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June 26 is Almost Here! 2009 Chinook Specialty

by Karen Hinchy

The day is shaping up nicely to be a great mix of family fun and Chinook show excitement, with a wonderful meal planned at the annual banquet in the evening. There will be a class first thing in the morning for anyone who is participating, but who may have never participated in a dog show before.

So, between that and help from the rest of the attendees, you have no excuse not to pack the kids and dogs in the car to come have a great day!

Keep in mind that Specialty is for everyone, not just the show dogs. If your Chinooks are the most beautiful pets in the world, this is their chance to win ribbons to prove it! All Chinooks and handlers, especially kids, are encouraged to give things a try! The premium (entry form) is available online at www.chinook.org.

After the fun activities planned for the afternoon, it will be time for the annual banquet and silent auction. Be prepared for a *very* spirited silent auction—this is always a full-contact sport. If you cannot attend, consider sending in something for the silent auction. For more information, email greatmountain@roadrunner.com.

And don't forget to order your Specialty T-shirt! The committee was lucky enough to benefit from the talents of a professional graphic artist, who worked hard to capture the spirit of Chinooks and fun of a New Jersey diner. View the design in color and place your pre-order at <http://tinyurl.com/chnktshirt09>.

Can't wait to see you there!



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President's Letter

by Karen Hinchy

Hello Chinook Friends,

What an exciting time this is to be a part of the Chinook community! It seems every week there are more wonderful achievements for our dogs—from being so close to achieving states as the state dog of New Hampshire, to being featured in a major dog publication, Dog Fancy—from seeing more new breed Champions and purebreds graduate from the cross program, to hearing the exciting news about summer puppies. Most importantly, there is that feeling of contentment when you see your dogs snoozing in a patch of spring sunshine, enjoying the rest, while always at the ready to leap up for a walk or a passing squirrel...

I am pleased to report the Board has made some wonderful progress on a number of initiatives. Not least among them is the finalization of the Working Dog Program, after several years of effort. Many thanks to Corine Lindhorst for her dedicated leadership of this exciting program. Look for more information in the article on page 4, and maybe you and your Chinook can be the first to achieve greatness in this program!

In addition, work is nearing completion on the three other big projects the Board is sponsoring.

Revisions to the Code of Ethics are due out of the Committee to be reviewed by the Board this month, and great progress is being made on the Judges' Education presentation. Plans are being finalized to make the draft available for feedback from any interested members.

And finally, our website update! I am thrilled that www.chinook.org is moving into the twenty-first century—the layout has been completed, and content is being migrated as we speak.

Stay tuned for announcements about these activities on the COA-L!

There are other new activities that will be coming before the Board in the future—and we need your help as a vital member of the Chinook community! If you are interested serving on a Committee or otherwise helping, please get in touch with a Board member to volunteer. See what you can do to help at local Chinook events, even if that just means showing up and having a great time!

One such opportunity will be the upcoming National Specialty and Banquet in Bridgewater, New Jersey on June 26. This is a day for the whole family, and *all* Chinooks, show dogs and pets! The annual banquet is a great chance to mingle and catch up on all things dog. I hope to see many of you at the Specialty, and to hear about what a great spring and summer you are enjoying with your dogs!

Karen Hinchy

COA Crossbreeding Committee Approves New Purebreds

by *Penthea Burns*

CrossBreeding Committee Member, COA Registrar

The COA CrossBreeding Committee is pleased to congratulate Callicoon Chinooks for the three new purebreds that have been added to the United Kennel Club registry in the spring of 2009. Of course, many congratulations go to the lucky owners of these three Chinooks, as well.

In April, Callicoon GreatMountain Tioga became the first Callicoon Chinook to be registered as a UKC purebred and entered her first UKC conformation show soon after being registered.

Tioga (OFA Good, CERF Normal) won a Best of Breed that weekend and made it onto the 2009 UKC Top Ten standings. Congratulations to Tioga and co-owners Susan Kolukisa and Jessica Maurer.

In May, Callicoon Madeline Island (Maddy) and Callicoon Ukko joined their littermate Tioga as new purebreds. Both are registered with the United Kennel Club. Maddy (OFA Excellent, CERF Normal) will be hitting the show circuit this summer. Congratulations to Madeline and owner/breeder Maria Sommer.

Ukko (OFA Fair, CERF Normal) also known as 'Mr. February' in the COA Calendar will make his conformation show debut along with his sister Maddy. Congratulations to Ukko and co-owners Jean Bouteiller and Maria Sommer.

The CrossBreeding Committee will be reviewing other purebred applicants from Callicoon, Granite Hill and GreatMountain Chinooks. Watch for more announcements in upcoming CQs.

For more information about the COA CrossBreeding Program, please contact Donna Canfield, COA CrossBreeding Committee Chair, at chinooksme@yahoo.com.



*Top to bottom:
Callicoon Great Mountain Tioga
Callicoon Madeline Island
Callicoon Ukko*

Working Dog Program

by *Penthea Burns and Corine Lindhorst*

The Chinook Owners Association (COA) is proud to announce the approval of the COA Working Dog Program (WDP).

Special thanks are due to many people who have served on the committee and provided feedback.

The WDP promotes the historic and modern working purpose of the Chinook dog. The COA WDP promotes positive dog ownership by recognizing accomplishments in drafting, service/citizenship and dog sports. The program encourages the breeding of better Chinooks by honoring the workability of the dogs.

The WDP will award certification in Drafting, Temperament, and Titled Events groups. Each group of the WDP has an entry, working, and advanced level of performance.

The Draft Group includes several sledding, pulling, and packing fields in which Chinooks may earn titles.

The Temperament Group is designed to recognize those Chinooks who are actively making a contribution to the community.

The Titled Events Group encompasses several general areas of competition and titling available to Chinooks. The majority of these are governed by the United Kennel Club and in some instances by the regulating bodies of other recognized venues.

The United Kennel Club (UKC) Titled Events include Obedience, Conformation, Agility, Rally, and Weight Pull.

Participation and achievement in all the groups can lead to further recognition for Chinooks through three very distinctive Titles of Merit.



Left: NBOB GRCH Hurricane Finnegan CGC carries his own pack on hikes with Karen Schiller.

Below: Daphne Lewis' Chinooks CH PR Springcreek Lambeau Leap and Lewis & Tailors Rosy give her a ride in the sulky.



All Chinooks participating in the WDP must be registered with the UKC (LP registration number is permitted) or with the COA CrossBreeding Program. Membership in the Chinook Owners Association is not required to participate.

The WDP Committee will respond to inquiries, provide program information/forms, assist applicants, issue titles and certificates to all applicants who have met the requirements for titles and certificates, help to set up WDP testing for events and individuals, adjudicate tests as needed, evaluate the WDP, and work with the COA Board.

The current members of the Committee are Corine Lindhorst (Montana, Chair), Daphne Lewis (Washington), Karen Schiller (Colorado), Kim Kramer (New Jersey), and Penthea Burns (Maine).

For more information, please contact WDP Committee Chair Corine Lindhorst by emailing her at hiplain@mt.net or calling her at 406-454-3598.



Above right: COA WDP Chair Corine Lindhorst enjoys agility with CH UCDX UWP PR Rain Mountain Bannack, CGC.

Left: GreatMountain Atlin CGC gives Kim Kramer a fast trip on the trails when they skijor.



Below: Penthea Burns enjoys photographing the beauty of the GreatMountain sled team: CH PR GreatMountain Mahoosuc and GRCH PR Rain Mountain Moxie TDI CGC in lead, PR GreatMountain Tilikum and BIMBS GRCH PR Hurricane Chocurua Moon in team, GreatMountain X North Trav'ler CGC in wheel, with Jessica Maurer.



2008 OFA Summary Released



*Moonsong Sularoo,
OFA Good*

The COA is pleased to share information on the hip health of our Chinooks! The 2008 Chinook summary is now available from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). It notes that 58 Chinooks had OFA Hip examinations during the year. Forty-eight of these dogs had “normal” or passing hip evaluations, ten (17.2 percent) had “abnormal” evaluations.

Please refer to the table below for more information.

Hip dysplasia remains one of the major health issues in the Chinook that breeders are focusing on improving. Information on the hip health of every Chinook (including pets) is vital to the effort.

The COA encourages *all* Chinook owners to authorize the OFA to release abnormal results when they send in their hip xrays. This is *very* simple, and just requires the owners to initial the Abnormal Results section when they are filling out the OFA form.

2008 Chinook OFA Hip Results:

Ratings	# of Dogs	Percent
Excellent	7	12%
Good	33	57%
Fair	8	14%
Borderline	0	0%
Mild	3	5%
Moderate	6	10%
Severe	1	2%

Prior Quarter Results

The following dogs had their hips evaluated by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals in the prior quarter:

GreatMountain Tanaina	Excellent
Moonsong Sularoo	Good
Intervale Coyote	Fair
Lewis & Taylor’s Rosy	Good
Rain Mountain Nakani	Good
Moonsong Peyton	Good
Moonsong Seahawk Hail Mary	Good
Laughing Mountain Zympo	Good
Moonsong Zita’s Tiger Lily	Fair
Laughing Mountain Delia	Excellent
Balsam Ridge Togo	Good
Granite Hill X Pink Diamond (Uma)	Excellent
Moonsong Cedar River Touchdown	Good

In addition, some dogs had additional OFA tests:

Intervale Coyote	Normal Elbows, Normal Thyroid
Laughing Mountain Delia	Normal Patellas
Wild River’s Bering	Normal for Degenerative Myelopathy



Left: Granite Hill X Pink Diamond, DNA VIP (Uma) OFA Excellent

Below: CHPR Laughing Mountain Delia, OFA Excellent



MACC Spring Picnic

by *Karen Hinchy*

The sun dawned bright and clear on Saturday, April 18, just in time for the Mid-Atlantic Chinook Club's Spring Picnic and Pulling Event!

I packed GreatMountain Passaconaway and GreatMountain Lyric Tikaani into the car for the drive to to Alexandria, Virginia bright and early. Arica and Eric Young and Crossing Creek Shackleton's Nell had scouted out the Ben Brenman Park location, which proved to be a great venue.

Arica, Nell and Christian Natiello with Sandhill's Linc of Channahon arrived early and reserved the lion's share of the pavillion and picnic tables for the event, and watched over the gear while we started setting up. About this time, Kim Kramer and GreatMountain Atlin Moekaneau arrived, after fighting the traffic from New Jersey to Virginia.

While the dogs were settling in, JoAnn Blackman walked over to the pavilion with Cloudburst Crossing Snowy River and Cloudburst Wonalancet (Legend) and Kipper the Golden Retriever. There was much joy and fun in Nell's reunion with her father, Legend and grandmother, River!

While all of the chatting and set-up were happening, Roy and Theresa Perkins and their Chinook, Hurricane Chopper arrived.

There was the typical catching up and excitement of a Chinook event, and while the people talked, big boys Linc and Chopper headed down to the dog park for an off leash romp with a cocker spaniel. They were smart to burn off energy while everyone else socialized!

We were lucky to have a few local families (who had heard of Chinooks but not seen them) stop by - this group was a great bunch of ambassadors for the breed, and everyone left wanting a Chinook of their very own!

Of course, set up and socializing took a bit longer than planned, and by this time, the day was really heating up for early spring. Chopper and Linc returned, and Chopper did a brief stint pulling the drag sled—he has real potential! He was a terrific demo dog. String cheese was quite the incentive, and he easily leaned into his harness and strutted his stuff.

Unfortunately, a few people had to leave around noon for some other commitments, so by the time lunch was ready, there were fewer people to eat the bounty. As usual, the food was excellent. Eric was the grillmaster, and the burgers and sausage were complemented by some great sides- the broccoli salad was awesome. And I'm still salivating over the brownie sampling I did!

After lunch, Nell got her turn in harness, and did a great job showing her pulling instinct! She ran after both Mom and Dad with the barest hint of food treat, and wasn't bothered by the drag sled bumping along behind. What a sled dog!

Sadly, the day passed all too quickly, and after a quick photo of those still around after lunch, it was time to pack up and head out for the long drive home. Still, hanging out with a bunch of Chinooks and their people is a pretty great way to spend a sunny Saturday!

We hope to see you at the next MACC event, the COA Specialty and all its festivities in Bridgewater, New Jersey on June 26!

Kim Kramer took this timed photo of GreatMountain Passaconaway, Karen Hinchy, GreatMountain Lyric Tikaani, Kim Kramer, GreatMountain Atlin Moekaneau, Eric Young, Cloudburst Shackleton's Nell, Arica Young, Cloudburst X Snowy River and Cloudburst Wonalancet.



How We Found Chinooks



Ann Eakin drives 3-year-old Ben, pulled by CH RainMountain Tatla of Bearcreek and CH Balsam Ridge Tucker in lead, with CH Balsam Ridge Togo and CH Balsam Ridge Lincoln in wheel.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series about COA members, and the role Chinooks have played in their lives. Some of these stories will be considered in a series planned by the Animal Planet Network, others will only be seen here. If you'd like to send your own story of how Chinooks have changed or improved your lives or those of people you love, please send them to: Ruth Lind, CQ Editor at moxielady@me.com.

The Tale of the Mayan Musher

by Ann Eakin

We began our journey with Chinooks in 1997. At that time it was just my husband, Syd Craig, and I plus our two cats. We had finally moved out of the usual stream of temporary apartments we occupied through grad school and into a real home with a yard. So it was time to get the first family dog.

After researching breeds on the web, we came across the Chinook and instantly knew this was the breed for us. Even though we did not have a child at the time, we were thinking of the future and wanted a dog that was good with kids. From all we read about Chinooks, they certainly met that requirement plus offered a loyal family companion who enjoys a variety of outdoor activities but not so energetic that they don't also enjoy cuddling on the couch.

Between 1997 and 2004, we became very involved with the Chinook breed. Our first Chinooks, Raquel and Rainy, were only a month apart in age and were destined for an 'arranged marriage' if all went well with their health evaluations, which they did. Although we were not originally interested in breeding dogs, once we learned more about the rich history of the Chinook and the dedicated work that breeders had already put into restoring the breed from near extinction, we agreed to participate with our Chinooks.

Starting with Raqui and Rainy's first litter in 2000, our Balsam Ridge Chinooks kennel hosted four litters of Chinook pups during the next seven years. We acquired another Chinook female, Tatla, from the west coast, and due to our inability to part with every pup from the litters, our Chinook family expanded in numbers to six, representing three generations. Chinooks are indeed like potato chips—you cannot stop after just one!

New breed in the pack

In 2003, Syd and I decided it was time to expand our human family as well. We embarked on the exciting and emotionally challenging path of adopting a child from Guatemala. You can imagine how our 'home study' visit raised eyebrows when the social worker met our six Chinooks. She was very con-

cerned about whether they would treat a baby kindly or whether they would be aggressive or overwhelming. We assured her that with Chinooks, there was a very low risk of a problem. After sweating out the review, our family was deemed eligible to initiate the applications and begin the wait for news from Guatemala about our child.

In Dec 2004, we received news that our son, Esduardo Benjamin, had been born in November and would be coming home to live with us as soon as the paperwork was completed. During the eight-month wait to bring him home, the social worker's comments were working around in our minds, making us somewhat apprehensive. We knew our Chinooks were gentle with babies and kids of all ages, but what would happen with a new baby living in the house? And how would little Ben react to six big dogs nosing him around, even if they were gentle? What if Ben turned out to be allergic to them?

It may sound ridiculous to those who don't have multiple dogs in their homes, but every one of our dogs is like a unique child to us and they participate in our family equally as individuals despite their number. Being Chinooks, they are not working dogs kenneled outside on their own, but are members of our family who need to be in the same room interacting with us, including the bedroom where our floor is covered with dog beds and dogs at night.

The dogs' common nickname, "velcro-dog," is no exaggeration—Chinooks enjoy being literally attached to their family members and are definitely not a breed to be kept at a distance. Therefore, the idea of what might happen if Ben and our Chinooks didn't get along was not something we wanted to consider.

Homecoming

In July 2005, we went to Guatemala to bring Ben home—appropriately our 'gotcha day' fell on July 4th. After a long plane ride, we arrived home after dark to meet my father who was staying with the dogs.

Ben was asleep in his carrier, which we brought into the house and set on the sofa. We were holding our breaths as we carefully introduced our Chinooks to Ben one at a time to make sure they didn't get too excited and frighten him.

Amazingly, each of our six Chinooks, from Raqui at eight years old to Lincoln at one year old, were calm and respectful as they greeted Ben with gentle sniffs and wags. Ben woke up but remained completely comfortable and relaxed with their greetings. I am amazed and grateful both for the wonderful temperament of our Chinooks as well as the calm and resilient nature of our son.

The Mayan Musher

The new pack

Ben and all our Chinooks became instant friends. None of the social worker's concerns have ever been realized. Our dogs accepted Ben into their pack and have taken seriously their responsibility to watch out for him, from the time he was playing on the floor as a baby through his crawling and toddling to running and skipping. We think part of Ben's initial motivation to walk was to chase after his furry siblings.

The only thing you might notice in Ben's behavior that may be related to his doggy family is his inclination to sniff everything, including his food before he eats it. Hopefully that won't be too distracting to his future spouse!

When Ben was two years old he helped socialize his first litter of Chinook pups. That litter brought our Chinook count to seven. Our youngest, Togo, from that litter has a very special, almost sibling relationship with Ben. We think it is because Ben raised Togo from a tiny pup so he doesn't have to take any grief from the uppity teenager Togo has become!

Ben is now four years old and starting preschool. He may soon begin to realize that not every household has seven Chinooks. But once he understands how unique his family is, I think he'll feel more sorry for his friends than strange himself.

Ben also enjoys sledding with the dogs in the winter. For his first mushing season, we attached his car seat to the sled basket. Now he sits upright in the sled bag. He loves the sensation of racing along the trail hearing only the sound of runners on the snow and the dogs rhythmic breathing...and perhaps an occasional 'gee' or 'haw' coming from Ben.

Next year, Ben will be up on the runners of his own child-size sled driving the team. We are thinking he may be the only Mayan musher out there but would love to hear otherwise!

We are blessed to have our wonderful son, Ben, in our family and also blessed to have such loving Chinooks who helped us welcome him. I know there are other nice dog breeds out there but I think Chinooks are exceptional in terms of their gentle nature, empathy, work ethic and commitment to family.

We are grateful to Arthur Walden and his dog, Chinook, for initiating the breed, to Perry Greene for maintaining a focus on producing consistent temperament, and to all the Chinook breeders and lovers today for carefully expanding the breed while maintaining their wonderful character and abilities.



Nine-month-old Esduardo Benjamin Craig Eakin with GRCH Saghalies Kaniksu Reign (Rainy), CH Balsam Ridge Tucker, CH Balsam Ridge Lincoln, CH RainMountain Tatla of Bearcreek, CH Balsam Ridge Katherine (Katie), and WoodsRunner X Raquel (Raqui). Ben had arrived home in the United States not long before this photograph was taken.

COA Board Minutes

COA Board Meeting March 16-29, 2009

Agenda: 1. Roll Call; 2. Minutes of Last Meeting; 3. Report of President; 4. Report of Secretary; 5. Report of Treasurer; 6. Report of Committees: 1. CQ, 2. Cross, 3. Bench, 4. Health, 5. Historian, 6. Information Coordinator, 7. Membership, 8. Rescue, 9. Working Dog Program; 7. Elections at Annual Meetings (skipped); 8. Unfinished Business: 1. COA Website — Walt, 2. Judge's Education — Maria/Mary, 3. Breeding Ethics — John, 4. Tamworth Winter Carnival, 5. Statement on Support for COA Breeders, 6. NH Student Recognition; 9. New Business: 1. Emergency Health Fund; 10. Adjournment

Roll Call: Present: Leslie Donais, Laura Holman, Donna Canfield, Corine Lindhorst, Walter Madden, Penthea Burns, Mary Berg Malkiel, Marlene Goist, Susan Kolukisa, Ruth Lind, Maria Sommer, John Donais, Kathleen Schmaltz, Karen Hinchy.

Minutes: The February COA Board minutes were posted, reviewed and accepted.

President's Report: Karen reported on the Tamworth Winter Carnival- sponsorship requirements based on discussions with Rick. Sponsorship does not entail any financial commitment. The Remick museum does most of the planning on food, etc., so the Chinook group responsibilities are planning accommodations, setting the Chinook agenda (i.e., greeting, sled rides, etc.) and a Chinook group dinner. About two part time people are sufficient for the planning (Rick is happy to carry on in this capacity).

There is also a responsibility for publicity, within Chinook groups. During the day, at least two people are required to perform air traffic control in the rings where the sled rides are offered. This involves monitoring teams, helping new Chinook owners get situated, etc. The Remick has event insurance which covers the activities

CNE: The new Board's first responsibility would be planning the 09 Chinook Olympics. There has been a volunteer for a Board position (not Pres. Or VP) Jen will be soliciting additional people and a possible late spring election.

Secretary's Report: Laura sent the corrected Club Officers form to UKC listing herself as the Corresponding Officer. She contacted Rick Skoglund about sending a "thank-you" for the \$100.00 donation he gave Leslie for the COA Health Fund after Tamworth. He said there was no thank you to be sent to Remick Museum as they donated the money to him (also the \$10 cash) and he then donated it to COA.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported the last Treasurer's Report is up to date as there are only minor changes to the Treasury.

Report of the Committees:

1. CQ: Ruth reported that the March issue of CQ was picked up from the printer Friday morning and she took it down to John and Leslie Donais for mailing. Bryan Smith turned the legal review around overnight. Donna Canfield provided her beyond-excellent proofing expertise.

Ruth reported the issues of getting the CQ labels and mailing and the need for a more efficient system. She reported that the printer would tab 200 copies for \$10, 250 copies for \$12.50. In addition, they will imprint the mailing addresses directly onto the newsletter for \$20 plus 5¢ per

address. The membership chair will have to work with the printer to determine a usable format to email the file. Motion 2009-06a was made: that the COA authorize the additional expenditure for production of the CQ (as outlined by the CQ Editor to include tabbing and labeling for greater ease in distribution). Motion Title: Change in CQ production and cost. Passed 13 - 0 - 2

2. Cross: Donna Canfield, is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Pen reported that since our last meeting, 2 new purebreds have been added to the United Kennel Club registry. GreatMountain Kinguyakkii DNA-VIP aka "King" is OFA Good and CERF Normal. Congratulations to King and owners Nathan and Adelaide Federici of Atlanta, GA and CH GreatMountain Tanaina DNA-VIP aka "Tana" is OFA Excellent, CERF Normal. Congratulations to Tana and owners Karen and Dave Schiller of Firestone, CO.

3. Bench: Mary reported that the Judges Education discussion continues. She didn't have any updates on the Specialty.

4. Health: No Health Chair to report. 5. Historian: Les had nothing new to report. 6. Information Coordinator: see unfinished business.

7. Membership: Kathleen reported that the membership drive and construction of the 2009 member directory are well under way. Susan and I have sent emails and/or U.S. Post letters out to all members in the database who need to renew. As a result, the COA has 97 members for the upcoming year.

8. Rescue: Marlene had no new news to report at this time.

9. Working Dog Program: Corine reported they added 2 committee members, Karen Schiller in Colorado and Daphne Lewis in Washington. They are still looking for one more member. Designs for the certificates and titles are progressing. Once they get the whole program formatted the same way the plan is to put it in handbook form on a CD. All committee members will have one along with a copy for the COA. Penthea has put together a set of procedures called 'COA WDP: WDP Overview and Procedures' and posted it in the WDP file. They had their first inquiry from MACC, who would possibly like to incorporate the WDP into several events they're planning.

7. Elections at Annual Meetings (skipped)

8. Unfinished Business: 1. COA Website: Walt reported Aclaris has provided some conceptual designs for the updated COA website. These were shared with the web site committee. The Board viewed the prototypes. On-line membership database: at this point it seems to be running smoothly.

2. Judge's Education — Maria/Mary: Maria reported that they have discussed creating a slideshow overview of the breed with historical pictures and modern Chinooks that can be shown as an introduction to the breed, along with the "meat and potatoes" informational/educational presentation highlighting the standard. We have a prototype of website that will contain the same information. The same information will be made available on a CD/DVD that can be distributed to judges and COA membership. Plans of a live presentation the weekend of the Specialty, in NJ. Discussions of presenting at other large shows around the country, or holding an event strictly for judges education at a convenient location. The goal is by the end of April they will have the bulk of the informational slideshow completed and ready to roll out. The Specialty Premium is coming together and should be ready for distribution in the next week. The venue for the Northeastern Multi-breed show held the same weekend has been changed to an indoor location, but is still a good option for those looking for more shows that weekend. There are already some donations to prizes and the auction.

3. Breeding Ethics — John reports the work of the Ethics Committee is 90 percent complete and have moved into putting together a rough draft. Considerable time discussing words such as "should" or "must". They have had no discussion as of late and do expect the rough draft discussion to begin this week. Please ask questions if you have them. He will do his best to get the ethics draft to the board and presented next meeting.

4. Tamworth Winter Carnival: a discussion about how this is a positive event to keep supporting and Ruth volunteered to work on a committee with Rick's guidance. Motion 2009-08 made by Karen and seconded by Penthea: that the COA sponsor the 2010 Tamworth Winter Carnival. Passed 13-0-2

5. Statement of Support for COA Breeders: Discussion Complete, no motion or further action on this topic

6. NH Student Recognition: Discussion was held - plaque and certificate work in progress. Action: Penthea, Corine, and Karen to review certificate designs and develop

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common approach for consistent look/feel. Motion 2009-07 was made by John and seconded by Karen: the text of the motion is: that COA purchase 6 CNE! hats to be given out to the NH students who testified on behalf of the Chinook and the principle. Motion passed 14-0-1.

9. New Business: 1. Emergency Health Fund- John reported that occasionally we get word that a Chinook is having a rare or chronic condition and the owner needs financial help in order to resolve it. He believes we need to have an emergency fund set aside to help in these situations. The fund would have to include criteria so it would not be used for less than emergency or catastrophic circumstances. What is the health fund currently used for? Discussion brought up questions such as, How do we define emergency? Does a loss of the quality of life qualify? How much loss? Do we try to determine financial need? If so, how do we do that? Do we simply honor any request without trying to determine the details? Also, the COA membership was able to raise the money needed for a dog's recent surgery in less than one day's time. In order for the Board to act that quickly, as it would need to in an emergency situation, we'd have to have a set of criteria in place in order to determine if we should help financially. Do we continue to let the Chinook Community rally around these emergencies just as it has in the past? Carry over to next meeting.

2. Dogsled raffles- Penthea said Rick Skoglund donated two – a junior sled was won at the CNE! Chinook Olympics and a nice adult sled was won at the 2008 Specialty. We have one more junior sled. Two questions for the Board: 1.) Should the winner of the sled from last years Specialty have the shipping paid for by the board? (shipping was not included in the raffle) 2.) The remaining junior sled – I would make a motion that it be included in the fundraising activity for the 2009 Chinook National Specialty – with the Specialty Committee using this in whatever way they see fit to raise funds to defray the costs of the event. If it is raffled, please consider shipping to be included in the package. For expedience sake, it is worth it. Carry over to next meeting.

Adjournment: March 29, 2009

COA Board Meeting April 20-May 2, 2009

Agenda: Roll Call; Minutes of Last Meeting; Report of President; Report of Secretary; Report of Treasurer; Report of Committees: CQ, Cross, Bench, Health, Historian, Information Coordinator, Membership, Rescue, Working Dog Program; Elections at Annual Meetings (skipped); Unfinished Business; COA Website — Walt, Judge's Education — Maria/Mary, Breeding Ethics — John, NH Student Recognition - John, Karen, Emergency Health Fund - John, Sled Donations - Penthea; New Business; Adjournment.

Roll Call: Karen Hinchy, Susan Kolukisa, Penthea Burns, Leslie Donais, John Donais, Kathleen Schmaltz, Robert Fowler, Laura Holman, Walter Madden, Marlene Goist, Maria Sommer, Ruth Lind, Corine Lindhorst.

President's Report: Karen Hinchy: 1. Executive Board - the Executive Board approved Motion 2009-X2: SDR Application of Callicoon GreatMountain Tioga. She is the first purebred eligible dog from her litter to graduate from the CrossBreeding Program. Congratulations to Callicoon Chinooks, and the CrossBreeding committee on another successful new purebred.

2. CNE! - Several people have volunteered for Board positions, and the election packets should be going out shortly. After the election is complete, we will add an official CNE! Representative to this Board.

3. Health Committee – The Chinook Health Survey data has been released to the geneticist for analysis.

Report of Secretary: Laura: The minutes of the March meeting have been posted for review/revisions. The numbering for Motion 2009-06 for the CQ editor expenditure will be changed to 2009-06a as we already had 2009-06.

Report of Treasurer: Robert will be sending a full Treasurer's report in May for the CQ. At the moment we have the following approximate funds:

Deposited	\$1300.00
PayPal	\$5500.00
Bank	\$11000.00

The COA at present (thanks to generous donors) has the following amounts in the Treasury:

Health	\$2031.49
Rescue	\$6775.81
Total	\$8807.30

This leaves about \$8000.00 in the General Fund. The COA Board may want to discuss reallocating these funds.

Report of the Committees: CQ: Article solicitations are in progress, and the deadline is May 15th.

Cross: Nothing to report.

Bench: The Specialty Premium is complete, and will be made available online and via mail. Donations for the auction are being accepted. The Judges education committee is making progress, after detailed discussion on illustrations vs. photographs. The draft presentation is targeted to be available for review with breeders and exhibitors during the Specialty.

4. Historian: Additional focus is being maintained on archiving some of the materials gifted to the COA and preparing a display for the Specialty. On April 30, 2009 Leslie regretfully resigned from her position as club Historian.

5. Information Coordinator: The web site redesign is moving along and has moved into the content phase. Committee chairs need to verify the existing information on their pages.

6. Membership: The membership drive has been completed, although a few still need to send in their payments. We have 145 memberships (households), an increase from 2008. The idea of an online membership directory for those who opt for it was suggested – in the spirit of green sustainability and cost effectiveness. The topic needs to be explored further.

7. Rescue: Nothing to report.

8. Working Dog Program: The WDP is progressing nicely, and the committee has been filled. The approved program documents are being moved into a common format that will be put together with a handbook on a CD.

Unfinished Business: 1. COA Website — Walt - included in Info Coordinator report.

2. Judges' Education –Maria – included in Bench report.

3. Breeding Ethics – John reported that the ethics document is in its final draft and out to the committee for final review. He has given two days for review so it will be ready for the board by midweek.

4. NH Student Recognition–Certificates have been designed, and will be printed locally for the celebration at the school.

5. Emergency Health Fund–No discussion this meeting.

6. Sled donations – No discussion this meeting.

New Business: This agenda topic was skipped for this meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on May 2, 2009 in a motion made by Karen and seconded by Corine.

Motion 2009-09-Adjournment of April Meeting. Motion 2009-09 passed: 12 – 0 - 1

Next Meeting Date: May 25 – June 6, 2009

Harnessing History

by Rick Skoglund



Above: Chinook bobble-head, sold by the New Hampshire Museum of History. You can order one of your own at the museum's online store, museum store.

Below: Display of Chinook's last harness and other items at the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum.

The Perry Greene kennel historic collection is an archive of the history of the Chinook breed. The collection includes photos, documents and personal letters and memoirs from Walden's time, such as photos and documents from Arthur Walden, Julia Lombard, Wonalancet Hubbard kennels, and Perry Greene historic and modern kennels. Also included are Sukee kennels and Northdown kennels. Many old movies and audio tapes are in the collection and some have been converted to DVDs.

Over the last 16 years Martha Kalina and I have added substantially to the collection through donations and purchases. Twelve years ago we purchased an old trunk full of harnesses that were from the historic Perry Greene Kennel. In that trunk, we discovered Chinook's last harness, along with Endure's harness (Chinook's son).

What does one do with such treasures? We decided that no one person should have such a large collection of one particular piece of American history. Therefore, the collection has been disbursed.

All items that we felt were of a personal nature have been returned to their families. Johnny Gephardt's family had old photos and personal items

returned. Perry Greene's family had an album, many photos and movies returned to them.

The Chinook Owners Association was gifted with the bulk of the collection. Sixteen banker boxes of records were given to Historian Leslie Donais for safekeeping. It was felt that the national breed organization for the Chinook was the best choice to preserve this treasure for Chinook owners.

It is now up to the collective wisdom of the Board of Directors of the Chinook Owners Association on how best to preserve the history of the breed and how to share it with Chinook owners.

Previously all archived materials and breeding records from the former Chinook Dog Club of America (formerly Chinooks Worldwide) had been given to the COA Registrar.

Included in the files are breeding records from Perry Greene from 1940 – 1965 that include pedigrees along with many old hard-to-find magazine and news articles. A "traveling" exhibit is planned and no doubt the COA Historian will make exciting discoveries among all of these files.

But what to do with Chinook's last harness? Not only does it have historical significance, we also learned that it had a tremendous monetary value to a collector of such items.

With the generous help of Bob Cottrell, Director of the Remick Museum in Tamworth New Hampshire, we came to a solution. Bob owns a Chinook, Tamworth Tugger, and is particularly attentive to the history of our breed.

Chinook's harness and his son, Endure's, harness have been donated to the New Hampshire Historical society. The museum is directly across from the State House in Concord.

Upon receiving them, Director, Wes Balla stated, "The New Hampshire Historical Society is very interested in working with you to provide a permanent home where visitors can enjoy this important chapter in New England history."

We were surprised that the Historical Society had little or nothing on Walden and his Chinooks. So, along with the harnesses we are sending photos and documents from Walden's era, photos of Chinook, and documents from Wonalancet Hubbard kennels.

Chinooks are an important part of New Hampshire history and people for generations to come will have the opportunity to learn about this chapter in the age of exploration and the significance to the State of New Hampshire.



Treasurer's Report

I recently visited the museum. Chinook's harness, some photos from that era and a Moody sled from our collection are part of the museum's "core" exhibit for all to see. The museum also had Chinook bobbleheads made! You can order these directly from the museum store. www.nhhistory.org

With the drive underway to make the Chinook the official State dog of New Hampshire (see story, page 16), these actions will hopefully help that effort.

Much of this collection has been scanned and is available on a CDrom and is yours for the asking at the cost of the CD and postage. If you would like a copy of most of these historical documents, photos simply send \$5.00 to:

Rick Skoglund, 449 Atlantic Highway, Waldoboro, Me 04572

Include a note "Please send me the PGK historical CD" If you enjoy the CD the Perry Greene Kennel simply asks that you consider a donation to the COA health fund. Instructions on how to donate are on the CD.

*For Team Perry Greene
Rick Skoglund*

Tidbits from the Treasurer

During the period February 5, 2009 through May 15, 2009, deposits to the COA account were made in the amount of \$1303.11, from breeder and stud dog fees, memberships, CQ ad, donations and calendars. Checks paid out of the COA account during this same period are as follows:

Non-profit filing	35.00
Web update	350.00
2009 Specialty expense	225.00
2009 Specialty expense	35.00
Internet service provider	115.00
CQ expenses	413.84

At the present time the COA has the following allocated funds:

Rescue	6775.81
Health	2031.49
General Fund	9503.87
Total COA assets	18,311.17

Hopefully you have had rain, and it was gentle, snow, and it was good, wind, and it was a breeze. Even more hopefully, you had fun with those Chinooks!

*Thanks
Robert Fowler, COA Treasurer*

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Whelping Box



by *Ginger Corley*

The Chinook Breeders Forum email list was a busy place this past quarter.

Discussions focused on studs for a good portion of the time. One of the projects we were able to accomplish was a round-up of almost all the studs out there. Finding these more obscure studs can be important for our breed as some of them are from out lesser known and lesser used bloodlines. Getting these males used even just once means keeping genes in our gene pool that would otherwise be lost.

On these two pages is our quarterly list of new and planned litters. We're off to a slow start this year but still have a solid list of litters for the upcoming year. I know I'm running hither and yon myself, getting ready for the first litter here in my new house and trying to figure out a whole new set of logistics for managing pups.

If you see that a breeder on the list lives close to you and is planning a litter, you might want to help that breeder by saving newspaper for the puppies. Every litter takes up a lot of newspaper since the mom dog only cleans up after them for roughly the first three weeks. (Anyone in the Seattle area, I could use some newspaper.)

When you look at each listing, keep the time considerations in mind. You just can't rush Mother Nature. Dogs have a nine-week gestation period, which can vary by a few days. After pups are born, they spend at least eight weeks with their dam before leaving for a new home, sometimes more depending on the individual pup.

So if you see that a litter on the list will be bred in mid June for example, be sure you add on seventeen weeks to calculate when those pups would be ready to join your family.

New Arrivals				
Kennel	Location	Dam/Sire	Purebred/Cross	Details
Creekwood Chinooks Eileen Koehler ekoehler@rochester.rr.com	Ontario New York	PR Hurricane Jenga/ GreatMountain X Sinamoskt Red	UKC Purebred Dam Cross Sire	One boy, going to his new home.
Perry Greene Chinooks Rick Skoglund rardogrick@aol.com	Waldoboro Maine	PR Perry Greene Madawaska to Mountain Laurel Tamworth Tugger	UKC Purebred sire and dam	3 female pups. Applications being accepted.
Lakeside Run Chinooks Carol Orton 5ortons@comcast.net	Westford Massachusetts	CH Lakeside Run Arwen of Rivendell/ Alpine Fionn of Aspencreek	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Seven pups. Applications being accepted.
Arriving Soon				
Kennel	Location	Dam/Sire	Purebred/Cross	Details
Grand River Chinooks Marianne Dubois/Joyce Maley all4chinooks@yahoo.com hurricane@chinookdogs.com	Woolwich Maine/ Elgin	CH PR Hurricane Nankoweap GRCH PR Hickory Hill Rastro	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due early June; Applications being accepted.
Granite Hill Chinooks John & Leslie Donais granitehillchinooks@ comcast.net	Dover New Hampshire	GRCH GreatMountain Granite Abnaki/ GRCH PR Thunder Paws Taz of Boreayl	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due early June, Applications being accepted.
		GRCH Balsam Ridge Akutaq/ Granite Hill Enatai Rain	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due Early June Applications being accepted.
Rain Mountain Chinooks Ginger Corley, ginger@rainmountain.net	Stanwood Washington	CH PR BrownStone Lolo Kumtux of Rain CGC/CH Moonsong Mukilteo Bluejay	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due mid June; Applications being accepted.

From the Whelping Box

Arriving Soon				
Kennel	Location	Dam/Sire	Purebred/Cross	Details
Torrey Pines Chinooks Susan Beals Susan@TorreyPinesChinooks.com	San Diego California	Aspencreek's Sabaka/ Channahon's Kuska	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due July 7; Applications being accepted.
Mountain Thunder Chinooks, Dave & Karen Schiller, Dave@MountainThunderChinooks.com	Firestone Colorado	CH GreatMountain Tanaina to PR Thunder Paws Sequoyah	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due mid July; Applications being accepted.
Bashaba Chinooks Karen Hinchy kccroar@gmail.com	Morristown New Jersey	CH GreatMountain Lyric Tikaani RL1 CGC IIC to CH Channahon's Northern Kodiak	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Pups due mid July; Applications being accepted.
Engagements Planned				
Kennel	Location	Dam/Sire	Purebred/Cross	Details
Daybreak Chinooks Susan Kolukisa kolukids3@optonline.net	Torrington Connecticut	Callicoon GreatMountain Tioga to PR Rivertrail Hudson	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Late spring breeding Applications being accepted.
Boreayl Chinooks Debbie Premus sibemusher@aol.com	Lebanon Ohio	CH Boreayl's Summer Sunshine/PR Lighthouse Tillamook Rock	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Breeding planed mid-summer; applications being accepted.
Rain Mountain Chinooks Ginger Corley, ginger@rainmountain.net	Stanwood Washington	GRCH PR Hurricane Katsuk Rain Song/PR Rain Mountain Nakani	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Breeding in June; Applications being accepted.
		PR BrownStone Lolo Kumtux of Rain CGC/PR Frontier Jackson	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Breeding fall 2009, Applications being accepted.
Granite Hill Chinooks John & Leslie Donais granitehillchinooks@comcast.net	Dover New Hampshire	GRCH Rain Mountain Tatoosh of Bear Creek/GRCH Lakeside Run Indiana Jones	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Breeding fall 2009, Applications being accepted.
Hurricane Chinooks Joyce Maley, hurricane@chinookdogs.com	Elgin South Carolina	PR Hurricane Sugihara to CH PR Hurricane Crispin's Soul	UKC Purebred sire and dam	April/May 2009 Applications being accepted.
		GRCH PR Pippa Passes Rocky to CH PR Hurricane Kodiak	UKC Purebred sire and dam	Spring/Summer 2009 Pups will be born in FL. Applications being accepted.
		Laughing Mountain Green Bean, sire tbd	UKC Purebred dam, sire tbd	Spring/Summer 2009 Applications being accepted.
Laughing Mountain Chinooks, Mary Malkiel, laughingmountain@comcast.net	Boulder Colorado	GRCH PR Alpine Babazuzu Sire tbd	UKC Purebred dam Sire tbd	Breeding late 2009 Applications being accepted.



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Chinook Bill Passes Final Hurdle

story and photo by John Donais

On May 6th 2009 Senate Bill 13, to make the Chinook the Official Dog of the State of New Hampshire, passed the New Hampshire House of Representatives with a vote of 335 to 23.

The kids learned a lesson in politics when one representative requested a dissension vote. This meant the vote was taken electronically so it could be recorded. While the voting result seemed bittersweet to the 100 seventh grade students from Lurgio Middle School who worked hard to get the bill through the state law makers, they left the State House with smiles on their faces.

Two representatives stood in front of the House and applauded the students for their efforts and appealed to the House to pass the bill without hesitation. Rep. Tara Sad (D- Walpole) and Rep. Jane Spaulding (R- Hillsboro) spoke of the worthiness of no other than the Chinook to be the state dog.

Rep. Sad declared, "The Chinook was born and bred in New Hampshire and is kind, hard working, and friendly just like the people who live here."

The bill now goes to Gov. John Lynch who is expected to sign it into law at the middle school where it originated.



The seventh grade class from Lurgio Middle School, responsible for successful efforts in the New Hampshire Senate and New Hampshire House of Representatives to have Chinook named the New Hampshire State Dog. In front are teacher Jen Wells with Pippa Passes Samson Snowstorm, and Leslie Donais with "Ambassador" GRCH PR Granite Hill Abnaki.

