

# D & M FARM KENNEL

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### *Disaster Preparedness*

In a world where natural disasters seem to be happening more frequently, it is time we plan for our pet's safety.

One of the worse things that can happen to a pet is to become separated from its owner. There are things you can do to help ensure your pet finds its way back to you.

We offer microchip service for all of our puppies. For whatever reason, if an animal is seized by law enforcement, taken to a shelter or to a veterinary clinic, they will scan the animal for a microchip. This is their first step in locating the owner.

We always recommend a

microchip, since it is a permanent means of identification. In addition, one can attach identification tags to their pet's collar or harness, or have it engraved onto a leather harness. This provides quick identification of the dog's owner. Ensure your information on file is updated, so the microchip stays current and your information remains correct.

One can place stickers on their windows that state they have pets in their home and identifies what they have. In case of fire, the emergency workers will know what to look for. These stickers are sometimes available through one's local fire department or can be purchased online.

Add adequate food and water to your disaster preparedness

supplies. Make sure your pet also has provisions in case of a natural disaster.

We often think of worst case scenarios, but a few days in the winter without electricity can be a major problem for animals kept outside. Make sure you have adequate feed stored to weather the storm. And, you have a way of obtaining water for your animals.

Being prepared is the key for safeguarding our pets during large or small disasters and they count on us for their safety and welfare!

Just remember, they depend on you! Don't let them down!

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ Disaster Kits
- ◆ Facebook: "I Love My D&M Chow Chow"
- ◆ Pet Mediations

### *Zooko in Ohio*

Zooko is a very social and happy boy. Of course he makes his family very happy.

Isn't he adorable? What a beautiful face!

Zooko is a puppy from Brandy & Solomon.



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### *Max in North Carolina*

I've been meaning to update you regarding the best thing that has happened to me in years and years ...

My little man, Max, is the joy of my life ... I truly love this guy ! Max is so smart and probably the most affectionate animal I have ever had !

I told Max that next time I communicated with you that I would ask about Max's brother ... is he well? Where does he live?

I am so appreciative to you guys. Thank you !



Nothing could be finer than to be from Carolina ... Max is a beautiful blue male puppy from Shadow & Simba.



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### *Disaster Preparedness Kits*

What supplies should you have in your kit for your animals?

- Enough food and water for a week.
- A one week supply of medications
- First aid supplies in case of any type of injury
- Chew toys to combat boredom

- Bags for waste
- Bedding

Check your kits when you check your smoke alarms twice a year. We are told to do this when the daylight savings time changes. Making a habit to check all our Preparedness Kits will keep them ready and you will know exactly where they are when needed.

Replace the food every 6 months. Let them eat what was in the kit and place a fresh bag in the kit. Check the expiration date of any medications or first aid supplies to ensure they are good.

Being prepared will allow you to grab your bag and your pet and be ready to go without having to hunt for things. This can save you precious time.

### *Zamboni Spumone in Illinois*



Hope you are both doing well and enjoying life on your farm!

We have been so busy and forgot to keep forwarding pics of our little guy's growth!

Well, he was 11 months old this past Monday and weighs



74 lbs. He is a big fluff ball and doing amazingly well. I promised

you when we met, that I would do my best to give him a wonderful life, provide him with a great place to live and partner to help raise him. Thank God and both of

you for letting me prove just that. We receive compliments all the time on how well-behaved and well-groomed he is. We will be going to a photographer on 9/18 to do his one-year photo and will forward it to you. Enjoy your summer and we will keep in touch!

Zamboni is a puppy from Bluebelle & Frosty.



## *“I Love My D&M Chow Chow “ Facebook Group*

Join the fun on Facebook with the new private group site created exclusively for the extended family members of *D & M Farm Kennel* ... and their fantastic and adorable “Chowdren”!

Anyone who owns or has owned a Chow from our kennel is invited and encouraged to join this special group of Chow lovers! Just go to the site and request to join as a

member.

Post videos, photos, share stories, swap ideas and discover where siblings of your puppy may reside today!

Share your dog's name, date of birth, dam & sire. Their birthdays will be remembered and highlighted on the site.

This is also a great way to discover home remedies, recommended food products, dog ac-

cessories, etc.

Great venue for sharing puppy births and those who have passed over the “Rainbow Bridge”!

Everyone enjoys seeing Chows and especially puppies growing into adulthood.

Comparing notes, ideas, photos and advice is inevitable and provides for a lot of helpful fun!

Check it out! Now! Haven't you

## *Bogie in Tennessee*

Hello D&M! Good pic of Bogie this morning. He loves to be



with us and survey his kingdom

when outside. We take him for many walks, but have to be careful with the heat these days. He'll usually just head for the door when he wants his AC vent. He's extremely friendly and just has to go check out his neighbor friends and say hi or sniff them for the first time. There is only one dog in the neighborhood who comes around. Bogie doesn't seem to be a big fan of a Portuguese water dog. That dog snapped at

the back of my hand the other day so he seems to know something is not right with him. Bogie is not good on a leash. He will pull constantly, but is very good off leash and with the collar IQ system. We don't really use a leash anymore, but do need the IQ collar if off the leash.

Bogie is a gorgeous puppy from Amber & Solomon.



## *Pet Medications*

You may have noticed that many stores such as Kroger, Wal-Mart, drug stores, etc., are not offering pet medications.

Pet medications are often very expensive and you will normally pay a premium if you purchase them from your veterinarian's office. Ask if you can acquire the medication at a pharmacy and if there is a generic brand available. Many of the drugs you will pay \$40 and up you may be able to get for \$4 at a local pharmacy.

We are not aware of any veterinarians who advertise this option and we understand why. This is



simply another source of revenue for their business. We

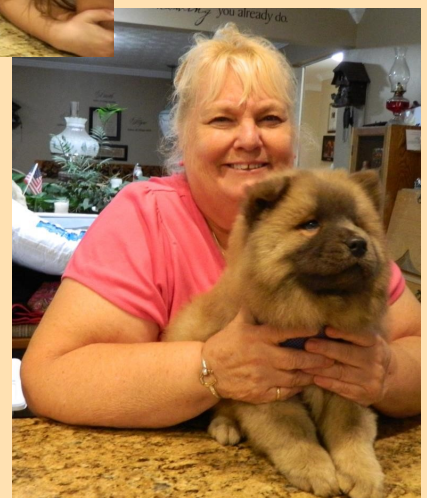
don't fault them, but there are many who might struggle to pay for expensive medications. This is especially true for those pets requiring long term care.

Everyone enjoys saving a few dollars here and there. This is one way to accomplish just that. Don't be shy! Go ahead and ask. Your veterinary staff will understand.

Your overriding concern is providing necessary medication to ensure the health of your pet and saving money, not padding your vet's bank account.



# Puppy Pickups



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***"The goal of D & M Farm Kennel is to  
breed quality healthy Chow Chows  
with exceptional temperament.  
We want all of our puppies to be good  
ambassadors of the breed"***

### ***Happenings at D&M Farm — August 2014***

Where has the summer gone? We can't believe how quickly it has flown by. This has been the mildest summer we have had in



many years.

We are now in full swing finishing our projects and getting ready for winter. Maleah has been canning and freezing the produce from her garden. All of it sure will taste good once cold weather gets here!

We are presently on vacation out West. We are taking Amtrak

across the northern border of the U.S., down the western border, and then across the lower half of the U.S. We started in Cleveland, OH, traveled to Chicago, IL and plan visiting Whitefish, MT, Leavenworth, WA, Seattle, WA, Los Angeles, CA and the Grand Canyon and Williams Junction, AZ. We are traveling with friends and are having a great time.

All of the July puppies are gone and we have a new litter from Bluebelle and Simba. This is their first litter together. Izzie is in the maternity ward and is due any day. Lila and Ivory are on deck! We will soon be swimming in puppies and we love it. They are so much fun to watch as they grow.

Our daughter and her family, who were staying in an RV on

our farm decided to take a work camping job in Texas. Our cold winters weren't too appealing while living in an RV! Stephanie will be the activity director for the RV resort and Jeff will do maintenance. This allows them to travel and see the U.S. with the boys. In the spring they will move on to Washington and plan to come back to our farm next summer. We'll miss them, but what an exciting way to see our country!

Maleah has begun refurbishing the kennel. She painted the large front room, ceiling and walls. Then she stained the concrete floor and sealed it. When we return from our vacation she will continue working in the backroom and the laundry room. We want to expand the front area. This area will be used for storage and grooming. It will be nice to have some more elbow room.

Have you planned a visit to our kennel? We would love to see you!

