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Boarding

Sometimes it is necessary to board our pets. The best thing is to be able to leave them in their own home and just have someone come in multiple times a day to let them out, feed them, and spend a little social time. Often this is just not possible.

There are things you can do to minimize the trauma of being kenneled. The primary stress derives with everything being unfamiliar. Sights, smells, textures, the entire place is unfamiliar to your pet. To reduce this, provide your own bag of dog food and dishes for your pet. These maintain smells of home and are comforting to your



Provide familiar things to comfort your pet.

pet. You can also provide a blanket or item of clothing that has your scent on it. Again, it is familiar and will comfort your pet.

Try to minimize the things that are new by providing items from home. Some kennels would prefer to use their own equipment so they don't have to worry

about losing yours. Ask them to allow you to provide some things from home to make your pet more comfortable. If your dog has a favorite bed, then by all means let him take it with him.

Anything you can do to reduce the stress for you pet is a plus. You know there is nothing to worry about ... but, just like children, your pet doesn't understand this.

Take time to think ahead so your pet will have a pleasant experience at the boarding kennel.

Sophie and Me in Ohio

Sophie has become the bright spot around her house. She is reported to be very smart and a quick learner.

She loved the snow over the winter and they had lots of it where she lives.

Sophie is a puppy from Onyx and Kaiser.



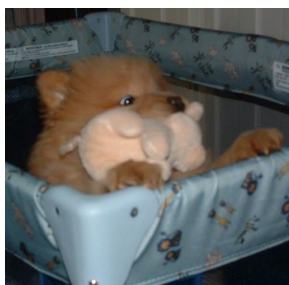
Ari in New York



Baby Ari

Ari is growing up. He is a gorgeous champagne color. Very unique.

He started out as Armani because he looked like a designer dog, but his name changed to Ariel. This name is a Hebrew male name that means comfort. He has brought such comfort to his new owners, after the loss of



their other dog, that they felt this name was a much better fit.

Ari has been attending puppy classes and the trainer has recommended that he go through all the classes to be-



I'm getting too big for this



come a therapy dog. She says that he has such an amazing personality and thinks he would be perfect for this role.

Ari is a puppy from Kaiser & Ebony.

Kaiden in New York

Kaiden is very social. He loves everyone. Especially the owner's grandson. He is also in love with his groomer, giving her kisses throughout the grooming session.

Kaiden is definitely showing all the New Yorkers how to be friendly with everyone.

Kaiden is a puppy from Sampson and Rosy.



Urinary Tract

Sometimes our dogs have accidents on the favorite rug. The tendency is to blame it on bad behavior. Sometimes it can be. But don't rule out a possible infection that may be causing incontinence.

We often want to blame the accidents on bad behavior. The dog is mad because they were left alone. Or, they don't like the attention you are paying to another animal or other human.



When a dog has a urinary tract infection they sometimes just cannot hold themselves until they go outside. Just like humans it makes

them feel like they have to urinate often.

If you suspect this may be the problem, take your dog to the veterinary for testing. It is a simple test and is easily treated with antibiotics.

Save the scolding until you are positive there is not an underlying health issue.

"Accidents may be due to urinary tract infections."

Pet Ownership

Many do not thoroughly think through what it means to get a pet. It really is an investment. An investment in the pet's future and well-being as well as an investment of your time and money.

Having a pet should be a long term commitment. Going in, you should intend to keep the pet for its entire life. For Chows that commitment is going to be for an average of 12 to 14 years.

Many pets in our country become throw-aways. This may result for various reasons, but often it is because

the pet does not live up to one's expectations.

Dogs go through stages in their lives just like humans. As a puppy they are cute and playful. Usually not too destructive until they come into their adolescence. This is the time when it can be difficult



The relationship with man's best friend must be cultivated.

if you have not developed a relationship with your dog. They can begin acting out with deviant behaviors such as chewing, barking, digging, etc.

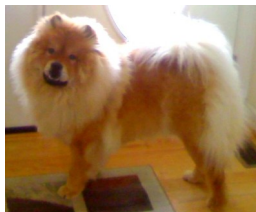
It is our responsibility as pet owners to provide for the emotional well-being of our pets as well as meeting their physical needs.

Pay attention and that puppy will become your best and most loyal friend.



"Pet Ownership is a commitment for the life of the dog."

Ziva in Maryland



Ziva is the guardian angel of her home. She sets

on the porch or driveway, looking very regal, guarding her domain.

She loved the snow this past

winter and loved every minute she was allowed to be out.

She has also taken on the task of guarding the grandson of the house whenever he visits. She sleeps outside his bedroom door making sure he is safe through the night.

Ziva is also very lovable and is loved by all who know her.

Ziva is a puppy from Kaiser



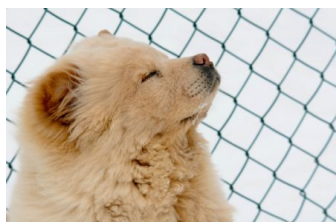
& Bella.

Tanner in Pennsylvania

Tanner is a bit shy but warms up quickly to anyone with a treat.

He loves to be outside like most Chows. He has quite the personality and is loved by his family.

He has been through two training sessions and did very well.



Enjoying the breeze!

Tanner is a puppy from Kahn & Gracie.

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breed the highest quality Chow Chows
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We want all of our puppies to be good

Farm Happenings

The tempo is increasing around the farm now that the weather is giving us some warm days. It's great to be outside again!

Bella had her litter on March 2d. She had two red girls, a red boy, and a cinnamon boy. All are fat and healthy.

Ebony had four puppies, but we lost all of them. Ebony is one of our older females and this was to be her last litter. Unfortunately, the puppies were undersized and just did not thrive.

Ebony will be one of our pets now and will no longer breed. Pixie will take her place with Kaiser.

Pandy had eight healthy puppies. I was hand feeding the ninth puppy, but after 7 weeks she succumbed to seizures. She just was not developed at the time of her birth.

Raven and Yogi had seven healthy puppies followed by China and Ceasar with four puppies.

Mercedes had eight healthy puppies on Tax Day. She had five reds and three blacks.

Daisy is now in the maternity ward awaiting her blessed event.

Darrell got his Bobcat. “Boy’s Toy”. ☺ He loves it and I’m loving it too. He

has been getting my round pen ready for me to use with the horses. He put in new sand and sawdust for great footing.

The goats are out of the kennel and are now in a small pen in the barnyard and they will be moved to a pasture soon.

Two of the horses have gone to the breeder so we will be expecting two foals in the spring. That will be a fun time with the horses. The babies are always so much fun to watch play and observe their growth.

We went to the Exotic Animal Auction and sold our calves. Decided we needed to downsize. We

did pickup some more peacocks and added some pheasants to our flock.

We have several mommas that we’ll be moving into the kennel soon. It is going to be a busy spring. We love it! Plan a visit to see us soon!

