

# D & M Farm Kennel

## August 2010 Newsletter

### Boarding Alternative

Sometimes it is not possible to take our pets with us when we are going to be gone from home. Boarding your pet is always an option, but often times is a very stressful situation for your pet. An alternative is to hire a pet sitter. Someone to come into your home multiple times a day to take care of and spend time with your pet. Or, stay in your home while you are gone.

Boarding facilities can present several difficulties for your pet. If they are not used to being around strange dogs, the close proximity of several other dogs can be very upsetting. Excessive barking by other dogs can also be stressful.

The boarding facility doesn't have the familiar scents and sounds of home. A pet sitter allows your pet to remain in its own environment which will minimize stress.

If you use a pet sitter, it is best to familiarize the person with your pet prior to your leaving. If your pet is familiar with this individual, it is more likely that person will be accepted in your home in your absence.

If a boarding facility is your only option, there are things you can do to minimize the stress for your pet.

Provide a blanket or shirt

with your scent for your dog to sleep with. The familiar smell will be comforting. Take your dog's own bowls for water and food and provide your own food. You may also want to bring your own water. Water can taste different and sometimes having water from home promotes better hydration for your dog. A good boarding facility will welcome your efforts to help your pet cope with the separation.

Anything you can do to help your pet cope with your absence is important to your pet's well being.

### Special points of interest:

> Boarding

> Chows and Heat

### Java in Ohio



Java is happy and well adjusted in her new home. She has a new buddy, Morgan, a Sheltie.

Java is a puppy from Raven & Yogi.

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Pure beauty!

## Roxy in Pennsylvania

Roxy is a queen with everyone. She is adored by her family and people want to know where she came from. She is the perfect ambassador for the Chow Chow breed and D&M Farm Kennel !

Roxy is a puppy from Bella and Kaiser.



Which one is the flower?



Can you see me?



I wasn't chewing on it!

**"Heat can be  
deadly to  
overactive  
or dark  
coated  
Chows!"**

## Chows and Heat

Due to our loss of Buhda to heat-stroke, I feel compelled to once again remind everyone about the dangers of heat.

Dogs typically do very well with the heat. Even Chows. Their undercoat is an insulator against the heat. As long as they have plenty of water and shade they usually do fine outside.

Two instances can prove tragic for Chows.. If they become very active their body temperature

can rise enough to result in heat stroke. By the time either you or the dog realizes he is in trouble it is usually too late. If you notice your Chow becoming very active while it is very hot, it is best to either take them inside or put them on a leash to settle them down.

The other issue has to do with the black or blue colored Chows. The dark coats draw the heat. Again, they usually are fine in the

shade as long as they are not very active. Young dogs can become excited and overactive very quickly. Do not leave them unattended when the temperatures are up in the 90's or higher. Especially, if the humidity is also high. This combination causes the heat index to rise.

No one wants to experience the tragedy of losing a pet before its' time. Be diligent when the temperatures soar.

## Chelsea in Indiana

*From the owner:*

I want to thank you for providing us with a new Chow Chow. Chelsea is 4 months old now and she is full of zip. She is very smart and was potty trained in three days. I bought her for my husband, but Chelsea seems to like Mom best. She is my little shadow, wherever I go she follows. She loves to have her face

washed, and she loves to eat ice cubes. She is so goood..... but sometimes she does have her moments where she will run through the house full speed ahead.

Once again, Thank You so much for the new joy in our life.

Chelsea is a puppy from Raven & Yogi.



## Cinco in North Dakota



Cinco has made his new home in Bismark, North Dakota. I guess he will like the cold weather as I am sure he will experience it this winter!

He has helped his new family get

past the grief of losing their last Chow. A new puppy is never a replacement, but definitely fills the void of the last loved one.

Cinco is reported to be a great dog with a wonderful personality.

Cinco is a puppy from Pixie and Khan.



I have to get up here to smell it!

## Another Tragedy at the Kennel

This hasn't been a good year for us so far. We have had weeks of high temperatures, in the 90's every day with a heat index in the 100's. This has been our hottest summer since we have lived in Ohio. We managed to avoid any problems until last week. I went out to the kennel yards and sadly discovered that Buhda had succumbed to the heat.

We can only surmise that he became overheated while posturing and quarreling with his

neighbors through the fences in the adjoining kennel runs.

We are very saddened by his loss. Buhda was our most affectionate sire. He was best known to put his paw on your leg if you didn't pay immediate attention to him, and he was definitely our most vocal Chow. He would talk to you and was always excited to see you. He had the sweetest temperament and passed that on to his progeny. He was one of the only Chows I was able to

teach to setup and beg. Most Chows don't have the balance to do that.

Buhda was born in January 2002 so he was eight years young. We got him when he was six weeks old. We have always had a soft spot in our hearts for Buhda.

It is with great sadness that he departs. He was such a wonderful dog.

We'll miss you buddy. You were the best!

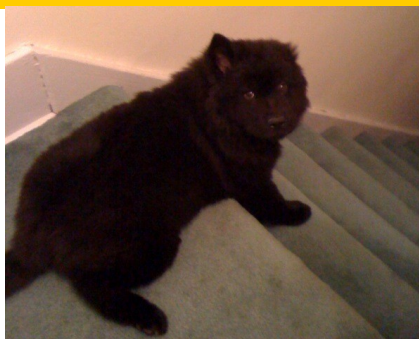
**"This has been a tough year for us and our kennel."**

## Warlock in Pennsylvania

Warlock isn't sure about the stairs, but is comfortable with everything else ... to include his new buddy Fury ... an Akita.

He is learning commands and will begin his walks soon. So, heeling is the next command to master.

Warlock is a puppy from Pixie & Khan.



You want me to do WHAT?

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breed the highest quality Chow Chows  
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## Farm Happenings

Where has the summer gone? It is amazing that it is already August and it is time for our fall litters.

Right now ... Daisy and Pandi have puppies. We are hoping Angel has her litter soon. I just brought Bella and Gracie to the maternity ward. Both are definitely showing signs of being pregnant and are due any day now.

We have several litters due between now and December. So, we are going to be busy as usual!

The renovations inside the kennel are done. I repainted and we put up new panels on the kennels. They are welded wire which is sturdier than chain link. We are much happier with them. We

also sealed the concrete which aids in the cleaning process.

We recently purchased two new blue females to add to our breeding stock. We are currently trying to think of good names for them. They are only 9 weeks old so we will wait about two years for puppies from them. Of course, they are cute as buttons. We believe it is important to keep diversity in our bloodlines to obtain the healthiest puppies.

My horse barn is up and I've moved by equipment in. Darrell has been doing some finishing touches for me and everything looks great. I need to finish sealing the concrete and then will be able to start bringing the

horses in. That's when I will feel like it is really finished!

Honey harvest went well this year. We harvested about 15 gallons of honey. We will have another harvest next month.

We have already started looking at things that need to be done before the arrival of cold weather. Again, where has the summer gone? I was just thinking about how great it would be for warm weather and now cold weather will soon be peeking around the corner!

We are always busy around the farm and we love it. But, we are never too busy for visitors and would love for you to come!



**Inside the horse barn.**



**Bluebelle, our newest member.**