

CHINOOK DOG CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Board of Directors of THE Chinook Dog Club Of America Inc (CDCA); in order to protect and advance the Chinook Breed and foster high standards among Breeders and owners has adopted the following Code of Ethics (COE). All members will subscribe to and uphold this Code of Ethics.

GENERAL CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

1. Members shall conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect favorably upon themselves, Chinooks and the sport and showmanship of purebred dogs.
2. Members will refrain from un-constructive criticism of another persons dog and from personal attacks upon fellow members.
3. Members shall not engage in false or misleading statements or advertising of the Chinook breed.
4. Members shall take lifetime responsibility for the care of their Chinooks. Their dogs will be cared for in a safe, healthy and clean environment. Members will inoculate their dogs against disease as recommended by their veterinarian. All Chinooks will be vaccinated against rabies and receive protection against heartworm illness, and Receive routine preventative and necessary veterinary care including, but not limited to annual physical examination, screening for parasites, vaccinations, treatment necessary due to local conditions (such as heartworm and Lyme Disease), and Rabies vaccinations as required by State laws.
5. Members will not allow their dogs to roam at large, unsupervised and will comply with local and State regulations regarding ownership and licensing.

BREEDERS KENNELS

1. Breeders bear the responsibility for the future of the Chinook breed; therefore a breeder shall only breed Chinooks of sound temperament and that possess no major genetic defects.
2. All individual dogs being bred shall have had their hips x-rayed. Such x-rays shall be submitted to the GDC (Institute For Genetic Disease Control in Animals) and /or the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation For Animals) or other recognized hip registry for certification.
3. Breeders shall have the eyes of all breeding stock examined annually for genetic eye defects.
4. Owners will take all possible precautions to prevent unplanned breedings.
5. Breeders will not sell, consign or transfer any Chinook to a pet shop, broker, contest sponsors or anyone who could degrade the Chinook breed.
6. Bitch and Stud owners are strongly encouraged to enter in to written contracts and to clearly state the terms of such a breeding agreement and clearly define what constitutes pick of litter where appropriate.
7. No Chinook puppy will be shipped or leave its dam prior to eight (8) weeks of age.

8. All litters will be reported to the CDCA registrar on a form provided by the CDCA registrar and registered with the appropriate recording body as designated by the Board of Directors.

9. A litter is defined as “One puppy, full term, deceased or alive”.

10. Breeders will exchange information and make each other aware of known inherited genetic defects in their respective lines when planning a breeding.

SALES

1. No adult or Chinook puppy will be sold or transferred without appropriate vaccinations commonly known as “puppy” shots.

2. Breeders will provide a written contract to buyers stating at a minimum;

A) Price of puppy

B) Request that x-rays of hips be evaluated by the GDC/OFA regardless of breeding potential.

C) Request that buyers have puppies examined by a veterinarian of their choice within 72 hours of purchase

D) Allow buyers; at their expense to return for a full refund any puppy to be found unhealthy (in writing) within 72 hours by a licensed veterinarian.

E) Include a provision for the return of a Chinook who becomes an unwanted member of a household.

F) Include a clause that ensures Chinook puppy will “Receive routine preventative and necessary veterinary care including, but not limited to annual physical examination, screening for parasites, vaccinations, treatment necessary due to local conditions (such as heartworm and Lyme Disease), and Rabies vaccinations as required by State laws.

3. Breeders will not “cull” litters. No healthy puppy shall be euthanized.

4. Puppy owners will be given copies of the Chinook Dog Club of America code of Ethics.

5. Breeders will discuss and make aware to prospective puppy buyers known inherited genetic defects in their breeding stocks bloodlines.

ENFORCEMENT

1. All suspected violations of the COE will be reported to the President of the CDCA in writing and be signed by the complainant. No verbal complaints will be entertained.

2. Within 14 days of receipt of a complaint the President will assign two Board members to investigate such complaint. These two Board members and the President will comprise a Committee of three.

3. Except for expulsion or suspension this Committee shall have full authority to investigate, impose discipline or dismiss such complaints.

4. The investigating committee will contact the accused party and supply a copy of such complaint to the accused party.

5. The accused party shall have a maximum of two weeks to reply to charges. Upon receipt of response the

Committee shall have one month to determine the facts of such complaint and submit findings to the President. If the accused does not respond the investigating Committee will proceed based upon whatever facts they have been able to obtain.

6. Once the complaint is investigated and findings submitted to the investigating Committee the president shall report findings to both parties and the full Board within (2) two weeks.

7. If a violation of the Code of ethics has occurred, the violating party will be informed in writing of such violation, given 30 days to correct such violation and terms of discipline if not corrected within the specified 30 days.

8. In the case of serious and flagrant violations of the COE the committee may recommend that the complaint be sent to the Board of Directors for a suspension hearing as set forth in the CDCA bylaws.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

FIRST OFFENSE - Letter of reprimand

SECOND OFFENSE - Fine not to exceed \$100.00

THIRD OFFENSE - Suspension Hearing by Full Board

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