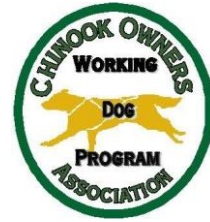




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Introduction

The Temperament Group of Active Chinook Titles encourages owners engage in training and other activities with their Chinook dogs that strengthen and display the good nature of the breed. Titles can be earned when Chinook dogs participate in a variety of events, activities and/or training that:

- Result in the successful completion of a “good behavior” evaluation such as the United Kennel Club’s Socialized Pet Obedience Test (SPOT)
- Promote the breed and helps to educate the general public about the rewarding benefits of sharing life with a Chinook dog by participating in local community events such as parades, dog shows, etc.
- Provide therapeutic or educational assistance to people
- Provide assistance services (trained tasks) to individuals by helping them overcome disabilities such as a hearing or sight impairments, or to the general public by working in programs such as search and rescue.

Titles are separated into the following three categories:

1. **Friendly Paws Title** – This title encourages owners to provide their Chinook dogs (especially puppies) with a basic foundation for good behavior through obedience or socialization training.
2. **Diplomat Title** – At the Diplomat level, after completing additional training, Owners and their Chinooks are proud to represent the breed at public events where dogs can show off their good behavior and easy-going temperament.
3. **Ambassador Title** – This title is reserved for those elite Chinook dogs that, after proper training, are providing significant life-enhancing services to individuals or society in general.

There is considerable flexibility structured into the requirements for Chinook Owners Association (COA) Temperament Titles. Titles are awarded on a points system and handlers can choose from a variety of basic training and activity options to accumulate the points needed for each title.

General Requirements for Titles at All Three Levels

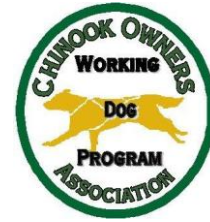
The application process for temperament group titles relies on specific evidence that training and testing has been completed in required activities. The Active Chinook Program (ACP) Committee recognizes that not all Chinook owners have access to resources such as certified evaluators for the United Kennel Club Socialized Pet Obedience Test. To make these COA



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Temperament Titles more widely available the committee has included alternative training courses and testing procedures and even allows participants to propose other equivalent training. In addition, COA alternatives to the standard temperament testing are included at the Friendly Paws level. Keep in mind that any participant proposed alternatives to training and testing requirements must be approved by the Committee in advance. When participating in public events, all event sponsor rules must be followed.

A Note on Training Methods

The ACP Committee promotes the use of positive reinforcement training methods and supports working with Chinook dogs to responsibly introduce them to any new activities -- physical and mental abuse are expressly prohibited. No action or inaction that causes preventable pain or suffering to a dog is allowed. If a dog is tentative or nervous when engaging in training activities, yelling at it or forcing it to comply is not only abusive, it is counterproductive and will lead to an insecure dog.

The Committee recommends using trainers that are certified by recognized dog training certification organizations. There are several well respected organizations that certify trainers such as the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT); National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI); and, International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP). If you need more information on recommended training methods, please contact the Committee.

Documenting Event Participation, Training and Testing

Generally, certificates of completion will be adequate to document successful completion of training courses and good behavior tests. If a certificate was not issued, submit a statement from the trainer noting the name/type of training completed; names of the dog and owner/handler; date of completion; and the trainer's name, signature and trainer certification (if any).

COA forms are available on the website to document participation in selected community and public events. Prior to participating in the events, keep in mind that those forms will need to be signed by a witness, event organizer or administrator.

Video Submissions

In addition to the forms noted above, all titles require the submission of a 3 to 5 minute video that shows the Chinook dog participating in a required event/activity or temperament test (this may be the actual event or a simulated test). The video should show that the dog can work calmly, with a non-reactive demeanor, in a public setting around other people. Videos may be uploaded to publicly accessible sites (e.g. YouTube) and a web link provided in the title application.

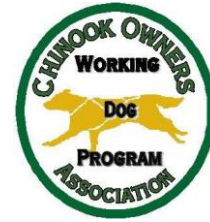
Specific requirements for each title are provided on the following pages.



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Requirements for Friendly Paws Title

Prerequisites for Friendly Paws Title: None

Titles in the Temperament Group are awarded based on a points system. To achieve a Friendly Paws Title, the Chinook dog must accumulate a total of at least **6 points** from a combination of both the training and testing categories listed below.

CATEGORY	POINT VALUE
<p><u>Training – (positive reinforcement training course completed)</u></p> <p>Complete one of the following training courses. The point value assigned to each course depends on the training level completed (2 points for beginner level training, 3 points for intermediate level and 4 points for advanced level). Only one training course may be counted – course must be 6 weeks or equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Obedience Class • Rally Obedience Class • Puppy Socialization Class • Other Equivalent Training (to be approved by ACP Committee in advance) <p>Any extra training course completed, but not used at this level may be used at the Diplomat level.</p>	<p><u>Pts</u> <u>Training Level</u></p> <p>2 Beginner</p> <p>3 Intermediate</p> <p>4 Advanced</p>
<p><u>Temperament or Good Behavior Testing¹</u> – Document good temperament by completing one of the following tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COA Witness Observation of Basic Obedience and COA Witness Observation of Friendly Behavior² • UKC SPOT (Socialized Pet Obedience Test) • ATTS Temperament Test (American Temperament Test Society) • Other Equivalent Test (to be approved by ACP Committee in advance) 	<p>4 points</p>

¹ Provide one video link (3-5 minutes) of the dog participating in the selected test or a simulation of the selected test showing the dog displaying a stable temperament.

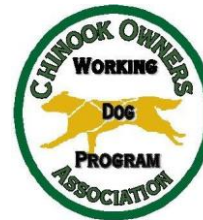
² If participant chooses to use the COA tests, have a witness administer it and complete the corresponding COA forms to document successful completion. The witness cannot be someone who lives in the same household with the dog.



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Requirements for Diplomat Title

Prerequisite for Diplomat Title: Friendly Paws Title

Titles in the Temperament Group are awarded based on a points system. To achieve a Diplomat Title, the Chinook dog must accumulate a total of at least **8 points** from a combination of the training category and one or more additional category listed below.

CATEGORY	POINT VALUE
<u>Training – (positive reinforcement training course completed)</u> Complete one of the following training courses (cannot be a course completed for a Friendly Paws title). Only one training course may be counted – course must be 6 weeks or equivalent. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Obedience Class• Rally Obedience Class• Puppy Socialization Class• Other Equivalent Training (to be approved by ACP Committee in advance)	<u>Pts Training Level</u> 2 Beginner 3 Intermediate 4 Advanced
<u>Community Events</u> ¹ – participate in 2 or more events from the following list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Community Events such as Parades, Plays, Talent Shows, School Field Trips or other similar events	2 points for each event completed
<u>Events Organized by Clubs/Groups</u> ¹ – participate in 2 or more public events from the following list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Club Walks/Hikes, Shows, etc.• Dog Club Meet the Breed Events• Charity Events (such as 5k races/walks)	2 points for each event completed
<u>UKC Events</u> ¹ – participate in one or more of the following UKC events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UKC Obedience• UKC Rally Obedience• UKC Conformation Show (including the COA National Specialty)• Other UKC or Equivalent Events (to be approved by ACP Committee in advance)	4 points for each event completed

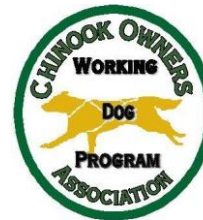
¹ Provide one video link (3-5 minutes) of the dog participating in the selected event showing the dog interacting with other people and displaying a stable temperament. Document each event completed on a separate *Diplomat Title Participant Documentation Form*.



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Requirements for Ambassador Title

Prerequisite for Ambassador Title: Friendly Paws Title

Titles in the Temperament Group are awarded based on a points system. To achieve an Ambassador Title, the Chinook dog must accumulate a total of at least **10 points** from a combination of the training category and one or more additional category listed below.

CATEGORY	POINT VALUE
<u>Training – (positive reinforcement training course completed)</u> Complete one of the following training courses. Only one training course may be counted – course must be 6 weeks or equivalent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and Rescue Training sponsored by a local, state, provincial or national Search and Rescue Organization • Reputable In-Person Service Dog Training ¹ • Therapy Dog Training and Certification (must include an “in-person” component – cannot be attained solely online) ¹ 	4 points
<u>Chinook Dogs Providing Service to the Public at Large</u> ² – must participate in the following activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and Rescue Operation conducted by a Recognized Search and Rescue Organization 	6 points
<u>Chinook Dogs Providing Service to Individuals and Specific Groups</u> ² – must complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively work as a service dog to an individual pursuant to a formally recognized program such as the one outlined in The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or equivalent • At least 3 Therapy Dog or Educational group visits to Schools, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc. The 3 visits must cover different situations with different people involved. 	6 points

¹ Since “Emotional Support Dogs” do not require training or certification; they are not considered Therapy or Service dogs for purposes of this title.

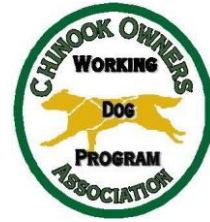
² Provide one video link (3-5 minutes) of the dog participating in the selected event showing the dog interacting with other people and displaying a stable temperament. Document each service performed on a separate *Ambassador Title Participant Documentation Form*.



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The Active Chinook Program (ACP) celebrates these Chinook achievements and will publish recognition of all titles earned in the Chinook Quarterly (CQ).

Title Application Fee – There is no application fee for COA Members. For non-members, the application fee is \$20.00; payable at the time the title application is submitted.

To apply for a Temperament Title – provide the following documentation as required:

- A completed Temperament Title Application Form
- Appropriate Title Checklist Form (with points calculation displayed)
- Video Link(s) as noted in the title requirements (include the link(s) on page 2 of the title application)
- Copies of “Certificates of Completion” (or equivalent) for any required training or testing
- For non-COA Members, submit the \$20.00 title application fee through PayPal and include a note on page 2 of the title application that payment has been submitted.

And copies of the following as needed:

- Witness Observation of Basic Obedience Form and
Witness Observation of Friendly Behavior Form
- Diplomat Title Participant Documentation Form(s)
- Ambassador Title Participant Documentation Form(s)

Applications for titles may be made electronically by emailing the required documents in PDF format to the [COA Active Chinook Program Committee](#). At the time you submit the application, please note if the required application fee has been paid.

For submission of hard-copy applications, contact the [COA Active Chinook Program Committee](#) for a mailing address.