



COA 2025 Annual Report

President's Report – Daniela Metz (FL)

Dear Members, as the year draws to a close, I would like to reflect on my past 2 years serving as your COA President and review with you some of the important activities that we have undertaken during that time.

One of our primary efforts has been to transition our Club to 501(c)(3) status. Although this initiative has been attempted before, it has never reached final submission. I extend my gratitude to Marty Wilson, our vice president, for engaging a law firm to assist us in this process. You have recently voted on our amended by-laws, which are required for the 501(c)(3) application. The bylaws are currently being reviewed by UKC and will be submitted with the application upon their approval. We are keeping our fingers crossed that this will be completed and approved by the beginning of 2026.

Our Chinook Quarterly (CQ) is once again being published for your enjoyment. The CQ features articles about our Club, our dogs and their history. It publishes stories about your Chinooks as told by you, our club members and it provides educational content on dog-related topics, such as health and training. The continuation of the CQ depends on your input and we encourage you to submit articles or make suggestions for future issues. Please contact Jon Jolly, our Communications Chair, for any ideas or feedback.

We have put a lot of effort into the Chinook National Specialties, the once-a-year-event, that is meant to bring us all together to enjoy time with each other and our precious dogs! The Specialty alternates between the East and West Coast every other year, with a UKC-associated Kalamazoo Specialty in between. It is those Coastal Specialties that allow the Club to put together something exceptional for you and your Chinooks and we had wonderful feedback from our West Coast Specialty in 2023, that was held in Colorado. Many Chinook families came together to meet old friends, make new ones and to enjoy the fun and educational activities that were offered. This year's Specialty is the East Coast Specialty that is traditionally held in New England. This time, we decided to do something very different and invited you all to join us in Central Florida, at the World Equestrian Center (WEC) for a pre-Christmas few days of fun in glorious, sunny Florida weather. The facility is a world-class venue and will be fully decorated to allow you to soak up that Christmas Spirit. We have put together a wonderful program of fun and educational activities, and we are grateful for everyone attending, with some travelling from distant locations, like Washington State.

This will be my last Annual Report as your President. My term concludes in 2026, and I would like you to welcome Marty Wilson as our incoming President, starting mid next year. Marty is a wonderful and committed Chinook owner and a strong supporter of our club and its activities. He leads our renewed efforts for the COA to become a 501(c)(3) and I am excited to see this come to fruition in 2026. Marty is

starting to look for new COA members to join the board. There are several positions open, and we hope you will consider joining the board to contribute to our vibrant community.

I would like to thank our COA board for their collegiality and all their hard work during my term. I am wishing all our members a wonderful Holiday Season, filled with love, peace and lots of cuddles from your beautiful furry companions!

Vice President – Martin Wilson (CO)

Dear Chinook Members,

It has been a true honor to serve as your Vice President of the Chinook Owners Association (COA) for the past 18 months. As we transition into 2026, I reflect with immense gratitude on the significant accomplishments of the COA board members and their individual contributions. We are fortunate to have so much expertise serving on the board.

A special thank you to every board member, committee chair, and committee members for their expertise and **unwavering commitment** to our magnificent breed. As Chinook owners, we are privileged to be part of this dedicated pack.

I am genuinely **excited and enthusiastic** about the opportunity to lead the COA as your President for the next two years (starting in June 2026). I look forward to continuing to work alongside our dedicated community. As you review our reports, I urge you to take a moment to acknowledge the board members—it is your membership and continued support, coupled with their volunteer efforts, that propel the Chinook forward.

Preserving Our Heritage

From the recognition at regional dog shows and the publication of the *Chinook Quarterly*, to the progression of the Chinook Conservation Program, we are fortunate to have a great group committing countless hours to volunteerism. This report is a testament to their dedication.

As we journey forward, I have one simple request: **Help us preserve the Chinook**—its heritage, unique mannerisms, characteristics, and loyalty. If you are part of this group, I suspect you share a similar heart for the uniqueness of this breed, just as my family and I do. Your membership and active participation contributes to the COA's success. Thank You!



Action Required: Your Unique Skills are Critical to COA's Success

The Chinook Owners Association thrives because of the passion and talent of its members. **We need your help to ensure the breed continues to move forward.**

If you possess a **heart for service**, a **unique skillset**, and a **willingness to volunteer**, please consider applying your talents to the COA immediately. Volunteering and participation is vital to preserving the breed.

As we enter 2026, we have several critical openings where your expertise can make a direct impact:

Opportunity	Description
Board Positions	Apply your leadership and strategic planning skills.
Committee Members	Essential roles supporting conservation, events, and education.
Writers/Editors	Contribute articles and expertise to the <i>Chinook Quarterly</i> (CQ).
Program Support	Assist with the many vital programs within the COA.

Don't wait! If there is an area that interests you, please reach out to myself or any other board member today. **We are actively seeking your involvement now.**

My Commitment to the COA

My family's journey with the Chinook started by chance in 2019, and it is safe to say the Wilson family is now deeply devoted to the breed. Our family of five—my wife Elizabeth, our children Emily (14) and Marley (9), and our beloved Chinook, Miles (Ferncroft Blue Bird Day, age 5)—embraces the joys and responsibilities of the Chinook community.

Professional Background: I am currently a State & Local Government Manager at Crestron Electronics, specializing in complex technology and automation systems. I am also a proud 10-year veteran of the United States Air Force.

Motivation to Serve: My desire to serve is rooted in our family's core value of service. I believe my background and enthusiasm for the breed will positively impact the COA by raising awareness and ensuring the Chinook lineage remains healthy and intact.

Gratitude and Outlook

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve you and the greater Chinook community. I am committed to supporting this remarkable breed and promoting the contributions Chinooks make to our lives.

Together, we will ensure a bright future for the Chinook Owners Association.

Treasurer's Report – Rachael Davis (PA)

Reporting Period: 2024 – 2025

In 2024, signatory rights to the club's Chase account were extended to include the Vice President, ensuring continuity and improved financial access during leadership transitions.

In 2025, an updated insurance policy was secured with Equisure, providing broader and more comprehensive coverage for the club’s general liability, including protections for the annual Specialty event.

Significant effort in 2024–2025 was devoted to gathering financial records and preparing documentation for the IRS to obtain 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. This process is ongoing, and the Treasurer will continue to monitor and support the application until it is complete.

Decisions regarding investment of club funds are currently on hold pending final approval of nonprofit status. Once the designation is granted, options for responsible investment of club reserves will be re-evaluated in alignment with the club’s mission and financial policies. The club’s financial standing remains stable, with measures taken to improve oversight, compliance, and risk management.

COA Funds as of October 31, 2025:

- Chase: \$50,496
- PayPal: \$9,051.23
- Total: \$59,548.09

Restricted Total: \$6,082.73

- Chesterh Sweetie: \$303.81
- Rescue Fund: \$2,113.99
- Health Fund: \$3,664.93

Total General Fund: \$53,465.36

The 2025 quarterly reports are attached to this report.

Secretary’s Report – Pam Turner (TX)

The minutes of all COA Board of Directors meetings have been kept up to date including the motions acted upon by the Board throughout the year.

This year, ElectionBuddy software was used for voting on the Club’s amended Constitution & Bylaws, which required member approval. The amendment passed unanimously, with 53 of 284 members voting (19%).

I am working with the COA Vice President to develop a nomination committee for the 2026 Board Elections and to prepare the ElectionBuddy ballot for the elections if needed. If you are interested in participating on the nomination committee, please contact me or Marty Wilson.

I appreciate the opportunity to work alongside fellow board members to improve the experience of all COA members and enhance the Chinook community.

Communications Chair – Jon Jolly (AZ)

Highlights and Key Achievements

- Tamworth Statue Fundraising Success: Led digital outreach and an email campaign for the Tamworth Chinook Statue project, helping the initiative exceed its \$25,000 fundraising goal.
- Consistent Publication: Published three issues (Spring, Summer, Fall) of The Chinook Quarterly (CQ), providing timely news, health information, and member stories.
- Website Stability & Program Updates: Maintained the stability and security of Chinook.org through regular plugin updates and testing of a new staging environment. Overhauled Active Chinook Program (ACP) details in preparation for the Specialty.
- Digital Resource Management: Managed photo processing and touch-up for the 2026 Calendar Contest.

Bench Chair – Interim – Daniela Metz (FL)

The 2025 Specialty in Florida was an enjoyable activity to put together and as the interim Bench Chair, I want to thank my tireless committee members, Diana Fowler, Rachael Davis, Nancy Stevenson and Pam Turner. Their contributions were critical to the success of this Specialty!

The bench chair position has been vacant since 2023. This is a fun and rewarding role, with most of the work required in the few months leading up to the Specialty. The position is ideal for someone who enjoys organizing social gatherings, as the Specialty is all about bringing our Chinook families together to educate and create lasting memories. Don't be put off by the conformation show aspects – help is available, and I am happy to guide you through the next Specialty, which will be in June 2026 in Kalamazoo, MI. I hope someone will step up to fill this position as I plan to take a break, and I would love to see this wonderful community continue to enjoy these events in the future.

Membership Chair – Kristy Jolly (AZ)

Between June 2024 and August 2025, the COA welcomed 12 new members and 36 new Puppy members, whose gift memberships were purchased by their breeders. Thank you to Desert Sol Chinooks, Great Mountain Chinooks, Mystique Pond Chinooks, Spook Nook Chinooks, and Vanguard Chinooks for supporting new member growth.

The 2025 membership drive resulted in 277 members renewing their support, with 281 active COA members as of August 2025. Thank you for your continued commitment.

The Membership Chair also organized the 2026 Calendar Contest, with 161 photos submitted for the calendar and 44 for the cover contest, raising \$380 for the Chinook Breed Conservation Project. An additional 11 photos were submitted for the Rainbow Bridge memorial page. Voting has not yet occurred. This contest is a favorite among members, and I look forward to organizing it each year. Please remember to take and submit photos for the 2027 Calendar Contest next fall.

Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy (NJ)

The Health & Genetics Committee remains dedicated to supporting the Chinook breed by providing up-to-date health information, improving dogs' quality of life, and enabling optimal breeding decisions. The committee also manages the Chinook Breed Conservation Program (CBCP).

Full Chinook population data for 2024 has been maintained on Dogsglobal.com, with the Chinook Stud Map updated to help breeders view pedigrees, manage information, and identify potential partners. The committee reviewed the 2024 population and decided to keep CBCP open for new Founders.

2024 Chinook Population Overview:

		2024		
		Total	Purebred	CBCP
Overview:	Puppies	77	48	29
	Litters	11	6	5
	Avg Litter Size	7.0	8.0	5.8
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Sex:	Female	40	21	16
	Male	37	27	13
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Color:	Tawny	54	37	17
	Dilute Tawny	7	6	1
	Black and Tan	10	3	7
	Gray and Tan	3	1	2
	Buff	3	1	2
	Agouti			
	Black			
	Unknown			

- 77 pups were born, marking a decline from 2021-2023, coinciding with a 21% decrease in litters (3).
- 45% of litters were satellite (Desert Sol, 2x Spook Nook, Ferncroft, and Rain Mountain).
- All studs used were tawny; 3 females were black and tan/tanpoint.
- Neonate fatalities increased slightly to 3%.
- Approximately 70% of breedings were natural, with 30% artificial insemination for various reasons.
- C-section rate was about 27%, with 50% of purebred litters and 0% of CBCP litters.

Five-Year Moving Average:

	2021-2024	
	Purebred	CBCP
Puppies	341	87
Litters	52	13
Avg Litter Size	6.6	6.7
CBCP Pup % of population		20.3%
CPCB Litter % of population		20.0%

CBCP Litters in 2024:

- 4 second generation litters (3 BMD, 1 Seppala Siberian)
- 1 third generation litter (Tamaskan) - purebred eligible

CBCP Since Inception (2017–current):

CBCP Since Inception	
Total Puppies	626
Total purebred since 2017	507
Total CBCP since 2017	119
CBCP % of population:	19.0%
Total litters	100
Purebred Litters since 2017	82
CBCP Litters since 2017	18
CBCP Litter % of population	18%
Purebred Puppies/Litter since 2017	6.18
CBCP Puppies per litter since 2017	6.61

Registrar – Karen Hinchy (NJ)

The Registrar focuses on supporting the registration of purebred Chinooks with the UKC, maintaining the CBCP registry of puppies born as part of the program, and enabling program graduates to register with the UKC.

In the past year, two purebred Chinooks pursued UKC registration with Registrar support. The Registrar also worked with UKC to confirm registration protocols for eligible CBCP descendants, and the first graduate has completed paperwork and is awaiting UKC approval. The complete CBCP registry has been finalized, with all documentation since inception being filed.

Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean (ME)

This year, there were no Chinooks requiring rescue activity. The Rescue program maintained the Rescue Database with updated contact information for transport, foster, and adoption volunteers, and provided potential adopter contacts to individuals looking to rehome their Chinook.

Rescue coordinated several meet-and-greets for prospective Chinook owners and responded to inquiries about possible Chinook strays and shelter dogs.

Active Chinook Program – Rick Prausa (VA)

Between June 2024 and May 2025, one Chinook earned a COA Working Pack Dog Excellent title.

The Active Chinook Program (ACP) Committee expanded the program to include new activities and titles in various Title Groups. With Board approval, four new “Versatility” titles were developed in the Titled Events Group, and the Temperament Group was redefined, with new activities added to earn titles.

The Committee completed a Program Health and Safety Review and draft report, focusing on rigorous backpacking, dog sledding, and skijoring activities in the “Draft” titles group. Participation rules and handling advice were reviewed, and the final report is being completed with input from the Health and Genetics Committee, likely resulting in program improvements.

The Committee is developing a new program logo, title certificate form, and brochure. In the coming year, it will complete these projects, develop a Program Participation Guide, and promote the program to increase member participation.

Special thanks to the ACP Committee members for their time, talent, and dedication, without whom these achievements would not be possible.

Historian – Bob Cottrell (NH)

Outreach Programs

- Chinook Sculpture at Tamworth History Center: Scheduled to be revealed Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with a grand unveiling at noon. Assisted with photos for the artist, harness details, and more. Event information available at tamworthhistorycenter.org.
- Dog Sled Making Event: Held on August 17, featuring snow shoe and dog sled building activities. More details at tamworthhistorycenter.org.
- NH Humanities – Harnessing History: Programs held at Lyeneborough, Moultonborough, Epsom Library, and Gilford, NH (November 18). Details of all NH Humanities outreach programs are available online at <https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/harnessing-history-on-the-trail-of-new-hampshires-state-dog-the-chinook>.

New Programs

- 2026 Olli Outreach: “Chinook, Togo and Other Polar Explorers” course scheduled for February 25, 2026, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM at Mt. Washington Observatory Offices, North Conway, NH. The course covers regional connections to famous polar expeditions, leaders, controversies, and the critical role of sled dogs like Togo and Chinook. It also explores polar art, equipment, photographs, and artifacts. Member tuition is \$25. Additional information at <https://www.theclio.com/tour/2608>.
- Clio Chinook Trail: Single entries into a tour are available online at <https://www.theclio.com/tour/2608>.

Donations

Donations continue to be received and processed, with archives sent to Conway Public Library’s Henney History Room and artifacts to Tamworth History Center.

COA Financial Reports

Balance Sheet

Chinook Owners Association

As of Mar 31, 2025

Report Type: Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

ACCOUNTS	Mar 31, 2025
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Chase	\$41,826.68
PayPal	\$13,708.82
Total Cash and Bank	\$55,535.50
Other Current Assets	
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Long-term Assets	
Total Long-term Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$55,535.50

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Balance Sheet - Chinook Owners Association
As of Mar 31, 2025

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Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit between Jan 1, 2025 and Mar 31, 2025	\$55,535.50
Total Retained Earnings	\$55,535.50
Total Equity	\$55,535.50

Balance Sheet - Chinook Owners Association

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Profit and Loss

Chinook Owners Association

Date Range: Apr 01, 2025 to Jun 30, 2025

Report Type: Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

Apr 01, 2025
ACCOUNTS to Jun 30, 2025

Income	
Calendar Sales	\$818.88
Health Fund	\$13.11
Membership	\$2,046.64
Sales	\$23.88
Total Income	\$2,902.51

Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
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Gross Profit	\$2,902.51
As a percentage of Total Income	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

Profit and Loss - Chinook Owners Association
Date Range: Apr 01, 2025 to Jun 30, 2025

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Net Profit	\$1,559.71
As a percentage of Total Income	53.74%

Profit and Loss - Chinook Owners Association
Date Range: Apr 01, 2025 to Jun 30, 2025

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Profit and Loss

Chinook Owners Association

Date Range: Jul 01, 2025 to Sep 30, 2025

Report Type: Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

Jul 01, 2025
ACCOUNTS to Sep 30, 2025

Income	
Calendar Sales	\$108.00
Health Fund	\$230.59
Membership	\$2,107.40
Total Income	\$2,445.99
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$2,445.99
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%

Operating Expenses	
Computer – Hosting	\$268.17
Computer – Software	\$29.00
Speciality	\$532.73
Total Operating Expenses	\$829.90

Profit and Loss - Chinook Owners Association
Date Range: Jul 01, 2025 to Sep 30, 2025

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Net Profit	\$1,616.09
As a percentage of Total Income	66.07%

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Date Range: Jul 01, 2025 to Sep 30, 2025

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