

## The Chinook and the American Kennel Club

*The Chinook Club of America is the American Kennel Club's Parent Club for the Chinook.*

Chinooks have been participating in AKC Companion events since January, 2004, earning titles in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Tracking.

The AKC Board of Directors approved the Chinook for full recognition effective January 1, 2013; the Chinook will then be eligible to compete in the Working Group.

Visit Chinooks on the AKC website:  
[www.akc.org/breeds/chinook](http://www.akc.org/breeds/chinook)



## Membership

The Chinook Club of America welcomes new members who have a desire to support the purebred Chinook and the AKC. For more information about CCA or for a membership application, please visit us on the web:

[www.chinookclubofamerica.org](http://www.chinookclubofamerica.org)

## Chinook Club of America Member-Breeders 2012-2013

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If you think a Chinook is the right match for you and your family, please contact CCA member-breeders for additional information and to fill out an application for a Chinook.

# THE CHINOOK

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## A Brief History of the Chinook

Polar explorer, author, and dog breeder Arthur Treadwell Walden developed the Chinook Breed during the 1920's in Wonalancet, New Hampshire. Walden created an American breed of sled dog that had power, endurance and speed, along with a friendly, gentle nature, and a unique tawny color.

Walden's foundation dogs for the Chinook Breed were descendents of Admiral Peary's Greenland Husky lead dog, Polaris, and a mastiff-type farm dog who produced a litter of three pups on January 17, 1917, in New Hampshire USA. One of these pups would be called "Chinook".

Chinook grew to be a large-boned, tawny, floppy-eared dog, weighing just over 100 pounds. Chinook became famous as a working sled dog, but was also known for his gentle disposition. Chinook, with Walden, achieved celebrity status throughout New England and beyond. Chinook's offspring were to inherit his distinctive characteristics, his tawny coloring, and his gentle, intelligent disposition.

In 1927, Walden was appointed to head the Dog Department for Admiral Richard E. Byrd's first Antarctic Expedition. Chinook and his 15 sons were described by Byrd as the backbone of the expedition transport.

Sadly, Chinook was lost in Antarctica on his 12th birthday: January 17, 1929. The notice of Chinook's untimely demise was a media event that was reported around the world.



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## Interesting Chinook Facts

- ◇ Arthur Walden founded the New England Sled Dog Club in 1924, the oldest club of its kind which is still in existence today.
- ◇ Walden and Chinook led the first dog sled team to the summit of Mt. Washington, NH in 1925.
- ◇ A road in New Hampshire was re-named the Chinook Trail to honor Walden's famous lead dog.
- ◇ In 1940, Perry Greene bought the Chinooks and moved them from New Hampshire to Maine.
- ◇ In 1941, Greene and his Chinook team made a 502 mile journey in 90 hours, the longest sled dog trek made within the US at that the time.
- ◇ In 1965, the Guinness Book of World Records recorded the Chinook for the first of three times as the rarest dog, with only 125 dogs alive.
- ◇ In 1966, Boeing Helicopters-Vetrol division obtained a Chinook named Charger as a mascot, and sent Charger to the 228th base at An Khe, South Viet Nam. Charger never made it back.
- ◇ In 1981, only 28 Chinooks remained, and only 11 of these were used in breeding.
- ◇ In February, 1990 Harry Gray completed a 325 mile "Trek for Life" with his team of Chinook sled dogs, traveling from Greenville, ME to Wonalancet, NH to raise awareness and funds for the organ donor programs of the Maine and New Hampshire Kidney Foundations.
- ◇ In 2001, the Chinook was added to the AKC's Foundation Stock Service.
- ◇ **In June of 2009 the Chinook was named the state dog of New Hampshire.**
- ◇ In 2011, 749 Chinooks have been listed with the American Kennel Club's Foundation Stock Service.



Perry Greene

*Today's Chinook* is an affectionate and playful family companion with a special devotion towards children. Highly trainable and versatile, Chinooks can compete in AKC Agility, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking. Look for the Chinook in AKC's Working Group breed ring! To learn more about the rich history and unique characteristics of this rare American breed, please visit us on our website.

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Chinooks can be sweet and laid back, but they also have energy to burn and thrive with some type of job. Their job can be playing with the children in their family, but Chinooks also excel at all types of outdoor activities including hiking, jogging, biking, backpacking, sledding, skijoring, scootering, camping, swimming and boating.

