook.org/documents/board_minutes/2015_05_12_Board_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

March 17, 2015

http://chinook.org/documents/board_minutes/2015_03_17_Board_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

February 24, 2015

http://chinook.org/documents/board_minutes/2015_02_24_Board_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

Treasury Report

COA Profit & Loss	Jan-Jul 2015
Income	
General Donation	40.00
Other Income	333.00
Chinook Store	115.50
Membership	4,582.50
Specialty	2076.00
Working Dog Program Appl	40.00
Total Income	7,187.00
Expense	
Misc.	45.00
Bank Fees	61.70
PayPal Transaction fees	243.16
Chinook Store	77.84
Membership	95.31
Specialty	3,357.60
Housekeeping	58.59
Insurance	500.00
Marketing	196.44
Website	340.00
Total Expense	4,975.64
Net Income	2,211.36

Get Your Camera's Ready!

Coming soon is our annual **COA Chinook Calendar contest!** Dust off your cameras and get that perfect shot or go through all of the amazing pictures you have already taken of your Chinook in the past year and get them ready to send in.

An email will be coming out shortly with the information and deadlines for the contest. Keep your eyes peeled for the email and add member.services@chinook.org to your email safe list so you make sure to get it. Remember, ALL submitted photos appear in the calendar!

Good luck to you and your Chinooks!

