

## The Alaskan Malamute Club Czech Republic

The Alaskan Malamute Club Czech Republic (AMKCR) is an Alaskan Malamute owners' club, member of the FCI via its membership in CKS (Czech Federation for Cynology) and CMKU (Czech-Moravian Union for Cynology) since 1999, at which date it was officially recognised, its members are breeders, mushers and generally enthusiasts of the breed. AMKCR represents the club members' interests in the FCI via CKS and CMKU.

Among its activities for members is publishing a quarterly bulletin called "The Alaskan Malamute", which informs its readers on various topics related to the breed, and has a number of sections giving an overview of the most important and most interesting issues concerning Alaskan Malamutes in the Czech Republic, in Europe and worldwide. It brings news, the history of the breed, breed line origins of Malamutes in the Czech Republic. It gives the readers opportunities learn about the breed, its use in sledding and sled race results, information on health, nutrition, show results and breeding information. It gives the club members an opportunity to write in to voice opinions, give ideas, write articles or provide photos, or simply share a memory of the Malamutes they owned. The bulletin also contains a photo gallery, will print championship awards or race victories for free and can publish paid advertisements, in colour or black and white.

The club members are invited to participate in various club activities and competitions organised by the club. Among these activities is the popular and widely successful yearly club show, usually held in November when most Alaskan Malamutes are in full coat and the sled-racing season has not started yet – this show is world-standard, is held indoors and has in the past invited not only Czech judges, but also highly recognised expert judges from Belgium or Austria.

The club also organises other activities for breeders, such as the conformity assessments (owners/breeders can chose whether they wish their Malamutes to be classified in the "standard" or "choice" breeding programme), reunions of litters and young Malamutes, a review of future "talent". Occasionally, the club also organises weight-pulls and participates in organising sled races.

Among planned activities is "A day with Alaskan Malamutes", which should be a two-day social event in the countryside for club members or the club's guests, along with their Malamutes, with entertainment for both the human and the canines attendees, such as walks with the canine companions, weight carrying competitions, etc.

Among the competitions organised by the club is the yearly "Best stud dog" and "Best dam", ranked according to the successes of the dog's or dam's offspring's successes. It also awards the ROM for the dog and dam whose offspring have collected most championship awards, and the "Club Junior Champion" title.

Occasionally, the club also runs contest for children and/or adults such as best photo, or picture, with gifts such a club t-shirt or cap.



The club has informal ties and cooperation with Alaskan Malamute clubs in other countries.

The club members have over the years successfully bred healthy and quality malamutes in both the "standard" and the "choice" breeding programmes. It aims to advise new and future breeders or owners of the breed and can help future owners with issue such as choosing a suitable stud dog for their dam, choosing a puppy or training it, health and nutrition issues, occasionally organising seminars with speakers form the veterinary community.

The club's mission is the continually improve the quality of the breed through progressive toughening of HD measurement rules for breeding, introducing PRA measurement, education of the breeders and other preventative measures for improving health standards.

The club members gain a better overview of the breed in the Czech Republic and abroad, have access to a web site (www.amkcr.cz) including an un-moderated discussion forum, and can participate in the club's activities and in its running. Club members receive reduced pricing on club activities and services.