



Rain Mountain Chinooks
Prospective Owner Questionnaire
For a Chinook Pup**

Please copy the following list of questions and your answers into an email or Word document and send it to info@rainmountain.net. There are no right or wrong answers but please give as much information as you feel will be helpful. This information will be kept on file until a litter has been confirmed, at which point we will send you an email and give you a chance to let us know if you are still interested. If you'd like, we will also forward this info to other Chinook breeders we know who may have pups available for placement.

In between times that I have an actual pregnant female or a litter that I'm raising, it will be up to you to keep in touch if you continue to look for a pup, or, as is a frequent occurrence, your second or third Rain Mountain Chinook. When I do have a litter, we'll be talking on a more regular basis as the pups grow through the first three critical weeks, learning to eat on their own, and gradually learning and growing enough that they are ready to go to a home of their own when they are 8 to 9 weeks old. No pups will leave before they are 8 weeks old and in fact it is illegal to sell them before this age.

We do have some basic requirements for all homes. [You must have a fenced area of some sort](#). This can be either a fenced yard or a smaller kennel run. Let's face it, there are times when you want to put your dog out so you can mop the floor. [We will not place two littermates in the same home](#) nor will we place Chinook pups in a home where there is another pup that has been there less than one year. This is because we feel it is important that each dog be able to bond with its family and receive basic training before the next dog joins the household.

You will be required to sign a Sales Agreement as well. It is designed to protect the pup first, your rights as the new owners, and Rain Mountain as the breeder. This includes a lifetime guarantee of genetic health issues. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how substantial the health guarantee is on Rain Mountain pups.

PART 1 -- YOU & YOUR HOME

Your Name: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than home address): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

What type of work do you do and how long have you been doing it? _____

* A slightly different questionnaire is available if you are interested in adopting an adult Chinook.

Do you live in a single-family home, condo, apartment?

Do you own or rent?

If you rent, please provide a copy of your lease proving that it allows pets.

Please provide the names of the people other than yourself living in your home & include ages of those under 21:

Describe your yard and any fencing you have:

Do you know your neighbors well? Do they have dogs? Will they approve of you having a Chinook?

PART 2 -- THE OTHER PETS IN YOUR LIFE

Please describe the animals that presently live in your home:

Please tell me about dogs that you have owned in the past:

(Note, it's not a negative to be new to dogs. We all had to start somewhere.)

Have you raised puppies to adulthood?

What problems did you face raising puppies?

Have you taken in adult dogs before?

What problems did you encounter when you took in adult dogs?

What methods did you use for training your dogs, if you have owned dogs before?

Have you taken your dogs to training classes before? If so, can you tell us about them? Do you think they were successful or not?

PART 3 -- YOU & YOUR CHINOOK

Where did you learn about Chinooks?

Why do you want a Chinook rather than another breed?

Is there any special reason you'd like a Rain Mountain Chinook or are you talking to multiple breeders? *(Don't worry, we're not offended if you are talking to multiple breeders and often recommend it.)*

Have you met Chinooks & their owners before? If so, please tell me whom you've met?

(If you haven't, I'd love to have you visit me or I'll arrange for a visit a Chinook owner that lives in your area.)

Who will be the primary server/caretaker of your Chinook?

How many hours a day will your Chinook be alone while family members are away at work & school?

How will you contain your Chinook during this time?

Do you know of a good veterinarian in your area?

Do you have a training facility nearby where you can take classes with your Chinook? Have you visited them to see what type of training methods they use?

What do you plan to do with your Chinook for exercise – both mental & physical – on a daily basis?

What will you do if you have behavior problems with your Chinook?

What will you do with the dog when you go on vacation?

What activities do you think you might want to try with your Chinook:

Sledding or Skijoring, Carting, Weight Pulls, Rigging or Scootering, Agility, Herding, Therapy Work, Flyball, Hiking and Backpacking, Search & Rescue, Competition Obedience or Rally O, something not mentioned here?

Describe a typical day in the life of your Chinook:

Do you have a preference for a male or female? If so, please explain:

What other preferences do you have that you want me to know about?

Are you prepared to have a hip x-ray taken & sent to OFA for evaluation and an eye exam done & results sent to CERF when your Chinook is 12 to 24 months of age?

(The cost will vary depending where you are in the US but here in the Seattle area I pay roughly \$175 for the hip x-ray and OFA fee and \$50 for the eye exam.)

PART 4 -- SHOWING & BREEDING

If you are definitely NOT interested in showing your Chinook or in helping your breeder with later breedings, please skip this section and go to Part 5.

Unlike more populous breeds, Chinooks have a very small breeding population so genetic diversity is still very important to us. That means breeding a wide variety of our dogs is critical to survival.

Are you willing to keep a male Chinook intact so that it can possibly sire one or two litters if he passes his health clearances or do you want a male that you can neuter when he's 10 to 12 months old?*

Have you lived with an intact male dog before?

** It has been found that this is the best age to spay or neuter since our dogs – both males and females – will develop more soundly if we allow the growth plates to close before they are spayed or neutered. This means waiting until the Chinooks is about 10 to 12 months old.

Have you lived with an unsprayed female dog before?

Have you ever raised a litter of pups before?

Would you be willing to raise a litter of puppies with your female Chinook (you would receive plenty of assistance from your Breeder) if she passes her health clearances or do you want a girl that you can spay when she's 10 to 12 months old?

PART 5 -- THE END

If I don't have the enough pups or not the right pup for you, would you like me to pass on your information to another breeder if would you prefer to wait for the next Rain Mountain litter (planned for Fall 2011). *Yes, I can do both.*

What else do you want us to know about you, your family, situation, or anything else that you feel is important? This is the time to persuade me that you are the most perfect home for a puppy should there be more people wanting pups than there are puppies available.
