

Spring is in the air and a number of Chinook and Chinook Cross litters will be coming soon! Planning ahead for your next winter retreat? Look no further than the **National Specialty held in Florida in December 2025**. This issue also has the epic finale of the **Infamous Exploits of Blue** and a lovely **Adopt a Chinook** story.



Desert Sol Dume (2nd generation Chinook/BMD Cross) by Joseph Meyers

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Letter from the President

By Daniela Metz, COA President

Dear Members,

Finally the days are getting longer and we are enjoying warmer weather with Spring flowers and meadows blooming; it is such a wonderful time of the year and I hope you are all out there enjoying these beautiful days with your pups!

The COA has entered 2025 with new and exciting activities, our 501c3 efforts have progressed and the application has been submitted to the IRS, we are now anxiously waiting to hear back from them! Hopefully, we will be a 501c3, by the time you get to read the next CQ.

As promised in my last letter to you, we have been working hard to get the Chinook National Specialty 2025 ready for you and we have something GRAND planned for you! Get your winter vacation organized early this year, pack up your family, including your Chinooks and join us in Central Florida for a Christmas-spirited National Specialty in the sun. The World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Ocala is a famous venue that attracts thousands of animal lovers every December, to enjoy the Christmas lights and entertainment provided by the facility. WEC has hosted many National Specialties over the past few years, including the Golden Retriever (with over 2000 dogs there) and the German Shepherd Specialty. They are very excited to host our small, beautiful and rare Chinook breed during their Christmas festivities and will be advertising our Specialty on their website so visitors can come and learn about our precious breed. Please enjoy the article I put together for you to find out more about this unique event and plan your Christmas vacation to be in Central Florida this year!!

Enjoy this issue of our CQ with another entertaining article by Diana Fowler about her infamous Blue and a heartwarming story by Brenda Deanne and as always...

Hugs and slobbery kisses from my furballs to yours,

Daniela Metz, COA President



Mountain Thunder Enya enjoying the Spring Meadows

Chinook National Specialty 2025

By Daniela Metz, President & Interim Bench Chair

The Chinook National Specialty is an annual event that the COA puts together for all of us Chinook owners and enthusiasts to get together for some fun and educational activities and of course, to show off our Chinooks at the Specialty show. The COA hosts the event in a different part of the US every year to make sure all of us get a chance to go to a Chinook Specialty. One year it is held at the West Coast (ie. West of the Mississippi), at a location that is determined by our Bench Chair and the committee, the following year it will be at the UKC Premier in Kalamazoo, MI, which is the biggest dog event that UKC hosts every year. The year after, will be at the East Coast; again, the State and site will be chosen by the Chair and the committee. The Specialty then goes back to Kalamazoo, and the West Coast the year after that and so it goes full circle.

This year it is the East Coast's turn to host this lovely event for you.

And we do have something SPECIAL planned for you! Traditionally, the East Coast Specialty is hosted up in the Northeast and is hence in the summer months when it is warm out. This year we have decided to treat you to a break from the early snow and cold as we will be hosting the Specialty in Central Florida! Yes, guys, Florida is THE place to be in the winter months – there is a reason the Snowbirds flock here during the cold season... Balmy day-time temps in the mid 70s, low humidity and sunshine! Hey, what more could you possibly want? Well, maybe a fantastic venue to meet up with like-minded Chinook friends and families? And we have that for you too!

Our 2025 Specialty will be held at the famous World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Ocala on December 15th and 16th. If you want to soak up the pre-Christmas atmosphere, this is the place to be! WEC turns on the lights and entertainment right after Thanksgiving and it is spectacular! And what better way to promote our precious breed than at WEC, where hundreds of animal lovers will gather from all over the US and Canada to see the lights, enjoy the entertainment, drinks and food all around the grounds. Dogs are allowed anywhere on the grounds (except The Equestrian Hotel), so you and your Chinooks can mingle and enjoy the weekend Festivities upon arrival.



We have already block-booked 12 suites at The Riding Academy (<https://ridingacademyhotel.com>) for you. This hotel is the newest addition to WEC and just opened last year. **Dogs are allowed everywhere in the hotel, and they will receive a nice doggy bed and cookies for their stay there.**

Of course, we will provide you with more info on staying at this spectacular place in due time. There are also RV hook ups for rent too..

The Specialty will be held in one of WEC's Expo Centers and we will have ample space to play and learn with our Chinooks. The program will be busy and fun! On Monday we are planning to have a hands-on how to show your dog in conformation session with Susan Burrell (very popular at our Colorado Specialty in 2023). Many activities are still being planned and we are hoping to include:

- Weight pulling set up
- One or two educational seminars (afternoon)
- SPOT (Socialized Pet Obedience Test) certification station
- Presentation on K9 nose work by Rachael Davis (with a hands-on workshop)
- Games and much more!

Stay tuned for the details as they emerge. Monday night will be spent on the patio of our local pub, The Horse and Hound, only 5 minutes from WEC, to relax, mingle and hang out with our dogs. And of course, on Tuesday morning we will host our prestigious and fun conformation event, with the honorable UKC judge Diane Price, who will determine the Chinook to become the National Best of Breed in 2025! We will have our Banquet that night with our annual report and some closing remarks, hopefully at the nearby Remington's Steakhouse (<https://remingtonsprime.com>) which has covered outdoor seating and will allow us to bring all our Chinooks!



In case you need more convincing that you really want to join us for your COA Specialty, Central Florida is a Mecca for activities (unfortunately, not all dog friendly). Ocala is less than an hour away from Orlando that has attractions such as the Kennedy Space Center, Disneyworld, Universal and more. Central Florida also offers natural attractions worth a visit, such as swimming with the Manatees that come up Crystal River in the winter, multiple springs offer tours, including Silver Springs State Park. We will add

a package for things to see and do near Ocala for you, so you can plan your trip around the Chinook National Specialty.

So, start working on your holiday break early this year and come and join us for this incredible COA Chinook Specialty of 2025!!!

Adopt a Chinook in Need!

By Brenda Deanne, Rescue Chair

Anyone looking to get a Chinook knows that it can take months, even years to find an available Chinook. One way to alleviate the wait time is to be willing to take a Chinook looking to be re-homed. While a re-homing is rare, it does happen. My observation (unconfirmed) is that once you have one Chinook and become known to the Chinook Community, it is easier/faster to get a second or subsequent Chinook as you have established yourself as a trustworthy dog owner.

Remember, a Chinook looking to be re-homed is seldom being re-homed due to behavioral issues. Most often it is due to the passing or illness of the current owner. Adopting a pre-owned dog usually results in you being the lucky recipient of a dog who has had all of the upfront, time consuming training invested already, meaning that they come potty trained, they are past the puppy chewing stage, and they are polite leash walkers, etc.



Nittany saluting her marine

In 2012, I adopted an 8-year-old Chinook, Hurricane Nittany. When she first came to me she was depressed and made it clear that she was being a good girl and doing what I asked of her, but that she wanted to go home. For a long time she was pleasant but very distant with me, then one day

about a month into her coming to my home I was petting her and she pushed into me and buried her head in my bosom, she gave a sigh that was so audible and long that I knew she was accepting her situation and letting me know that she was ready to move on and bond with me. When she pulled away from me she gave me a huge Chinook smile that told me she was happy to be there.



Nittany was the sweetest little girl you could ever want to meet. She was fully trained, long past the puppy stage and was simply a mature, loving girl who required little work on my part. Her quirky sense of humor did sometimes get her into situations where it appeared that she was “giving attitude”, but that attitude was always tempered with humor and sweetness emanating from her soul! The only regret that I ever had about adopting Nittany was that I missed out on the first 8 years of her life.

Nittany telling me that he is hers (gloating)

The Infamous Exploits of Blue!

Part 3 – The “American Party Poodle”

By Diana Fowler

So here we are again. The last part of the saga of Blue Moon in the UKC show ring, in all his glory!

In the last part (Fall 2024 CQ), we were attending the very large UKC Premier weekend. I was guiding Blue along in the immense tent set up with five large rings down each side. Blue had bolted out of his show collar right outside the ring he was to enter, and wildly dashed into the Standard Poodle ring! He certainly made quite an impression on all of the very well dressed handlers and their beautifully stacked large Standard Poodles, as he ran looping around the ring. Can you imagine this happening in a ring full of Chinooks?? But the Poodles didn't move a foot or head. A very strong Poodle handler put out her hand and grabbed Blue by his ruff to stop him, I rushed in and grabbed him, profusely thanking the handler as I escaped out of the ring. Unnoticed and unrecognized as far as I could tell- thank goodness.

I quickly slipped Blue's show collar over him, and looked up. There, leaning against one of the nearby large circus tent poles, was Mr. David Arthur. David is a very well known Poodle breeder, owner, handler. He also has become very interested in the Chinook breed and often watches our classes in the ring, and has judged many of us over the years, as well as honoring us with judging one of our National Specialties. Oh, no. And David knows me quite well as well as - unfortunately - knowing Blue.

I stopped, Blue looked up with his ears akimbo (as usual), a goofy smile (he loves David), while David looked us up and down then said, “Your dog isn't in the correct clip for that class.” Pause for a quick info note about Poodles...



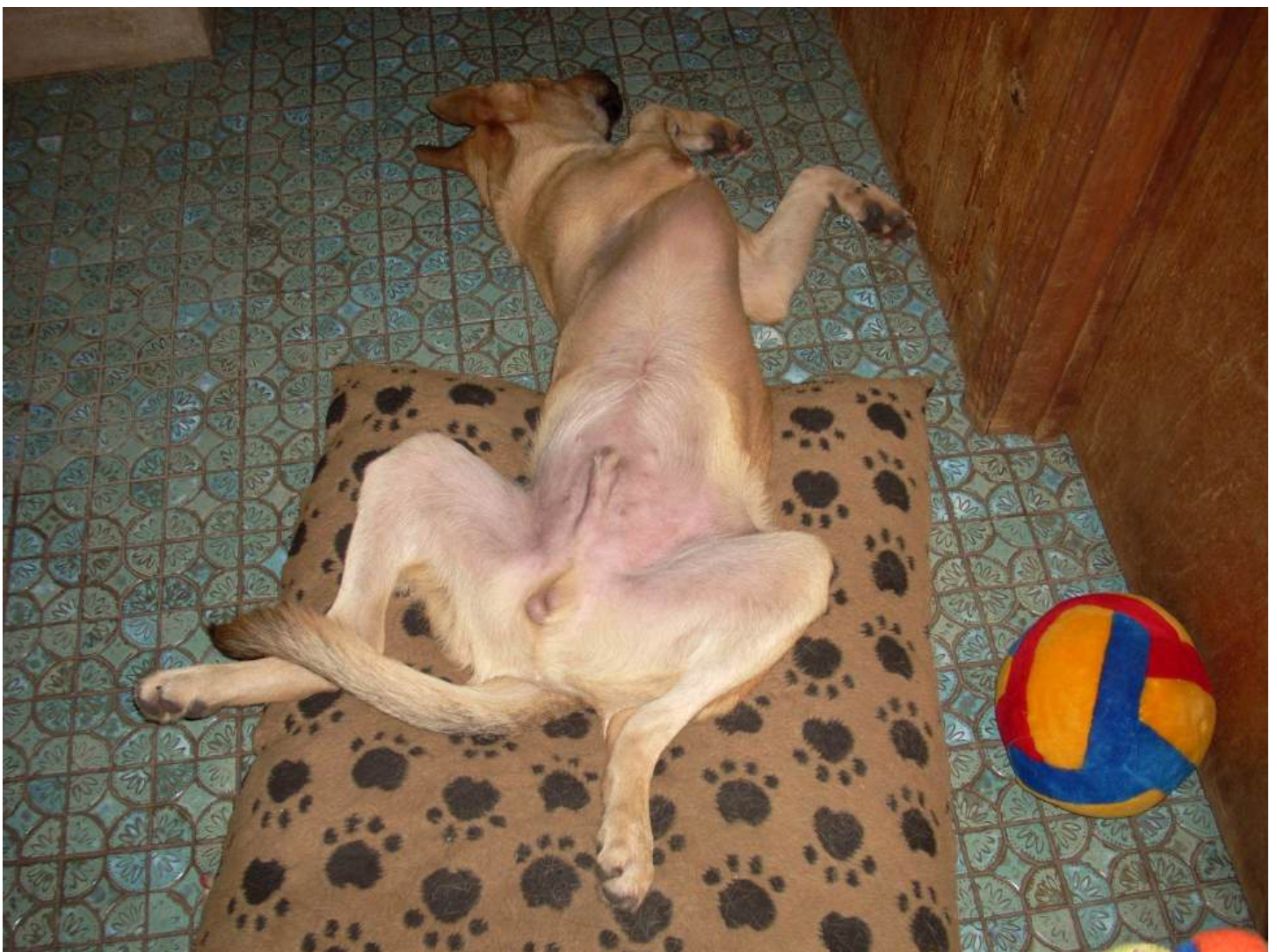
Usually Poodles are shown in a very specific clip with pompoms around the legs, rear, and on the end of the tail, big fluffy hair around the head and neck, shaved areas along the body and legs. Quite fancy, quite intricate. And really impressive on a large Standard Poodle. But--- in UKC, Poodles can also be shown in a "field clip", a moderately clipped coat evenly all over the body, but these dogs in this ring were done up to the hilt!)

So I looked really sharply at Blue, and replied to David, “He most certainly is. He's in a field clip!” David Arthur almost fell on the ground, laughing. Of course, we enjoyed a really funny moment of dog humor, wished each other well for the weekend, and off I went to the far ring at the other end for Blue's class. And I was thinking – this isn't the end of this...

Later in that year, David Arthur was scheduled to judge one of the shows at our much loved Middle Georgia Kennel Club show in Perry, Georgia, over the long Labor Day show weekend. David was

scheduled to judge Chinooks actually on that Monday, Labor Day. I got a group of us UKC regulars together and we plotted our strategy for Blue's surprise for David Arthur. Labor Day – yes, red, white, and blue pompoms on his – ahem – rump and head, call him a new breed, and make him a “special exhibit”. We asked the show chair if we could do this, before the show actually started, and they – being fun and joke-loving dog people too – said go for it! Every exhibitor in the building (and there were a lot of us) knew the plan. They also knew the story about Blue at Premier. Now where in the world are we going to find red, white, and blue pompoms on the spot? K-Mart! Where else?!

David arrived at the show to begin his assignments. The show chair asked him if he would mind taking a look at a special exhibit of a new breed coming into UKC, before the show started. Of course David said yes and was really interested. We all were over at a large ring, everybody was around the entire ring, and my co-conspirators and I were desperately trying to get those pompoms ON Blue and staying on Blue, and his handler was decked out in a pretty show suit and sunglasses to end all sunglasses. The crowd was hiding us from David entering the ring. The show announcer spoke clearly over the speaker system, “All exhibitors, please come to ring 8 for a special introduction to a new breed coming into UKC – the American Party Poodle. The Honorable Mr. David Arthur will be doing the examination.”



With that our folks parted open and our handler, Johnna, went with Blue on lead and pompoms on his body. The laughter and cheers erupted, clapping, whistling – I can't believe Johnna and Blue stayed on their feet!! Masterful skills from Johnna!

David knew immediately what this was all about. He KNEW Blue. He quickly put on his coat, and directed Blue to be gaited around the ring! Blue was about three inches above the floor by then, but around they went – more or less. Johnna was spectacular! Blue was spectacularly goofy! David

declared this exhibit to be of exceptional quality, grabbed a blue ribbon from the table, and awarded it to Johnna and Blue, with many congratulations and well wishes from the exhibitors.

David came out of the ring, laughing so hard, and saying that was the most fun he's had in a long time. It was a day to be remembered. In those few minutes of camaraderie, we dog folks could laugh together and enjoy a funny joke together, and appreciate the bonds we have in common – the love of dogs, all kinds of dogs, and the friendships we develop over the years of being in the sport.

Diana Fowler has been a part of the Chinook breed since 1993, She has shown primarily in conformation in UKC, ARBA, IABCA, and then most recently AKC. Diana has also competed in UKC obedience and Rally O, and several of her Chinooks did herding work within AHBA, with one obtaining her JHD-s.

Membership Report – Dec to Apr

Current Membership Total: 274

Puppy Memberships - 9 *(Half price for Breeder Members to purchase for new puppy owners):*

- **Spook Nook Chinooks(5):** Deni Murray, Allen Thomas, Jesse Edelman (NH), Corey Giroux (NH), Gregg Oosterbaan (OH).
- **Desert Sol Chinooks (2):** Isabel Echarte (DC), Anneliese Sitterly (OR).
- **Great Mountain Chinooks (2):** Alice Knapp (ME), Cait Sonia

New Members (3): Mindy Viechnicki (ME), Susan Rogers (FL), Brittany Carroll (ND)

Renewed Members (89): Melissa Dury (NH), Stephen Tobey (NY), Taylor Scanlon (AB, CA), Kim Fagan (TX), Robin Prausa (VA), Elizabeth Hook (WA), Madeleine Ulinski (NY), Lynn Philipp (Switzerland), Donna Davies (CA), Tom Nenninger (BC, CA), Adrianne Quiros (CA), Kimberly Bell Williams (CO), Kristy Jolly (AZ), Wayne White (ME), Megan Trost (IA), Laurel Wilkinson (MA), Ashley Lutz (VA), Margaret Hughes (NH), Patricia Cancellier (MD), Taylor Scanlon (AB, CA), Ruth Lind (ME), Jim Kucik (GA), Rebecca Knight (CO), Karen Kaiser (NJ), Rachel Gray (VA), Andrew Hafitz (NY), James Donnelly (BC, CA), Bryan Flagg (NH), Pam Turner (TN), Kelly Hall (WA), Kathy Barrett (AZ), Kim Kramer (NJ), Lisa Doner (NH), Eric Martin (OR), Michael Schmidt (WA), John Booth (MI), Bobbi Babineau-Lounds (CA), Laura Smith (FL), Michael Venti (NH), Karen Tempesta (MA), Kim Robinson (CO), Noreen Irving (CA), Kira Meyers (OR), Karen Bourque (VT), Martin Wilson (CO), Patricia Martel (NH), Walt Madden (CO), Jane Cox (MO), Cindy Mattson (MA), Jennifer Esposito (NY), Jessica Dreyer (MI), Jean Bouteiller (CT), Margi Nowak (WA), Sandy Smith (FL), Nancy Fishinger (FL), MJ Crance (NY), Matt Bolender (WA), Bobbie Kenney (OR), Megan Pothier (NH), Emma Clayton (ME), Rick Skoglund (ME), Sherry Hung (WA), Ann Sulzer (OR), Rhea Moore (VA), Debbie Crovicz (NJ), Monica Aden (CO), Lisa Seagraves (IL), Diane Garthwaite (MA), Karen Schiller (CO), Pam McMillan (WA), Nina Lanctot (IN), Marion Koenigsmann (IL), Anne Galullo (MA), Donna Catalini (NC), Donna Magoon (MA), Craig Watson (IL), Donald Kent (SC), Leslie Donais (NH), Rachel Sayadoff (NY), Krisit Berland (FL), Pamela Mulveyhill (MA), Ashlee Bryan (WA), Craig Ross (MA), Bonnie Kreitler (CT), Christine Foss (WA), Carrie Allison (OR), Angela Coleman (FL), Dr. Paul Spurlock (MA), Debra Meese (CO)

Health Flash

Dogs with health tests completed recently

The COA would like to thank all owners that have obtained health tests for their Chinooks! 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 the [OFA website](#) for information on these and other Chinooks.

Name	Hips	Eyes	Other
Barkerville Harriet Blue		Normal	
Desert Sol Amor Del Cristo	Good	Normal	
Desert Sol Arlo Baci		Normal	
Desert Sol Keeper of the Stars		Normal	
Desert Sol Medb	Excellent	Normal	
Desert Sol Popsicle		Normal	
Desert Sol Traveling Takoda		Normal	
Desert Sol Tycho Orion	Good		
Enatai Chuckchi Arcadian Calisto	Excellent		Elbows: Normal
Ferncroft Home Grown Eden		Normal	
Frontier Tamanawas Tukamonuk		Normal	
Granite Hill Beyond the Stars Kari		Normal	
Intervale Ferncroft		Normal	
Intervale Hiking the Whites		Normal	
Laughing Mountain Kiska		Normal	
Pacific Skye Mascoma	Excellent	Normal	Elbows: Normal
Platform's Nightbus Conductor	Excellent		Elbows: Normal
Platform's Predict This		Normal	Elbows/Cardiac: Normal DM/MDR1: Clear Chondrodystrophy: Carrier Chondrodysplasia: Clear
Platform's Sol Althea Tonks		Normal	
Rivertrail Kodiak O'Malarkey	Good		
Vanguard Aurora Borealis		Normal	
Wachusett Gulbrun Brom	Good		
Wachusett Gulbrun Vrael	Fair		

Chinook Statue Funds Raised

New life-size statue of Chinook in Tamworth, NH

On February 13, 2025 nine generous supporters had donated \$16,678 to create a life-size bronze statue of Chinook in the birthplace of Chinook - Tamworth, NH. The COA put on a campaign to bring awareness to this effort, matching donations for the next two weeks. The Chinook community pushed this donation amount to \$26,478 and 71 supporters helping the Tamworth History Center (THC) exceed their initial goal of \$25,000.

This wouldn't have been possible without the support of COA Members and we thank you all!

If you'd like to further contribute, additional funds will be used for a plaque, a bench, and site work for the statue location. The THC anticipates this to be a place of pilgrimage and would like a comfortable place for locals, and dog and human visitors to "visit" with Chinook. [Donate here](#)



The bronze will begin the casting process this Spring so stay tuned for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/tamworthhistorycenter>.

Image above is from the book [The First Chinook: The Adventures Of Arthur T. Walden And His Legendary Sled Dog](#), with cover art by Tamworth, NH resident Rebecca Bowden.

Wags & Brags

Chinooks with new UKC Titles

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!

Rally Master

DASH CA NBOB ROM CH 'PR' Forever Greene Hiwassee Hazel SPOT – Denise Reed

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](#). 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 Bench Chair at bench@chinook.org, or the UKC (269-343-9020).

Litter Basket

Recent & upcoming litters - <https://chinook.org/litters/>

Dam	Sire	Due Date	Location	Kennel
Mystique Pond Malina	Aspencreek Mosley Warner O'Donnell	4/30/2025	FL	Mystique Pond Chinooks
Barkerville Harriet Blue	Ferncroft Tormund Evan	5/4/2025	NH	Barkerville Chinooks
Vanguard Celestial Ankaa	Laughing Mountain Mochi	5/5/2025	NJ	Vanguard Chinooks
Desert Sol Vitality Avalanche	Rain Mountain Pippin	5/19/2025	WA	Desert Sol Chinooks
Rain Mountain Umiak	Rain Mountain Muckleshoot Song	7/5/2025	WA	Rain Mountain Chinooks



Rain Mountain North Misty Mountains & Rain Mountain Sunnybrook Wally by Deanna Green

Rainbow Bridge

Jed – 7/30/2010 to 3/10/2025

MountainThunder Tennessee Jed

By Martha Wooldridge

The breath has been taken out of our home with the passing of MountainThunder Tennessee Jed. I cannot possibly express how much he meant to us or how he made every single day so meaningful, but I suspect you folks understand. So here are just a few stories, a true smattering, that make Dan and me smile.

We live near a lake. With miles of wide-paved sidewalks, it is a popular spot for evening walkers, joggers, families, strolling lovers, and dogs with their parents. Jed enjoyed getting his groove on in this setting, so we walked there often. One evening we ventured onto a small peninsula at the lake, a gathering spot because it has a lighthouse feature. A group of very sweet and very giggly 9-year-old girls, 5 or 6 of them, swarmed around Jed, fawning all over him. They were full of little girl questions and so happy to pet a “big dog”. One pipes up, “OHHH, he should be a DOG model!”, and then they all piped in with the same cheerful conclusion. Jed loved the attention! I loved the girls’ very wise observation and the years of quiet chuckles their words have given me.



Jed was a quiet boy. Didn’t bark much. The only time he rooed was on the way to favorite adventure spots, until recent years when he became more vocal. Time to eat? Man, he let us know! Harness on, leash on, time to be let out the door? “Mom, Dad, let’s get a MOVE on!”. His buddy just pulled into the driveway? “Ah-rooooooooo-rah”, from treble down to deep base. He became conversational. A pleasure for all of us.

Jed’s last year was a steady decline that helped us prepare for the inevitable. Our daily walks progressed from brisk Spring jaunts through surrounding neighborhoods, to shorter ones punctuated with frequent stops (walk 10 steps, stop for a minute, walk 10 more steps, stop for another minute). His nose still worked well, and he enjoyed greeting other dogs, or reading the pee-mail they left behind. He went from stalking and chasing critters to quietly monitoring their movements from a distance. To the end, he handled himself with the dignity of a Chinook.

Thanks to: Lori who shared Opie with us, Jed’s best friend for over a decade; Charlotte, who in her 90’s TOTALLY cottoned up to Jed, the first dog she truly enjoyed since childhood (it was sweet); all the total strangers we encountered on walks who stopped their cars in the middle of the road, rolled down their windows, just to say “what a beautiful dog”; those who let us tell “Jed stories” on repeat for years; and to Karen and Dave Schiller who opened their door and placed Jed in our arms.



Our home is beyond empty without ol' Jeddie Joe. But his hair lingers, and it might be a while before we vacuum.

Rainbow Bridge

Bella – 6/1/2011 to 2/1/2025

Hurricane Isabella

By Lisa Doner

Hurricane Isabella was out of an unplanned litter of GR CH 'PR' Rivertrail Seneca and CH "PR" Hurricane Pre, fostered to 4 month old by Amanda Bays. I adopted her to provide a playmate for Tullibardine Douglas Mawson (Kan, for Kangerlussuaq).

She arrived the night before Tropical Storm Irene hit New England, flooding roads and raging through valleys. Bella was her puppy name, and it seemed fitting, in part because of Hurricane Isabel which created havoc in the eastern US eight years earlier, and Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene the day of her arrival to my home, and in part because she had a beauty all her own.

Pet quality, with too much of the German Shepherd nose and triangular face, she was still Chinook through and through, with a devilish knack for mini-mayhems and a direct gaze that left you in no doubt that you were SEEN. She was forever a charmer with a smile and tail wag for all living things - people, horses, cows, dogs, cats. She graced the local trails with a mincing, hip-swaying prance that made me laugh. Her tongue never seemed to quite fit in her mouth - I always worried it would dry out while she slept.



A dicey gut, a heart murmur, and numerous lipomas kept the regional vets well-funded, but never seemed to impact her quality of life. She accepted the restricted diet like a champ and always finished meals in record time. She stopped eating her last week, and then stopped drinking. We all slept one more night together as I ran through every possible scenario to extend her time with us. But she was ready. We had 13 and half years of love, companionship, laughter and mutual admiration - thank you for that, dear Bella.



Rainbow Bridge

Dargo – 8/11/2013 to 11/13/2024
PR Rivertrail Dargo

By Tom Mitrousis

When we first read about the Chinook breed, we were originally drawn to how family friendly they were and how well they acted around children. This was important at the time since we had two young kids. Dargo was so great with our children, he followed them everywhere and made sure they were always ok if they were ever upset or sad, a trait that he never outgrew.

As a puppy and a young adult dog, he was so full of energy! We went on miles and miles of walks all the time and he was my running partner for a long time. He loved camping and hiking, and was his happiest just being outside in nature. Dargo was by far the friendliest dog I had ever known. He loved everyone he met immediately and needed everyone to know how much he loved them as well. He was so smart and emotionally expressive, you could tell what he was thinking just by how he moved his ears! He learned everything so quickly and was just eager to please.





As he got older, I became “his” human, especially during Covid. He was always near me, and was my constant shadow since it was just the two of us during the daytime. Dargo would follow me everywhere I went, and would sometimes be upset that my wife and I were not together in the same room. He would often come get me if I was in a different room from her. Dargo would come over, stare at me, give me a “roo” or a “woof” and wouldn’t leave until I followed him back so he could have both of us together. When I would go to the door to leave the house without him, he would often try and block me from leaving! I tried to trick him the first few times this happened by throwing a treat for him into the living room and make my escape, but that only worked a few times. You could trick Dargo once or twice, but never a third time, he figured everything out so fast. He loved everyone in our family, and all he ever wanted was to be with us, no matter what we were doing.

Our family dearly misses him and all his antics. Dargo was such a bright spot in our lives, and he made every day the best day ever. I still expect to hear him roo’ing or howling at the door when we walk in. He made such a huge impact on all of our lives, and I am convinced that every chinook is the best dog ever. When he passed my friend had told me that we all wish dogs lived as long as we loved them. If that was true, Dargo would have truly lived forever. Thank you for all the memories sweet boy, we will never forget you and will always love you.



The Communications Chair would like to thank all that contributed to this edition of the CQ.

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the CQ which always has articles and pictures from you, the membership. We are always looking for articles, stories, poems, pictures, etc. from COA members (that’s you!).

Ask questions about how you can help the club and this publication by emailing us at communications@chinook.org