

Swiss Chinooks

Puppy Application Form

At Swiss Chinooks we consider all our dogs and their puppies as family members and work towards matching the physical and personality traits of each pup with the lifestyle of their prospective owners. It is important to clarify that you will not be able to pick a specific puppy and that the matching process is dependent on the information you provide in this puppy application. We therefore ask that you answer **ALL** the following questions sincerely and completely.

Please note the following:

1. I will not place a Swiss Chinooks puppy in a home where there is another puppy **younger than one year of age**, nor will I place two littermates in the same household. Puppies need individual attention during their first crucial year in order to grow into happy, thriving adults.
2. It is standard policy and part of the application process for you (prospective owners) to **meet a Chinook** in order to evaluate whether this is the breed for you. If you are unable to visit our home in Switzerland, you will be required to meet a Chinook owner and their dog/s wherever a possibility arises (probably the closest possible geographical location to your permanent residence).
3. By submitting this application you acknowledge and agree that this **does not guarantee** that a puppy will be placed with you. The price of a Swiss Chinooks puppy is **CHF 2,000.00** (Swiss Francs).

1. CONTACT DETAILS

Your name:		Date of birth:	
Spouse/partner's name:		Date of birth:	
Your mobile number:		Email:	
Street address:			
Post Code:	City:	Country:	

2. YOUR HOUSEHOLD

1. Please mark the civil status that corresponds to you.

Married Single Partner Other

2. Please list the people you live with:

1. _____	Age _____
2. _____	Age _____
3. _____	Age _____
4. _____	Age _____

Pets:

3. Please describe any pets in your household (type, sex, age, neutered/spayed?)

Residence:

4. Please mark which type of residence you live in:

Apartment House Is it owned or rented? _____

5. If you are renting, do you have permission to keep a dog? _____

6. Do you have a garden? Yes No

7. Is it securely fenced in? Yes No

8. How high is the fence? _____ metres

9. What is the fence made of? _____

10. Do you have a swimming pool or a pond? Yes No

11. Is the pool fenced in? Yes No

12. Do you plan to move in the near future? Yes No

13. Would your dog move with you? Yes No

YOUR HOUSEHOLD (CONT.)

14. How far is the nearest park to your residence? _____

15. Do you plan to add to your existing family in the near future? (children, pets etc.)

16. Does anyone at home have asthma or allergies to pets? Yes No

17. Has anyone in your family ever had any negative experiences with a dog? Yes No

3. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

1. What is your profession? (Do you work from home?)

2. Does your spouse or partner work outside the home? _____

If so, what is their occupation? _____

3. How many hours per day would your Chinook be alone at home? _____

4. Are you willing to arrange for any of the following services to care for your Chinook during working hours? _____

Daycare home Dog walker Dog sitter Family member Friend

4. YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS

1. Have you ever owned dogs in the past? _____

If so, please describe their breed and character.

2. What types of problems have you faced with particular pets in your life?

YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS (CONT.)

3. Please describe the cause of death of any pet you've had in the past five years.

4. Have you ever had a dog run away? Yes No

5. Were they ever found? Yes No

6. If your Chinook were ever lost, what measures would you take to find it?

7. Has any animal ever had to be removed from your care? Yes No

8. Have you ever had to give a pet up for any reason? If yes, please describe the situation.

9. Under what circumstances would you give up your Chinook? _____

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The dog is aggressive or bites somebody | <input type="checkbox"/> Your housing does not allow dogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The dog is aggressive with other animals | <input type="checkbox"/> You move to a new home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The dog has destructive behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> The dog sheds too much hair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There are too many medical expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> You become seriously ill or disabled |

5. CHINOOK BREED

1. Have you ever owned a Chinook? If so, please tell us about how you got it.

2. Have you ever met a Chinook and visited other Chinook owners?

Yes No If so, please describe.

If not, you will need to do so before a pup is placed with you. Please contact me.

3. Why do you want a Chinook? _____

4. Who will be the primary caretaker of this Chinook? _____

5. Chinooks normally live between 12-15 years of age. Are you ready and willing to care for a Chinook for that many years?

Yes No

6. CHINOOK HEALTH

Medical requirements:

1. If your Chinook needed long term medical care within his/her lifetime, are you willing to commit the resources to do so?

Yes No

2. Are you aware of the medical costs you will be incurring for regular vaccines?

Yes No

CHINOOK HEALTH (CONT.)

These include:

- Rabies shots according to relevant laws
- A series of 3 shots for pups aged 7 to 16 weeks old
- A booster of these shots at 1 year old then once every three years
- Annual check-ups
- On-going medical care

3. Do you currently have a vet? Yes No

If so, please provide your vet's contact details.

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Post Code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Swiss Chinooks requires **all puppy owners** to have their pups screened as of 2 years of age for:

- hip and elbow dysplasia (x-ray)
- CAER¹ eye tests (done by a certified veterinary ophthalmologist)

These tests require American OFA² procedures which European vets need to be made aware of when performing these examinations. The results need to be sent to the OFA database and proof of these exams will be required as well as result information. The information from these exams is **crucial to future breeding decisions** of this very rare breed of dog. OFA hip and elbow x-rays are approximately 500.00 Swiss francs and eye exams are about 100 Swiss francs.

¹ Companion Animal Eye Registry

² Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

If you feel that you cannot comply with these requirements, I will not be willing to sell you a puppy from Swiss Chinooks.

4. Would you be willing and able to comply with these required medical examinations?

Yes No

CHINOOK HEALTH (CONT.)

Lifestyle:

5. Do you or anyone in your household smoke? Yes No

6. What sort of lifestyle do you lead?

Active Semi-active Sedentary

7. What type of mental and physical exercise do you intend your dog to have on a **daily basis**? Please give one example where appropriate.

Long walks How many times and how long for? _____

Toilet breaks How many and how long for? _____

Training at home How often and what type of training? _____

Playtime What kind of play/games? _____

Relaxation time How do you encourage this? _____

Activities:

8. What type of activities do you hope to do with your Chinook?

Obedience Therapy work Sledding or carting

Search and rescue Skijoring Hiking or backpacking

Weight pulling Agility Flyball or frisbee

Herding Mantrailing Swimming

Other Please describe. _____

Holidays:

9. Where would your dog stay or who would take care of your dog whilst you are on holiday or out of town on business?

CHINOOK HEALTH (CONT.)

10. Where will this Chinook spend time during the day? _____

11. Where will this Chinook sleep at night? _____

Nutrition:

12. What do you intend to feed your Chinook?

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard dry kibble | <input type="checkbox"/> >70% protein dry kibble | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raw or cooked vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Raw or Cooked meat | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian or vegan diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Grains e.g. rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If 'Other', please describe. _____

7. EDUCATING A CHINOOK

Training:

1. Who in your household will be primarily responsible for training this Chinook?

2. Have you ever raised a puppy? Yes No

If yes, or you have owned dogs in the past; please tell us about how you trained them.

3. A Chinook pup requires early training with other dogs its own age to be properly socialised. Do you have a training centre or dog school nearby that you can attend?

Yes No Please name the facility: _____

4. Would you be willing to take your Swiss Chinooks pup to the following?

Puppy classes up to 16 weeks old Obedience classes up to 1 year old

If not, please explain why not? _____

EDUCATING A CHINOOK (CONT.)

5. Which methods of training will you be using to understand and educate your Swiss Chinooks puppy on how to live in human society?

- Positive reinforcement training Calming signals communication
 Dominance-based training Clicker training Other

If 'Other', please name and describe the method/s. _____

6. Where will the puppy stay when you are not home? In a:

- Crate Secure playpen Gated room

If in a gated room, where in the house? _____

7. Puppies can be very rough when they play: biting, jumping, scratching, etc. Some families with small children have a difficult time training a puppy and ensuring their kids are not reacting roughly to the puppy's actions. Sometimes puppies have to be re-homed because of the pressure of trying to do both. How will you manage this successfully?

- Teaching bite inhibition Using chew toys Rewarding positive behaviour
 Using stuffed treat kongs Crate training Other

If you selected 'Other', please describe how. _____

Socialisation:

8. How do you intend to socialize your puppy?

- Puppy parties Puppy play sessions Gentle exposure to situations
 Gentle exposure to people and animals Other

If you selected 'Other', please describe how. _____

9. BREEDING A CHINOOK

As the Chinook breed **remains endangered**, the welfare of Swiss Chinook puppies and the Chinook breed is critically important. Therefore priority will be given to applicants who wish to help Swiss Chinooks with breeding. Conformation evaluations (testing of physical attributes, done between 3 to 5 days old and then again around 8 weeks old) and temperament testing will indicate which puppies might be ideal for breeding. Although all puppies have breeding potential, the suitability of each dog for breeding is unknown and cannot be determined until he/she passes several **health tests after the age of two**. The puppy will only be considered suitable for breeding if it is certified free of hip and elbow dysplasia and any serious hereditary eye abnormalities, conforms to the AKC Chinook Breed Standard, and shows no evidence of any of the breed health problems. Hence, prospective owners need to **agree not spay, neuter or sterilize a Swiss Chinooks pup** without the written consent of the breeder and until a determination of its suitability for breeding can be assessed.

1. Have you had any previous dog breeding experience?

Yes

No

If so, please describe your experience.

2. Have you raised a litter of puppies before? Yes No

3. Have you lived with an intact male dog before? Yes No

4. Have you lived with an intact female dog before? Yes No

5. Raising a litter of pups properly is very expensive and you will not *usually* make any profit by selling puppies. Some Chinook breeders experience is that it costs between 3,000 and 5,000 Swiss francs to raise a normal litter and problems can make this more expensive. Are you willing to incur the expenses required to properly raise a litter?

Yes

No

6. Please describe why you would **like or not like** to be involved with breeding a Chinook?

10. CHINOOK PUPPY

Puppy preferences:

Chinooks are known for being intelligent, family dogs that 'woo woo' when they 'talk' and can sometimes be whiny when excited or stressed. They are very close to their owners and are not good at being guard dogs so they will only bark loudly when provoked whilst playing and usually give more of a 'ruff' sound when alerting their owners to a visitor. They are also excellent with children and have a natural instinct to pull as they are working dogs too. They need daily exercise and also love digging holes in a garden.

1. What personality traits are you looking for in a Chinook?

- Active Playful Outgoing Goofy
 Mellow Independent Inquisitive Affectionate

Please describe any personality traits you prefer that are not mentioned above.

2. Please pick which you would prefer, a male or female pup?

- Male Female

3. Would you take the opposite sex if your preference was not available?

- Yes No

4. Would you prefer to breed or not to breed? Breed Not Breed

5. Please pick your preference for the colouring and ear type of the puppy.

- Tawny Black and tan Ears: Floppy Pricked Helicopter

6. Would you consider a different colour/ear type should your preference be unavailable?

Colour: Yes No

Ears: Yes No

7. Occasionally long coated Chinooks are produced. Would you accept a dog with a longer coat? Yes No

8. Are you on a waiting list with any other Chinook breeders? Yes No

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

11. COMMITMENTS

Getting your puppy home:

Puppies can fly in the cabin with most airline companies (2 seats per flight are usually reserved for passengers with animals). Puppies must travel in a soft but supported pet carrier under the seat in front of you. We recommend the Sherpa Deluxe Pet Carrier (L 48 x W 30 x H 29 cm) that can be also used for transporting your puppy safely by car.

1. Do you understand that you are responsible for the entire cost of safely transporting your puppy to its new home and that I do not fly puppies in cargo?

Yes No

Contracts:

2. How did you hear about us? _____

3. If you get a pet puppy, do you understand that you are required to sign a contract tailored specifically to you prior to collecting your puppy from our Swiss Chinooks kennel?

Yes No

4. If your Chinook **does** prove to be of breeding quality, are you willing to share, under contract, the ownership of the **breeding rights** and approval of mates with Swiss Chinooks?

Yes No

Sterilization¹:

All Swiss Chinooks pups are **required to remain intact** until after their hips, elbows and eyes have been tested. There is scientific proof of the benefits of delaying spay or neutering of a dog until after the dog's growth plates have closed. This occurs when the dogs reach their mature size, typically in Chinooks this with happen at or shortly after 18 months to **2 years of age** (the OFA exams are recommended to occur within 30 days after their 2nd birthday). If prospective owners prefer that their dog is *not able to reproduce*, and there is no medical reason to spay/neuter, Swiss Chinooks strongly recommends that the dog undergoes tubal ligation or male vasectomy², as an alternative to spaying/neutering. Both neutering and alternative sterilization have pros and cons.

5. Would you prefer? Spay/neutering Alternative sterilization None

¹ Surgery to make an animal unable to produce offspring.

² Female dogs: Snipping and tying of fallopian tubes as a sterilization measure that is essentially the female equivalent of male dog vasectomy but a more invasive procedure. Sex organs and hormones remain intact. Male dogs: The ducts that run from the testes to the penis are cut then tied or sealed to prevent sperm from entering into the urethra.

COMMITMENTS (CONT.)

6. We do not allow our dogs to be surrendered to animal control facilities, shelters, or for research. If you purchased a Chinook from Swiss Chinooks, and at some point were unable to keep it for any reason, would you be willing to return your dog to us?

Yes No

References:

7. As part of our application process, we require applicants to meet someone we know in their area or to meet us if they are in our area. If we don't meet you, we would like you to provide the name and contact details of two references we can contact.

1st reference Name: _____ Email: _____

2nd reference Name: _____ Email: _____

Keeping in contact:

1. How do you feel about being required to keep in contact with the breeder for the lifetime of the dog (email, sharing photos, filling out annual health questionnaires etc.)?

2. Would you like to receive regular news about Chinooks health information, events and other helpful information (e.g. dog training, travel, nutrition, breeding etc.)?

Yes No

All the information/data you have provided on this form will be kept in the strictest of confidence. If any information is to be shared, the breeders will ask for your permission.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns about the information asked in this form and return it to Swiss Chinooks via email (info@swisschinookdogs.ch) as an attached, scanned document or print and send it to the following address:

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