

2021 Chinook National Specialty
and
Family Reunion
Hosted By



C H I N O O K
OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 9 – Sunday October 10

American K9 Country, Inc.
336 Route 101 - Amherst, NH 03031

www.chinook.org

www.ukcdogs.com

Dear Chinooks (and owners),

To say we live in interesting times is an understatement! I'm sure that all of us, dogs and humans alike, are more than ready for things to get 'back to normal'. We don't have a crystal ball to know when that will be, but the Chinook Owners Association is doing its part to bring scheduled activities back to your calendar.

The COA along with the Bench Co-Chairs, invites you to the 2021 Chinook National Specialty and Family Reunion. The events will be based at American K9 Country in Amherst, NH. We are working hard to put together a schedule of events for the entire family!

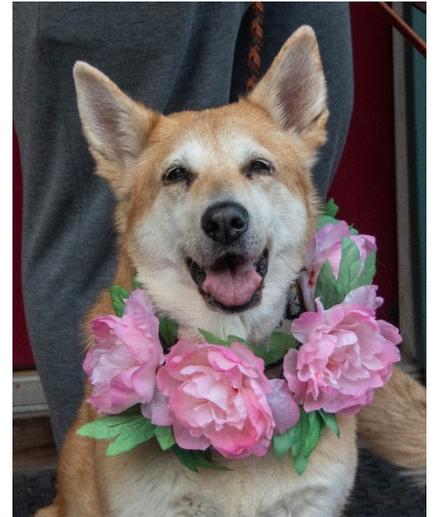
The centerpiece of our weekend will be our conformation show on Saturday. As usual we hope to field dogs for the Regular (intact), and Altered classes, as well as Non-Licensed classes. We hope to honor those Chinooks with considerable life-long accomplishments in our Parade of Titleholders. We hope to encourage some young folks to try out Junior Showmanship. Finally, we hope this year to field competitors for our Special Exhibition of Chinook Cross dogs, which will highlight the efforts of the COA Breed Conservation Community.

Other family-friendly events will take place over the weekend. Cheer on your favorite Chinooks in our field day games, enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones, and watch your dog test his/her skills on the obstacle course. Perhaps take a visit to Wonalancet to hike local trails and steep yourself in Chinook History.

We hope this year's events provide you with many special memories. Safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you all at the Specialty in October.

Kim Kramer & Hannah Collison
COA Co-Bench Chairs

...and Amara and Saba, the Bench Spokes-Dogs!



Event Schedules and Information

Location: [American K9 Country](#) - 336 State Route 101 (or 336 Horace Greeley Highway), Amherst, NH 03031
Specific times are subject to change!

Saturday, October 9, 2021 - COA Chinook National Specialty

Pre-entries: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Conformation Handling Seminar: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Conformation Start: 10:00 am Larry Hansen, Jr - Judge
Regular (Intact) Classes, Altered Classes, Junior Showmanship,
Non-Licensed Classes, Special Exhibition: Chinook Cross Show,
Parade of Titleholders

Lunch: Time TBA, depends on the Judge, and the number of entries
(Local take-out)

Annual COA Banquet – details coming soon

Sunday, October 10, 2021 – COA Chinook Family Reunion

Field Day Games (will choose from the list below) 9:00am Start		
Peanut/Almond Butter Race	Musical chairs	Egg/spoon race
Chinook says	High jump	Chinook Tac Toe
Perhaps there will be time for an agility fun match...		

Lunch will be local take out-out

The **ChesterH Sweetie Award** will also be presented!

Sponsorships

The Chinook Owners Association needs your support. Yes, the specialty does collect entry fees, the Chinook Family Reunion is completely free! Your donations help us to defray costs like facility rental and insurance for events like these that are open to all Chinooks and their owners. Even if you cannot attend, you can help by sponsoring a Specialty Class or the Family Reunion. All sponsorships & donations are noted in the Specialty program and will be displayed during the Family Reunion. If you are interested in being a sponsor, **please include the form with your registration response.**

Lodging

Holiday Inn Manchester Airport
2280 Brown Ave
Manchester, NH 03103
603.641.6466

Booking Link: [Chinook Owners Association](#)

Block reserved, group rate
\$119 per night (before tax)
No Dog Fee!

Holiday Inn Express Manchester
1288 South Porter St
Manchester, NH 03103
603.669.6800

Same rate as the 'block' hotel
No Dog Fee!

Alternative Lodging Suggestions (no special rates)

The following are from the venue's website (reference American K9 Country)

[Homewood Suites](#) (larger rooms)

1000 Perimeter Road; Manchester, New Hampshire 03103, USA
800.call home

[TownePlace Suites](#) Manchester-Boston Regional Airport

686 Huse Road, Manchester, New Hampshire 03103
603.641.2288

[Friendly Beaver Campground](#)

88 Cochran Hill Road, New Boston, NH 03070
Email: reservations@friendlybeaver.com
603.487.5570

Veterinarian (24 hour)

Veterinary Emergency Center of Manchester
2743 Brown Ave, Manchester, NH 03103
603.666.6677 <http://www.vecmnh.com/>

16 minutes from show site – 4 minutes from hotel (block)

Food

Lunch! Such choices so close to the venue!

There are THREE take-out lunch options between within five minutes of the venue.

Smokehaus Barbecue

<https://www.smokehausbbq.com/menu/>

The Black Forest Café

(They are open at 8am for breakfast things...)

<http://www.theblackforestcafe.com/catering/lunch-dinner-0>

El Arroyo Mexican Restaurant

<https://www.elarroyonh.com/>

Saturday

The club will organize a pickup at
approximately 1pm

(Timing will depend on the judge and the number of entries)

Sunday

The club will organize a pickup
if there is interest

(Let us know Sunday morning)

Dinner – hmmm

We wish the section title said, “YUMMM!” At the time of publication, the Specialty Host Committee is working hard to find a delicious, convivial, and **safe** option for the banquet. The state of the pandemic remains fluid, and the Host Committee is cognizant that attendees will have different levels of comfort with indoor dining. As options become clearer, we will update the membership. Stay tuned!

COVID-19 Precautions and Procedures

The COA Board has been tracking the recent developments of the pandemic, and has adopted (as a baseline) the UKC's [Covid Suggested Practices](#). Specifically, the club plans to implement the following specific protocols:

If you do not feel well before the COA National Specialty and Chinook Family Reunion, **PLEASE STAY HOME and DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT!!**

Masks – Following the recommendation of the [CDC](#), the COA will require that all participants wear masks. Masks must be worn at all times **both indoors and outdoors** at the show venue and must be worn over both mouth and nose.

Sanitation – The Venue American K-9 Country, Inc. required the COA to purchase their 'COVID Sanitation Kit' which contains many bottles of hand sanitizer and other cleaning products

People – In the event of inclement weather the club reserves the right to limit the number of people inside the venue to essential COA personnel, the judge, and handlers.

Handling of paperwork & money – The COA recommends that participants utilize electronic forms and payment whenever possible ahead of the event. This protects the COA members who will be working the show. In the event electronic payment methods are not available on the day of the event, you may be asked to make payment electronically when you return home.

Guidelines (public posting) – The COA will post COVID guidelines prominently, both at the show site and on-line. Pre-registered participants will also receive regular email updates.

Awards – The COA will reduce excessive handling of ribbons and awards.

Photos – The COA recommends outdoor-only photos. Photos with the judge will be at Mr. Hansen's discretion.

Distancing – The COA recommends physical distancing of a minimum of 6-feet between all participants.

Contact – The COA adopts the UKC's recommendation to avoid handshakes and recommends avoiding contact with dogs that are not yours.

Exit Traffic Areas – As much as possible, the COA recommends that participants spread out, and not congregate near the registration table, or the Judge's table.

Crating – Per the UKCs recommendation, please allow 6-feet of space between crating setups.

The last pages of the response packet contain the COA Covid Waiver form. Please have everyone in your party sign and return a waiver to specialtysecretary@gmail.com. The club reserves the right to update this waiver as local conditions evolve.

Join Us! Here's How to RSVP

First –

Complete your show entry(ies), second page in the response packet..

****Pre-Entries must be RECEIVED by Friday October 1, 2021; 11:59pm****

1. Complete a [UKC Conformation Entry Form](#) for each dog competing in the Specialty.
2. Complete a [UKC Junior Showmanship Entry Form](#) for each child participating in Junior Showmanship Need a Junior Showmanship number for your child? [Here's the Junior Showmanship Application](#)
3. Complete a **Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19** for each person (adult and child) attending the Specialty and/or Family Reunion

See Show Information section, pages 8 thru 11 for fees deadlines, etc.

Second –

Decide what show classes and games to sponsor and complete the 'Sponsor and Family Reunion Response Forms' (separate file).

To Submit Entry Forms (don't forget to sign it!):

Physical Entries:

Mail completed forms AND entry fees (check or money order) to:

Patti Richards, Show Secretary, Chinook National Specialty, P.O. Box 276 Fair Haven, VT 05743

Electronic Entries:

Email completed forms (scanned is fine) to: specialtysecretary@gmail.com

And submit payment electronically via PayPal to ChinookOA@gmail.com

Make sure you read through the General Information Pages in this document.

There you will find the 'nitty gritty' details concerning the event.

Also, please give a rough accounting of the money you are sending in. It's helpful if the name on the payment is easily linked to the name on the entry.

Hope to see you soon!

SHOW INFORMATION *(but the commonsense stuff applies to everyone!)*

SHOW CHAIR and Day-of-Show Phone: **Kim Kramer - 973.727.9746**

SHOW SECRETARY and Day-of-Show Phone: **Patti Richards - 802.345.1219**

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

1. All events are held under the Rules and Regulations of the United Kennel Club, Inc. By entering this show/trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport.
2. If your dog needs a Temporary Listing Number, you can get one [here](https://www.ukcdogs.com/tl-numbers):
<https://www.ukcdogs.com/tl-numbers>
3. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings on the day of a UKC Licensed event.
4. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
5. The UKC, Chinook Owners Association, American K9 Country, Inc. and their employees assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by spectators or by exhibitors, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians. The UKC, Chinook Owners Association, American K9 Country, Inc. and their agents are not responsible for loss, accidents, or theft.
6. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused.
7. The "No Smoking" rule will be strictly enforced in all buildings and areas so designated.
8. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Any person witnessing a violation of this rule must report it to the Event Committee. The Event Committee may ask any person violating this rule to leave the event grounds. No refund will be made if an exhibitor is asked to leave the grounds.
9. The UKC will vigorously support any motel that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or to clean up after them. In order that the bad conduct of a few exhibitors does not spoil it for the majority of responsible exhibitors, UKC will take strong disciplinary action against any offenders.
10. The UKC encourages exhibitors to present their dogs with the least amount of grooming necessary to enable a Judge to properly compare each dog with the standard of its breed. Dogs should be clean, with nails cut to a length suitable for the dog to perform the work for which it was bred, and with clean teeth. The Judge's determination that this rule has been violated shall be final. UKC enforces rules against artificially altering pigment and coat color, coat texture, and surgical alterations as outlined in the UKC Rules and Regulations.
11. **Dogs may not be left unattended when crated in soft mesh crates.** No dog may be left in an unlatched or unzipped crate. Except when being judged or when crated, dogs must be kept on leash.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. American K9 Country, Inc. will be open:
 - a. Saturday: To exhibitors at 7:00am and close at approximately 6:00pm.
 - b. Sunday: AK9C will be open to Family Reunion participants at 8:00am and close at 6:00pm.
 - c. Overnight security is not provided. No dog(s) may be left at the fairground overnight.
2. Event time is Eastern Daylight Time.
3. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING in all buildings and designated areas.
4. There are no general admission or parking fees.
5. Emergency Veterinarian:

Veterinarian (24 hour)

Veterinary Emergency Center of Manchester

2743 Brown Ave, Manchester, NH 03103

603.666.6677 <http://www.vecmnh.com/>

16 minutes from show site – 4 minutes from hotel (block)

Travel information

1. Required Inoculations. All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be present on the grounds of any UKC event or to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action.
 - a. All dogs must be fully vaccinated (Rabies/DHLPPC) – **it is wise to bring the actual rabies certificate and documentation of other standard shots.**
 - b. Most states do not require health certificates if you are staying in them less than 15 days- if you are concerned, please check states your travels will bring you through.
2. All dogs must be kept under control and on leash at all times
3. All dog owners must be clean up after their pet(s) at ALL locations!!!

ENTRY INFORMATION

Eligibility

1. Dogs must be permanently registered with UKC or have a Temporary Listing (TL) number by the closing date and time (9:00am Saturday October 9) in order to enter. No exceptions will be made. Entries for ineligible dogs will be returned.
2. An un-entered dog may not be substituted for an entered dog.

Entry Information, fees, and timeframes

1. Pre-Entry Deadline: Advance entries will be accepted by the Chinook Owners Association until Friday October 1, 11:59 pm Eastern Time. NO Pre-Entries will be accepted or processed by COA after that time. Entries received after the Pre-Entry deadline date will be charged Day-of-Show fees. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Pre-Entry Fee: \$25 online (PayPal via COA website), mailed or hand delivered.
3. Day of Show Entry Fee for Regular (Intact) and Altered Licensed Classes: \$30
4. Junior Showmanship: \$10 pre-entry and day of show.
5. Non-Licensed Classes: \$10 per class; pre-entry and day-of-show
6. Cross Specialty: \$25 pre-entry and day-of-show
7. Parade of Titleholders: \$25 pre-entry ONLY
8. A hard copy of the UKC entry form is included in this premium. Fillable PDF forms can be obtained at <https://www.ukcdogs.com/club-forms> under exhibitor entry forms.
 - A. [UKC Conformation Entry Form](#)
 - B. [UKC Junior Showmanship Entry Form](#)
 - i. The Host Club is **Chinook Owners Association**
 - ii. The Date (first column) of the show is **October 9, 2021**
 - iii. Check the box for **Show/Trial 1**
9. Parade of Titleholders is pre-entry only.

Submitting entries

1. Entries must be submitted on an official UKC entry form. Downloaded copies or photocopies of this form may be used as well.
2. Advance entries may be entered online, mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to the Chinook Owners Association.
3. Mailed Entries must include fees. Mailed entries received without fees will not be accepted.
4. E-mailed entries must spell out in the message the number of attachments (pages) and identify the type of attachment (i.e. 2 dogs, 1 junior). Entries must be received by the closing date and time. No exceptions. Likewise, for PayPal payments an accounting of the payment in the notes section (i.e. 1 GRCH + 1 Brood Bitch + Puppy Female Sponsorship = \$45) is very helpful

Payment

1. Pre-Entry Payment may be made by check, money order, or PayPal.
2. Day of Show Entry Payment must be made by cash, check, or money order or PayPal.
3. No entry will be accepted without payment.
4. Make checks and money orders payable to "Chinook Owners Association." Checks and money orders must be payable in U.S. funds.
5. Post-dated checks returned checks and declined credit cards do not constitute valid entry fees. The COA will add a collection fee to the amount of each returned check or money order. Exhibitors who repeatedly submit invalid entry fees may be put on a CASH ONLY basis.

Refunds

1. No refund of entry fees will be made for entries cancelled after the Pre-Entry deadline.
2. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of Event Committee.

3. If, because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the host organization it is impossible to open or to complete a show or trial, no refund of entry fee will be made.
4. Every effort will be made to find all duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
5. If, in the opinion of the host club, the well-being of dogs, exhibitors or spectators is at risk due to extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snowstorms, hurricanes, lightning, or extreme heat, the host club may cancel or stop a show or trial before completion. No refunds will be made in such cases.
 - A. If the State of New Hampshire calls for a shut-down of non-essential businesses relating to the **COVID Pandemic**, and the venue cancels our event, the club will refund all entry fees.

Class change/correction of entry

1. Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information in the entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors. Owners and exhibitors are responsible for correcting any errors in their entry.
2. Dogs that, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a title after the closing of entries, may be transferred from the entered class to another class for which the dog is now eligible, provided that a request for transfer is made in writing to UKC not later than one-half hour prior to the start of any regular judging at the show.
3. All other corrections to entries must be made in writing to the Event Secretary not later than one-half hour prior to the start of any regular judging at the show.

ARMBANDS

One armband will be assigned to each entered dog for the show in which the dog is entered. Please pick up your armband(s) from the Event Secretary on the morning of the show (during entry times).

ENTRY AND SHOW TIMES

Day-of-Show Entry Time: Saturday October 9, 8 am – 9:00 am

Show Time: Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am

Breakdown of Classes on the next page. A separate response packet contains a show entry form, sponsorship form, general rsvp form and COVID19 waiver.

CLASSES

(From the 2019 UKC Official Conformation Rulebook, pg. 15-16 and the 2019 UKC Official Junior Rulebook, pg. 4)

Licensed Conformation classes for UKC registered dogs consist of:

A. Regular Classes. Classes for intact dogs (*The first five classes are called 'class dogs', for dogs just starting out that have not attained a Champion or Grand Champion title.*)

1. Puppy Male/Female. For dogs six (6) months of age and under one (1) year of age.
2. Junior Male/Female. For dogs one (1) year of age and under two (2) years of age.
3. Adult Male/Female. For dogs two (2) years of age and older.
4. Open Male/Female. For dogs six (6) months of age or older.
5. Breeder/Handler Male/Female. For dogs six (6) months of age or older. Dogs entered in this class must be handled by a breeder of record with UKC, or by a member of the immediate family of a breeder of record.
6. Champion. For dogs of both sexes that have earned their UKC Champion title.
7. Grand Champion. For dogs of both sexes that have earned their UKC Grand Champion title.

B. Altered Classes. For spayed/neutered dogs. The above age breakdowns apply.

C. Junior Showmanship Classes. Consist of:

1. Pee Wee (over 2 yrs., under 4 yrs.)
2. Sub-Junior (4 yrs., under 6 yrs.)
3. Pre-Junior (6 yrs., under 8 yrs.)
4. Novice Junior, Open Junior (8 yrs., under 13 yrs.)
5. Novice Senior, Open Senior (13 yrs., under 18 yrs.)

If you are interested in your child competing in UKC Junior Showmanship, please contact the Show Chair at bench@chinook.org as soon as possible.

D. Non-Licensed Conformation classes consist of:

1. Novice Puppy – for puppies (3 months-under 6 months)
2. Stud Dog /Brood Bitch – open to Chinooks with 2-4 intact offspring at the show
3. Brace – open to intact Chinooks over 6 months old where a single exhibitor shows two dogs simultaneously to demonstrate consistent type and quality
4. Veteran – Chinooks over 7, altered or intact
5. Parade of Title Holders – open for PRE-ENTRY ONLY for dogs deserving special recognition for their achievements. Owners should submit a paragraph noting the dog's accomplishments (showing, working, as family pet) that will be read aloud while the dog is recognized in the ring.

E. The COA Cross Specialty – open to COA registered Crossbred Chinooks

1. Male –intact male COA Crosses
2. Female –intact female COA Crosses
3. Altered Male – neutered male COA Crosses
4. Altered Female – spayed female COA Crosses