



January 29, 2026

Mission Statement (adapted from Constitution and Bylaws):

To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Chinooks; To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of Chinooks; To establish a national database of resource materials about the Chinook; To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an UKC National breed club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs, and Chinooks in particular; To conduct activities including sporting events, licensed events, specialty shows, working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the United Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes; To urge members and breeders to be guided by principles of good sportsmanship, including fair and honest conduct, and to accept the standard of the breed as established by the COA and the United Kennel Club (UKC) as the only standard of excellence by which the Chinook shall be bred and judged. To otherwise preserve and protect the Chinook and to do all things possible to promote its natural qualities, including the encouragement of regional activities and/or interest/study groups.

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting

Meeting called to order: 1/29/26 @ 1905 CST

	Present	Absent	Excused
Daniela Metz, President	X		
Marty Wilson, VP	X		
Rachael Davis, Treasurer	X		
Pam Turner, Secretary	X		
Jon Jolly, Communications	X		
Kristy Jolly, Membership & Breed Standard	X		
Karen Hincy, Health & Genetics & Registrar	X		
Bob Cottrell, Historian	X		
Brenda Dean, Rescue	X		
Rick Prausa, Active Chinook	X		
Vacant, Bench Chair			
Vacant, Regional Activities			

Report of President - Daniela Metz

Report:

- Chinook National Specialty 2025 is a wrap!
 - Good feedback from those that attended
 - Great write up by Jon on the COA FB site!
 - Need to put photos and winners on the COA website
 - Will submit 2022 photos and winners to Jon (also missing from the website)
- Marina Guvakova would like the COA to be more pro-active in engaging its members in the IVDD genetic survey.
 - Email to members to remind them to submit their Chinooks and crosses?
 - COA Website link to the survey?
 - FB reminders?
- Any suggestions for new board members would be appreciated
 - Marty needs to recruit 4 new COA board members:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary

- Bench chair
- Regional Activities Chair

ACTION ITEM:

- Put on hold until after the Chinook National Specialty 2025
 - To increase awareness of our breed:
 - Appeal to the public with articles on Chinooks and their history in Dog Magazines
 - Modern Dog - waiting for response from Editors
 - Dogster - Head Writer: Nicole Cosgrove (NZ)
 - Dog's Today (British)
 - Others? Look for online only dog magazines.
 - Suggestions for developing a marketing campaign:
 - Place an ad in magazines as articles could take some time. This would be in addition to the article.

Report of Vice-President - Marty Wilson

Report:

- Quick Discussion on By-Laws – Any questions upon review
- Board Positions: Participation – Sent Email to Each of you. If you received one today, I need confirmation so we can start moving forward with any vacancies
- Current Vacancy as I know them: Please respond to my email so I have a track/record of your willingness to continue serving
 - Post these vacancies to the membership
 - COA Webpage
 - CQ
 - Key people who may know individuals who are willing.
 - Open Positions:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Bench Chair

- Regional Activities Chair: We need to update website and remove John H. (Webmaster)?
- Board Nomination Committee – Discussion on forming this,
 - Committee Chair? Marty Wilson?
 - Participants? Pam Turner
 - Nominees: Jessica Dreyer, Secretary
 - Letter/Information
 - Would like to start a meeting this coming Monday to kick off/discuss (Feb 2nd, 6pm Mountain)
- Discussion on bench chair for 2026 is a priority
 - Brenda is willing to be on the committee
 - Daniela to speak with Denise

Action Item:

- Nomination Committee
- Is there potential to use SEO to help promote access to the website and to our breeders. Marty will research and report back to the board.

Report of Secretary - Pam Turner

Report:

- Finalized edits to the bylaws will be submitted to the general membership upon approval by the board.

Action Item:

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Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis

Report:

Accounts: End of December

Chase - \$45,875.07

PayPal - \$9,541.04

Total - \$55,416.11

Restricted Funds:

- Total Restricted - \$6,087.10

Chester Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$2,113.99

Health Fund - \$3,669.30

■ Total General Fund - \$49,329.01

● **2025 Specialty Budget Overview**

- Projected Expenses: \$9,890.00
- Actual Expenses: \$12,229.36
 - \$2,339.36 over projected
- Projected Income: \$2,100.00
- Actual Income: \$3,211.87
 - \$1,111.87 over projected
- End Balance Spent Minus Income: \$9,017.49

● **[Link to 2025 Profit and Loss Report in Drive](#)**

- Projected Total Assets: \$51,286.64
- Actual Total Assets: \$55,416.11
 - +\$4,129.47

● **2026 Budgets from each committee**

- Please email to Treasurer@chinook.org by end of January

Action Item:

- 2026 Budget
- Chart specific Funds, totals, and where money comes from (Ongoing)

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report: Posted two calendar events (Sled Dog Fun Day and Winterfest) on Facebook per Bob's email. Will be putting together Winter CQ soon. Set Regional Activities Chair as "AVAILABLE!" on website.

Action Item:

- [Add Active Chinook Program brochure to website](#)
- [Add open Board positions to CQ](#)
- Way to store passwords

- Future CQ articles.
 - Karen - First cross to pure dogs (F3 litter)
 - Rachael and/or Marty about litter updates
 - Marty - 501C3
 - TBD article ideas
 - Passing of important modern history contributors like Bob Jones, Donna Boatright, Neil Wolpert...
 - Talk to Diana Fowler, Bob Cottrell, Ginger Corley, and Penthea Burns, Connie Jones?
 - UKC ownership change
 - UKC Breed Standard
 - Judges education program/committee
 - Modern History of Chinook - Susen Fletcher/Ginger Corley
 - Break down by decade?
 - History of COA creation
 - Benefits of Chinooks as therapy dogs
 - Instagram/Facebook (consider posting permission)
 - Historic cross lines - Donais and first litter that incorporated all 3 original cross lines
 - Current cross lines
 - History of Top Ten since UKC recognition
 - Breeder profiles (past and present)
 - Breeder mentoring
 - Plight of Canadian breeders given export restrictions
 - Passing and leaving historical items to COA
 - Possible funny photo contest
 - Bob - Any history articles/throwback photos/etc./upcoming events (Tamworth Event)
 - Modern History article?
 - Possible options for photo collage
 - Mischievous Chinooks
 - ??

Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly

Report: **Membership Report – December 2025 - January 2026**

Current Membership Total: 289 (5 puppy memberships not signed up yet)

New Members (0):

Renewed Members (21): Melissa Dury (NH), Stephen Tobey (NY), Darren Michaels (CA), Kim Fagan (TX), Robin Prausa (VA), Elizabeth Hook (WA), Madeleine Ulinski (NY), Kathe Dunscomb (OR), Casey McCarthy (CA), Lynn Phillipp (Switzerland), Susann Daley (WA), Donna Davies (CA), Tom Nenninger (BC, CA), Anastasia Logan (OR), Adrienne Quiros (CA), Kimberly Bell Williams (CO), Kristy Jolly (AZ), Wayne Shite (ME), Megan Trost (IA), Allen Thomas (MA), Corey Giroux (NH).

Puppy Memberships (0):

Membership Numbers by Month

Date	# of Members	Change
Jan-24	288	10
Feb-24	291	3
Apr-24	300	9
May-24	300	-
Jul-24	301	1
Oct-24	316	15
Dec-24	320	4
Jan-25	325	5
Apr-25*	274	(51)
May-25	279	5
Jun-25	277	(2)
Jul-25	285	8
Aug-25	281	(4)
Oct-25	286	5
Nov-25	286	-
Jan-26	289	3

*It was discovered the system wasn't demoting membership status when the expire date hit. Once it was corrected, emails went to the members to renew. Some did but some didn't, thus showing the sudden decrease.

2026 Calendar Contest

As of 01.28.26, we sold a total of 130 calendars in 94 orders totaling \$740.50 in profit.

Breed Standard Committee: Kristy Jolly

Report: n/a - Have not started recruiting yet.

Action Item:

Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

Report:

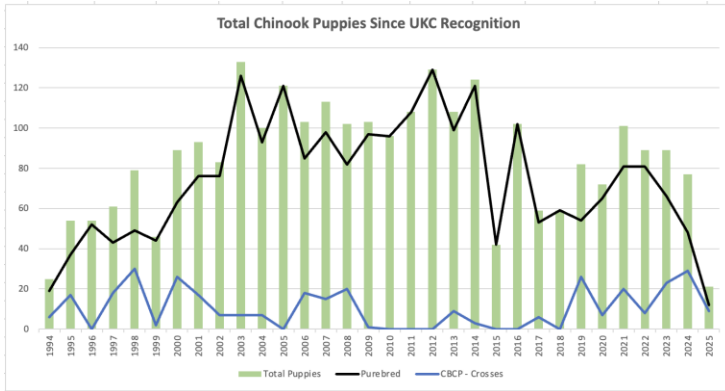
Committee Goals for 2026:

- Breeder support - encourage new breeder development and support existing breeders to have more litters:
 - Explore proposals like grants, mentorship, equipment shares, etc.
- Health recommendations
 - Provide information and breeding guidelines per key health condition for breeders and puppy owners

Population Update:

2025 was a historic low in Chinook puppy births. The trend since 2021 has been a decline. Neonate fatalities were at a historic high of 12.5% (3), but it is unwise to draw too many conclusions from this given the overall small dataset.

Litter size has seen a slight increase since the CBCP and CBCP litters trend towards 1/2 puppy+ more than purebred litters. The drop in COI for annual births is more significant- about 4% since we have seen purebred-eligible CBCP litters born in 2023. This is a key goal from the program. CBCP dogs remain less than 20% of the population since the inception of the program. Please see graphs & tables below for more information



		2025*		
		Total	Purebred	CBCP
Overview:	Puppies*	21	12	9
	Litters	3	2	1
	Avg Litter Size	7.0	6.0	9.0
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Sex:	Female	9	4	5
	Male	12	8	4
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Color:	Tawny	16	9	7
	Dilute Tawny	5	3	2
	Black and Tan			
	Gray and Tan			
	Buff			
	Agouti			
	Black			
	Unknown	1		

Agreements for the CBCP 2026:

- Revise documentation re: eye tests (to be valid within one year of the litter’s birth, or one year of the semen being collected for frozen). If the purebred dog does not have a compliant eye exam (e.g., deceased dog with frozen semen), please refer to the exception management process.
- CBCP remains open, with a preference for female founders.

Action Item:

- Email membership to take the IVDD survey
- Set a date in Feb for a COA Health & Genetics membership meeting (Topics: Population, CDDY/IVDD)

Report of Registrar – Karen Hinchy

Report: Finalizing document repository for all CBCP litters, all qualifying new purebred litters have been provided documentation to register with the UKC.

Action Item:

- *Complete* - Single Dog registration states on UKC to go through Chinook Registrar verify process with Taylor Armstrong.

Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell

Report:

Action Item:

- Outreach Details of all Bob's NH Humanities outreach programs can be found at this link:
<https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/harnessing-history-on-the-trail-of-new-hampshires-state-dog-the-chinook>
- Upcoming program on dog sled making
- Part of summer traditional arts program
- Link <https://www.tamworthhistorycenter.org/events> and
<https://www.tamworthhistorycenter.org/events/mb1sh77x2vo8wngf3x6enqcz8rcumy>
- Updated the clio chinook trail single entries into a tour
- Adding more
- See Link: <https://www.theclio.com/tour/2608>

Report of Regional Activities Chair – Vacant

Report: No update

Action Item:

- Discussion regarding tablecloths, materials at events. Time to update what we have? **John will research and bring back to the group**

Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean

Report:

- Nothing to report other than a few applications for Chinook adoptions. The dogs were good again this month! 😊

Action Item:

Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa

Report: The Active Chinook Committee continues to meet monthly and is making good progress on the following action items.

Action Item:

- Applications for Titles/Certificates (ongoing action item) – Review applications, issue certificates to owners and dogs meeting requirements and provide related information for publication in the Chinook Quarterly (CQ).

At its November 23, 2025 meeting the ACP Committee considered and approved the following title application:

- Chinook Dog: Swiftrun Jura Rain (Asa); UKC – A948-124
- Applicant/Owner: Taylor Scanlon
- Title/Certificate Applied For: Versatile Expert Titled Events (TEVX) title

Discussion: Asa completed the requirements for and was awarded her TEVX title for earning the following dog club titles: Agility Trial Champion of Canada from the Agility Association of Canada and; Rally Obedience at the Excellent Level awarded by the Canadian Association of Rally Obedience. A TEVX certificate has been issued to Asa and notice of the new title was published in the 2025 Fall CQ.

- New Program Participant Guide. The previous action item to streamline the title application process is being folded into a recommendation (from the Draft Health and Safety Review) to develop a *Participant Guide* for the program. The Committee has started an initial draft of the new participant guide.
- Program Health and Safety Review. The Health and Genetics Committee is currently reviewing the ACP Health and Safety Review draft report.

Report of Bench Chair - (Vacant)

Report: See above report under President's section

Action Item:

New Business

Motion 2026-01

- *Motion by : Marty Wilson Seconded by: Rick*

■ *I move that the COA Board approve the edits from the 1/25/26 meeting to the 2026 COA Constitution and Bylaws to send to membership for approval.*

- Ayes: 10 Nays: 0
- *Motion passes with*

Motion 2026-x

- *Motion by: Seconded by:*
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■ Ayes: Nays: Abstention:

■ *Motion*

Unfinished Business

- Kristy: UKC response to registering puppies is lacking; won't process DNA samples in time; Huge frustration dealing with UKC!
 - Daniela will follow up when connecting with UKC about the Specialty **in progress**. Recommends trying Chat Line
 - Pam & Kristy to work on a official club letter outlining the concerns
- Active Chinook Program Liability Disclaimer
 - Rick has requested quotes for legal advice related to updating the program liability disclaimer from a few local law firms. Any quotes received will be presented to the Board.
 - Has reached out to a few firms awaiting responses
- Develop a marketing group Marty, Daniela, Jon, Kristy, Karen, Brenda.
Hold until 2026
 - Develop a member contest of social media posts.
 - TikTok/Instagram to promote a short Chinook video. Karen will research.
 - Jon to send out a few ideas

COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 26, 2026** at 5 pm PST, 6 pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2026-02

Motion by: Daniela Second by: Kristy

I move that the January 29, 2026 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-03

Motion by: Daniela Second by: Marty

I move that the January 29, 2026 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

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