

Welcome to the latest edition of the CQ! This issue includes something for everyone from a deep dive into the **Use of Shipped Semen for Breeding** to important reminders about the **2026 Photo Calendar Contest** and needed **gift basket donations** for our upcoming Specialty in December. We're also excited to feature the writing and drawing skills from a couple of our talented junior members!



Swiftrun Jura Rain (Asa) by Taylor Scanlon

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# Letter from the President

By Daniela Metz, COA President

Dear Members,

As the days are getting shorter again and Fall is just around the corner, I hope we are all enjoying these last few weeks of Summer!

The COA has been busy this year and we are still awaiting the outcome of our 501c3 submission. We have to thank our Vice President, Marty Wilson, for his diligence working with our lawyers on this. We are hoping to have our 501C3 status before the end of the year.

As we are heading into Fall, our activities surrounding the upcoming Chinook National Specialty in December are intensifying! We have a wonderful program planned for you and we will have the Specialty Premium Package with all the details out for you in a couple of weeks! Stay tuned, it is going to be one amazing event you don't want to miss. No better place to be as the days get shorter and colder than in sunny Florida! Also, we do have an amazing Specialty t-shirt that will be available on site only (look at the design in this issue of your CQ)!

Enjoy this issue of our CQ with great reads, such as two lovely stories from junior Chinook owners, an article that will help you plan your first breeding using shipped semen and our COA board updates. And don't forget to add your entries for the 2026 calendar contest!!!

Hugs and slobbery kisses from my furballs to yours,

Daniela Metz, COA President



Mystique Pond Kiana and Tetlin enjoying a late summer afternoon on the farm



# Use of Shipped Semen for Breeding

By Daniela Metz, Mystique Pond Chinooks

Breeding a dog can be a rewarding experience, but the process often requires careful planning, especially when the ideal stud is located far away. Shipping chilled semen can be the answer, but requires careful planning and coordination for a successful outcome. This article provides recommendations from a Chinook breeder on how to navigate this process.



Our Chinooks are still one of the rarest breeds out there and every owner of a breedable female takes on the challenge of finding that “perfect” stud for their girl. If you are lucky, you have that great male not far from you – but the chances of that are slim if you live in a state with a small number of Chinooks, which unfortunately, is many States! So, there you are, thinking how nice it would be to breed to stud “X” who happens to live on the other side of the US with his family. The owners, like you, are likely hobby breeders, that possibly have never bred their male before and/or have no idea what is involved in shipping semen. You yourself, may be a first-time breeder or contemplate using chilled semen and artificial insemination (AI) for the first time. There are some important aspects worth knowing in advance if you consider using shipped, chilled semen for your girl. First off, it is not cheap, and I will discuss approximate costs at the end. If it helps, I always remind myself that I am doing this for the good of the breed and not to make money.

The following are recommendations based on my personal experience and are by no means a set of standards you have to follow. They are merely meant to guide you through your first experiences using chilled semen.

## Getting started

Make sure you identify a stud well in advance of your planned breeding. After you have identified a stud and got an agreement from the stud owner, make sure the owner can accomplish the following before you commit to the stud:

- **Full commitment of stud owner** to the breeding! The stud owner will have to drop everything on the day your girl’s progesterone results says “ship semen tomorrow morning!” for AI the day after. The window for the AI is 3-4 days and ideally you have semen shipped twice in that time frame, once early during the progesterone rise (progesterone just greater than 10ng/ml) and then ideally again, 2 -3 days later.
- **Stud owner must have a good theriogenologist** (animal reproduction specialist) within driving distance to collect and ship the semen
- **Sire and dam must have a negative Brucella Canis test.** No vet will breed your dogs without a negative Brucella test. A blood sample must be sent to the lab for this test and it can take up to a couple of weeks before you get the result. The test result is good for 6 months prior to breeding, so get this done early.
- Stud owner should have their **stud’s semen drawn and evaluated before breeding**; even if it is a young stud and the semen quality is likely to be good, it is important to put the semen in

the extender (preferably several can be tested) that will be used for shipping and the semen should be re-evaluated 24/48 hours after the draw to verify the semen survives in the extender for the time frame required for shipping.

- Either the stud owner or the vet (we have had both happen) will send the **semen on ice overnight via FEDEX**, preferably directly to your theriogenologist who will re-evaluate the semen before performing the AI.

**Types of AI to consider**

Once your girl is ready to be bred, there are several options to consider. Assuming the semen arrives in good health, you may opt for a straightforward trans-vaginal insemination. The chilled semen is inserted into the vagina using an insemination pipette. This is the most commonly used AI technique and the least invasive. It is also cheaper than the alternatives. The other method frequently used for chilled semen is the trans-cervical insemination (TCI), where the semen is inserted directly into the uterus, bypassing the cervix, using a catheter and an endoscope. While more invasive, TCI offers higher pregnancy rates compared to vaginal insemination, especially when chilled (or frozen) semen is used and it is my preferred type of AI for chilled semen.

**Puppy Registrations with UKC and AKC:**

I recommend you do your litter registrations as soon as you have your puppies. UKC allows you to register your litter online as long as both parents are UKC registered:

<https://www.ukcdogs.com/online-litter-registration>. UKC litter registrations can take some time, so do this early after you had your pups.

For AKC registration using shipped semen in an extender, AKC requires the sire to be AKC-DNA verified. As soon as you have a confirmed pregnancy make sure the stud owner orders the online DNA kit from AKC, <https://shop.akc.org/products/proshop-akc-dna?variant=30519215236> as it can take 3-4 weeks for the analysis to be completed. They do not require a DNA sample from the dam. You can obtain an AKC litter registration online

<https://www.apps.akc.org/registration-litter/register?type=EXTENDEDAl> once the sire’s DNA is on file with them. It is straight forward and fast.

**Approximate costs for using Chilled Semen with TCI in 2025:**

(this is based on semen shipped from Montana to Florida)

Canine Brucella Multiplex (per dog)	\$121
Progesterone test (you will have several done):	\$78
Semen collection, shipping package/extender:	\$276
FEDEX Overnight (example: Montana to Florida):	\$258
TCI w/ chilled semen (incl. progest. and repro. eval):	\$414
Ultrasound (with reproduction evaluation):	\$222
X-ray (with reproductive evaluation):	\$298
(Each reproductive evaluation was \$60.00)	

The costs outlined above are just a guideline. It is what I paid here for the theriogenologist at the University of Florida and is likely to vary from vet to vet and state to state. The costs of the ultrasound and the x-rays, obviously, are not specific for the use of chilled semen for breeding.

Good luck with your breeding and I do hope this little excerpt from my experience with using chilled semen for breeding is helpful.

# 2026 Calendar Contest

By Kristy Jolly, COA Membership Chair

As you trade in your swimsuits and camping gear for sweaters and hot cocoa, remember to pull out your cameras and photos—the annual COA Chinook Calendar Contest will be here before you know it!

The Calendar Contest emails with rules about how to enter and due dates will be sent out in September. Remember to participate you have to be an active COA member.

[Join the COA - Chinook Owners Association](#)

## Photo submissions due coming soon

Can't wait to see another year of AMAZING Chinook photos!!!!

Any questions, please email Kristy at [membership@chinook.org](mailto:membership@chinook.org).



# Donations Needed

For 2025 Chinook National Specialty and Family Reunion

Our COA Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion is coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and we're collecting donations for our silent auction gift baskets. Proceeds help support the COA's programs and activities - and every donation, big or small, helps keep our Chinook community strong.

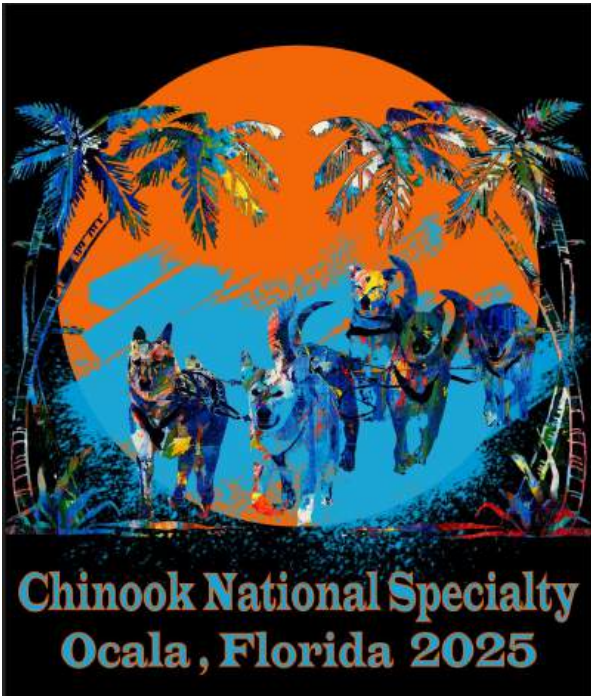
In past years, auction baskets have included a wonderful mix of items for dog and human alike - and we'd love your help keeping the tradition going!

Examples of past donations include:

- Dog gear: bowls, collars, leashes
- Regional gifts: Wisconsin cheese, Vermont maple syrup, Oregon state coffee
- Chinook-themed items: T-shirts, old collectibles of postcards, Chinook history
- Handmade goods: quilts, glass art, paintings, Christmas ornaments

Anything is welcome! If you're able to donate an item, service, or handcrafted piece, we'd be incredibly grateful. To contribute or learn more, please contact Nancy Stevenson at [ccste34@gmail.com](mailto:ccste34@gmail.com). Contributions by individuals or collective State baskets can be sent to Daniela Metz. Reach out to Daniela at [president@chinook.org](mailto:president@chinook.org) for address information.

We do hope you will join us for our COA Chinook Specialty in December, but even if you cannot make it, we'd be very grateful for any contributions you would like to make to our Silent Auction.



Specialty T-Shirt Design



# Chinook Dogs are Good Companions!

By Emily Wilson (14)

## An Introduction to new Chinook dog Owners

Chinooks are an incredibly affectionate and loyal dog breed, known for their gentle nature and playful disposition. Whether you're feeling down or bursting with joy, you can always count on a Chinook to be right by your side—offering a comforting cuddle or bounding after a favorite toy with endless energy. Their cheerful personalities and love for belly rubs can brighten even the gloomiest of days.

Chinooks are among the rare dog breeds that were originally developed in the United States, making them a true piece of American canine history. Bubbly and full of life, Chinooks are a medium-to-large working breed originally developed in New Hampshire by Arthur Walden. Despite their size, they are anything but intimidating—these dogs are known for their friendliness, intelligence, and eagerness to please, making them highly trainable companions. Chinooks come in a beautiful array of colors, including tawny, black, and white, often with striking facial markings. Their coats are soft, fluffy, and made for snuggling.



Chinooks are versatile and hardworking dogs that thrive when they have a job to do. Originally bred as sled dogs, they still enjoy pulling activities like skijoring, carting, and canicross. Their athleticism and intelligence also make them great competitors in agility trials, obedience, and rally sports. Thanks to their gentle temperament and eagerness to connect with people, many Chinooks also excel as therapy dogs and canine good citizens, bringing comfort to hospitals, schools, and nursing homes. Some even enjoy participating in search and rescue training, showcasing their natural problem-solving skills and endurance.

Whether they're racing across snowy trails or snuggling after a day of play, Chinooks love being active and involved—and they shine brightest when working alongside their favorite humans.

## My Chinook

I'm lucky enough to have a Chinook of my own—his name is Miles Baker Wilson (Ferncroft Blue Bird Day). He's a tawny sweetheart with a bold black mask around his eyes, nose, and mouth. Miles has a goofy side that never fails to make me smile—especially when he chases bugs in the backyard or greets every visitor at the door like an old friend. He's not just charming—he's also well-mannered and proud to have earned his Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog Certificate.

Living with Miles has shown me just how special Chinooks really are. Their combination of warmth, intelligence, and playful personality makes them an ideal family dog. If you're looking for a companion who will lift your spirits, keep you active, and love you unconditionally, a Chinook might just be the perfect fit.

# The Great Chinook Adventurers

A Limited Edition comic strip by Marley Wilson (9)



- Slide 1 In this scene, Marley and Miles travel to Mount Rushmore to see the great Presidents.
- Slide 2 As Miles and Marley enter into the National Park - Miles decides he wants his profile to be carved into Mt. Rushmore!
- Slide 3 Marley explains to Miles, Mt. Rushmore is a monument to the Great Presidents of our country; Chinook dogs are not allowed.
- Slide 4 Miles decides he is going to run for President of the United States so his profile can be carved into the side of the mountain with the other presidents.
- Slide 5 Miles announces his candidacy, and Marley snickers at the thought of a 1st Chinook dog President.
- Slide 6 Miles and Marley exclaim “What will you think of next”?
- Slide 7 They return to Colorado to start planning Mile’s campaign slogan. The adventure continues.

# Membership Report – May to Aug

Current Membership Total: 281

**Puppy Memberships - 13** *(Half price for Breeder Members to purchase for new puppy owners):*

- **Mystique Pond Chinooks (5):** Vincent Pugliese (FL), Whitney Greene (FL), Leanda Maddux (TX), Christine Mullon (FL), Kara Sauzek (CO).
- **Desert Sol Chinooks (8):** Lisa Fish, (MN), Stephanie Beausoleil (WA), Tyler Sweeney (VA), Jean Holland (PA), Alison Duerwald, (MA), Patrick Treacy (CA), Erin Kondratko (CO), Karla Chaparro (WA).

**New Members (3):** Marina Guvakova (PA), Michael Paluk (Manitoba, CA), Natasha Rueschhoff (FL).

**Renewed Members (80):** Carol Gifford (OH), Gary Jones (NM), Lauren Legener (GA), Bryan Smith (TN), James Collora (CA), John Habermehl (NY), Tamara Anderson (IN), Owen Bitas (WA), Allison Abbott (WI), Jack Duffy (FL), Corine Lindhorst (MT), Marisa Huffman (OR), Jude Griffin (MA), Lisa Yeager (WA), Donna Russell (MA), JoAnne Oppenheimer (PA), Anne Lynch (CA), Astrid Lampey (CO), Sally Gallagher (OR), Carol Carlson (NH), Christopher Appoldt (NY), Maria Calabrese (NH), Morrie Killian (NH), Darcy Davenport (NH), Tiina Perlman (AZ), Karen Hinchy (NJ), Kay Lee Brown (OR), Hannah Collison (MI), Andrew Coppens (NH), Rick Prausa (VA), Dan Silvertree (OR), Kathe Dunscomb (OR), Lydia Leclerc (OH), Wendy Hansen (ON, CA), Marlene Goist (TX), Brenda Dean (ME), Brendan Aldrich (IN), Katy Kopplin (WI), Cesar Hernandez (MA), Christine Eggleton (VT), Robin Anderson (VA), Edy Lotharius (IL), Ariel Lender (FL), Tara Laposa (NJ), Rachael Davis (PA), Ted Dohnal (MI), Kathleen Harrison (CA), Danielle Tappitake (NY), Kathy Krubeck (WY), Nancy Stevenson (SC), Justin Damadio (DE), Linda Dunaway (WA), Jill Pertain (NH), Leigh Conner (CA), Darin Murphy (ME), April Matava (CO), Cindy Lee Morgan (OR), Paul Delia (CO), Carol Zuckerman (MA), Catherine McCarty-Payne (CA), Elaine Edler (CA), Todd Roberts (KY), Triona Gogarty (CA), Kristy McRae (MT), Sarah Garrison (WA), Daniela Metz (FL), Chane Felisky (WA), Shelley Stewart (WI), Roz Rolland (NH), Jane Durning (NH), Kristina Calabrese (NH), Delcan Mullhall (PA), Victoria Escalle (CO), Mary Schatz (WI), Kali Hart (MD), Brett Visger (OH), Tom Reynolds (ME), Keith Bogart (CA), Sandford Bragg (VT), Danielle Welch (NY).



# 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
Balsam Ridge Misty Lynne Granite Hill		Normal	
Birch Hollow She's a Rainbow		Normal	
Desert Sol Brisa Hailey	Good	Normal	
Desert Sol Ferncroft's Mina	Good		
Desert Sol Galway Girl	Good	Normal w/ BO	
Ferncroft Suki	Good		
Forever Greene Nahla			Cardiac: Normal
Frontier Tamanawas Tukamonuk	Prelim Borderline		Cardiac: Normal
Frontier Xena of Seven Lakes	Fair		Elbows: Normal Cardiac: Normal Patella Luxation: Normal
Laughing Mountain Kiska	Good		
Maple Lane Amos of GreatMtn		Normal	
Nittany's Greene Time Keeper		Normal	
Platform's Predict This	Excellent		Elbows: Normal Patella Luxation: Normal
Rivertrail Nook Osceola	Good	Normal	
Tennessee River Sol Ghost	Excellent	Normal	Cardiac: Normal

# Wags & Brags

## Chinooks with new 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!

### **National Association of Canines Scent Work**

Frontier Holly GoLightly NW3 – Rachael Davis



### **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](https://www.ukcdogevents.com/). You can search by using many different criteria such as state, month, activity type, dog club, etc.

## Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion December 15-16 Ocala, FL

If you have additional questions on UKC events, please contact the COA Bench Chair at [bench@chinook.org](mailto:bench@chinook.org), or the UKC (269-343-9020).

# Rainbow Bridge

Tannin – 6/16/2010 to 7/9/2025

Lakeside Run Tannin

By Patricia Martel

Born June 14, 2010 and crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Wednesday July 9, 2025. My heart went with him.

15 years of companionship that I will be forever grateful for. He was a wonderful greeter out on the walking trails and around my neighborhood to young and old. Tannin loved car rides, treats and our once weekly rally obedience class. Tannin loved all four seasons - it was just as much fun if the snow was blowing and the wind was howling or if the springtime green grass felt so good to roll in. Tannin had a stubborn side so if he wasn't ready to finish our walk then we "compromised" - I continued on with him and it all worked out for the best.

It is so hard to imagine going on without my best friend. Until we meet again, all my love my beautiful boy.

p.s. During Covid a generous photographer friend was involved in the “Front Porch Project” He would take the photos and in exchange I contributed to a local food pantry. The photo above was our front porch!





# Treasurer Report

Rachael Davis

<b>Balance Sheet</b> Chinook Owners Association As of Jun 30, 2025 Report Type: Accrual (Paid & Unpaid) ACCOUNTS Jun 30, 2025 Assets Total Cash and Bank \$57,095.21 Total Other Current Assets \$0.00 Total Long-term Assets \$0.00 Total Assets \$57,095.21  Liabilities Total Current Liabilities \$0.00 Total Long-term Liabilities \$0.00 Total Liabilities \$0.00  Equity Total Other Equity \$0.00 Total Retained Earnings \$57,095.21 Total Equity \$57,095.21	<b>Profit and Loss</b> Chinook Owners Association Date Range: Apr 01, 2025 to Jun 30, 2025 Report Type: Accrual (Paid & Unpaid) ACCOUNTS Apr 01, 2025 to Jun 30, 2025  Income Health Fund \$13.11 Membership \$2,046.64 Sales \$23.88 Uncategorized Income \$818.88 Total Income \$2,902.51  Total Cost of Goods Sold \$0.00  Gross Profit As a percentage of Total Income  \$2,902.51 100.00%  Operating Expenses Computer – Hosting \$252.00 Insurance \$240.00 Professional Fees -\$275.00 Speciality \$1,000.00 Uncategorized Expense \$125.80 Total Operating Expenses \$1,342.80
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*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](mailto:communications@chinook.org)*