

So, you're taking the next step towards bringing a Chinook puppy into your home.  
Exciting!!  
We're excited too.

Before we get too far, here are some things you should be aware of.

1) Submitting an application does not guarantee that a Chinook puppy from this litter will be placed with your family

2) Adopting a puppy is a huge decision and a lifetime commitment. We take that very seriously. Puppy owners are required to keep in contact with us for the lifetime of their Chinook dog. We're here to answer any questions and concerns.

I always say Sky got a forever home with me and I got a forever "family" within the Chinook community with her.

Win Win!!

3) Puppies will not, under any circumstances, be shipped as cargo. The new puppy owner (or their agent) must take possession of the puppy in person. If traveling via plane, the pup goes on the plane, etc. with you, as carry on.

4) Since Chinook dogs are extremely rare and puppies are very limited, if you are not chosen this time as a new owner, we'd be happy to refer you to other Chinook breeders with upcoming litters.

I waited a little over a year to get Sky. Long waits are not uncommon, but totally worth it.

5) We require all potential puppy owners, to meet with us, or someone we know in your area, for a face to face visit with a Chinook and its owner.

( You'll love it!)

We have a rather long application that we'd like you to fill out. We're best trying to get to know you and the home that a potential puppy will be going to. Please answer honestly, as it's so important to think each question through. We'll do our part on this end to answer any question or concern you may have. The ultimate goal is to place the right puppy in the right forever home, so that everyone lives happily ever after. These questions help us determine what sort of an atmosphere the pup will have at home. Busy families with children do better with very outgoing puppies, Quieter households will do better with a less active pup, etc..

Thanks for taking this next big step.....

Your Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

- Number of years at this address:

### **Background**

1. Do you own ( ), rent( ), or have other arrangements for your home? *(If other, please explain)*

- If you do not own your home, do you have written permission to keep a dog? Yes ( ) No ( )
- What will you do if you have to move and cannot find an apartment that allows dogs?

2. Describe your current household (people & animals [excluding dogs], ages, species, breeds):

- Do you have plans to add to your family in the near future? If so, could you discuss these plans? (e.g., are you about to get married, or have children, or thinking of adopting two puppies at once?)

3. Tell me about other dogs you have owned or currently live with:

Please include the cause of death, loss, or reasons for giving up any pet you've had in the past five years.

4. Have you ever had an animal removed from your care by local or state authorities? Have you ever been investigated, arrested or convicted of a crime involving animals? If you answer yes to either, please explain the circumstances

5. Do you, or does anyone in your household, smoke (I define this liberally to include inhaling any lit substance including pipes, cigars, cigarettes, etc.)?

6. Does anyone in your household have allergies to pets or other animals? If so, explain:

7. Do you have a fenced in yard?

- If yes, what type of fencing and how high? (e.g., stockade, chain link, etc.)
  - If no, how will you keep the dog contained?
8. If you share your home with another adult, how does the adult feel about getting a Chinook?
  9. Describe a typical work/school day in your household – do you/your partner work outside the home? If so, at what occupations?
  10. How many hours (estimate) would a Chinook be at home alone each day?
  11. What is the name, address, and telephone number of your current vet if you have one?

### ***Your Chinook***

1. What draws you to Chinooks?
2. Have you ever owned a Chinook? If so, explain:
3. Have you ever met a Chinook? If so, please tell us what Chinooks you've met.
4. What are you looking for in your Chinook (be as specific as possible about sex, coloring/ appearance, energy levels, your goals & expectations)
  - If a puppy were not available with this specific sex or coloring, etc, would you still be interested in a pup from this litter?
5. Are you looking for a pet that is required to be spayed/neutered or are you interested in a puppy that is potentially breedable as an adult or are you undecided?

6. Have you ever participated in breeding a dog before? If so, please elaborate on your breeding experience.
7. Who in the household will be primarily responsible for this Chinook?
8. Where will this Chinook sleep at night, and spend time during the day?
9. How will your Chinook receive regular exercise?
10. What type of activities do you hope to do with your Chinook?
11. If your Chinook needed long term medical care within his/her lifetime, are you willing to commit the resources to do so?

### ***Your Puppy***

1. Have you ever raised a puppy?
2. Unlike a pet store or shelter, you will not be able to pick a specific puppy, but will be offered the pup whose personality and prospects best meets your family's goals. This is based on weeks of observation of the litter, and professional review of temperament and conformation. What concerns do you have about this process?
3. What plans do you have for feeding and caring for your puppy for its first few months if you work outside of the home?

### ***Training***

1. Have you ever taken a dog to puppy classes or obedience training?

- If so, what sort of training techniques have you used in the past?
2. Would you be willing to take your Chinook to obedience classes?
  3. Do you have access to training classes using “positive reinforcement” near your home?

***Other***

1. What other information do you think I should know in considering placement of a puppy with you?

***Breeder Responsibilities***

I expect to keep in contact with you for at least the lifetime of your Chinook, and will always be available if you have questions or concerns about your dog. New owners are required to sign a contract prior to receipt of the puppy that specifies required health tests, mutual obligations concerning the pup, etc.

1. What concerns do you have about these requirements?
2. Are you willing to complete health testing on your puppy (hips xrays at the time of neuter/spay or 2 years, eye exam at 2 years at a minimum)? even if your puppy is placed as a pet?
3. What expectations do you have of me as your breeder?
4. Any other questions/concerns? Please feel free to ask any questions about me or Sky or her first litter.

As part of the application process, I require people to meet with someone I know in their area or to meet with me if they are in my area. If I don't meet with you, I'll also want to speak with two references and have your current veterinary contact information

Please provide contact info for the references.

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