

D & M FARM KENNEL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year 2010 !



We are already hurtling towards the end of January 2010. It appears this year is going to fly by as quickly last year. The good thing is the winter seems shorter. The bad part is that spring and summer will be here and gone before we know it.

We expect a very busy spring in the kennel. We have several females that will be having puppies. Ebony will start us off, followed by Bella, Raven, Angel, Daisy, Izzie, and Onyx. We also have two new females, Pixie and Dixie, that we expect to have their first litters this spring.

We look forward to all the kennel activity and the new little bundles of fur. Right now we have begun our spring cleaning in the kennel in preparation for all the litters.

We love to share our love of Chows and show off our kennel. We are very proud of our dogs and our operation. We have healthy, happy Chows that are allowed

to just be dogs. Our dams are some of the best moms. We can trust the care of their puppies to them. We simply have to provide the mothers with a good environment for having their puppies, and they take over until the puppies are old enough to be weaned in preparation for going to their new homes.

Come visit whenever you can. For those who have purchased one of our puppies, bring them with you!

Keep those updates coming so I have them to put in the newsletters. And, I'm always looking for new topics to discuss.

We would love to hear from you.

Special points of interest:

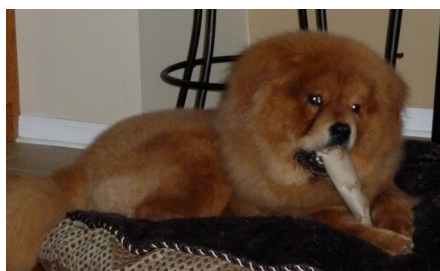
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Otis in Michigan

Otis, affectionately known as Oatie, is growing into a big boy. He has passed the nine



month mark and is turning into a wonderful dog. Many have suggested that he should be on the show circuit.

He has stolen the hearts of his new family. Otis is a puppy from Izzie and Hagrid.





Puppy Teething

Puppies begin losing those razor sharp baby teeth between 4—6 months of age. This does not require your intervention. You may even find teeth on your floor!

Puppies will typically begin chewing more as their new permanent teeth begin to emerge. Just like human babies, chewing soothes their gums. To help during this time we recommend “Kongs”. You can put

treats in them and even freeze them. Puppies will spend lots of time chewing on these and hopefully leave the things that are off limits alone.

It never hurts to check your puppies mouth on a regular basis. Don’t worry if you see blood on the gums. Again, just like with children losing their baby teeth, sometimes the gum bleeds if they bite down on something.

If you notice something that you just don’t feel is right, contact your veterinarian. He is the best one to determine if there is anything to be concerned about.

Feeding dry dog food will help keep those teeth pearly white and avoid plaque and tarter buildup.

Losing puppy teeth is a natural process.

“More
fabulous
Chows being
great
Ambassadors
for the breed!”

Solomon in Ohio

Here is four year old Solomon. What a stately specimen! He is spoiled, but a joy to his family. He is also very loved by all !

Solomon is a puppy from Buhda and Gypsy.



Sassy & Ginger in Idaho

Sassy and Ginger are never far from one another. They

enjoy their frequent walks. Sassy is the more sociable. She likes playing with the grandkids. Ginger prefers to sit by her owner’s chair in the den where it is quiet.

What a beautiful contract of color they are! Sassy is from Kaiser & Sheba.

Ginger is from Sampson and Misty,



Maui in Ohio

Maui is a puppy from Onyx & Hagrid's first litter. She is a beautiful, shiny black and has a sweet personality.



Snuggles with Grandpa.



Black puppies can't hide in the snow!

Gromitt in North Dakota

Gromitt is loved by his family and is considered a blessing. He is now two years old and just became the "big brother" to Ella in September. When asked where Ella is, he goes to her. He has quickly become her guardian.

Gromitt is a puppy from Teddy & Pandy. Enjoy the pictures of this beautiful boy!



Pals



Where's my pacifier you rotten puff-ball?



Quit hogging the camera!

Kai in West Virginia

Kai and Okie continue to be best friends. Kai loves the cold weather and snow. Okie? Not so much.



Kai is a puppy from Ceasar & Ginger.



Magee in Ohio

Magee is the protector and enforcer at home. Her mom is a detective by day on the police force.

It is reported that Magee is a handful, but is loved by everyone.

Magee is a puppy from Leo & Raven.



“More puppy features for your enjoyment. Send us your update so we can feature you furry family member!”

Hunnie in Toronto

Hunnie is 3 years old and originally lived in Arizona. He has since moved with is family to Toronto, Canada.

Hunnie is one gorgeous boy with the personal-ity to match. His best pal is a Pom-eranian. He has

become the protector as well as best friend.

Hunnie is a puppy from Kaiser & Misty.



AKC Inspections

The American Kennel Club (AKC) does surprise inspections on kennel operations that register their dogs with their organization. We have had three such surprise inspections. Typically, the inspector just shows up at our farm & kennel.

We have passed all with no deficiencies and many compliments. We always try to pick the brain of the inspector for anything that we might be able to do bet-

ter. We figure since he visits kennels on a regular basis and sees the best and the worst, his advice is valuable.

We welcome these inspections, and post his findings on our kennel wall for public viewing. It reflects our professionalism.



Russell Dowell, Exec Field Agent
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Get Ready for Molting!

It is fast approaching the time when Chows begin losing their winter undercoat. As many of you already know, the hair will come out in clumps. It will appear that they will go bald before they stop losing hair! Don't worry ... they won't. This is the natural order of things. They lose their winter undercoat which is then replaced with

their summer undercoat.

Be proactive this time of year by brushing on a regular basis. This will keep you dog's skin healthy as the dead hair is shed. Without proper brushing, debris can get into the coat and irritate the skin.

Brushing also brings out the oils in the coat which pro-

motes the shine and healthy sheen.

Clean healthy dogs feel better and are more pleasing to us as humans. People usually avoid dogs with mats and who look unkempt. Do you and your dog a favor by keeping him looking his best.

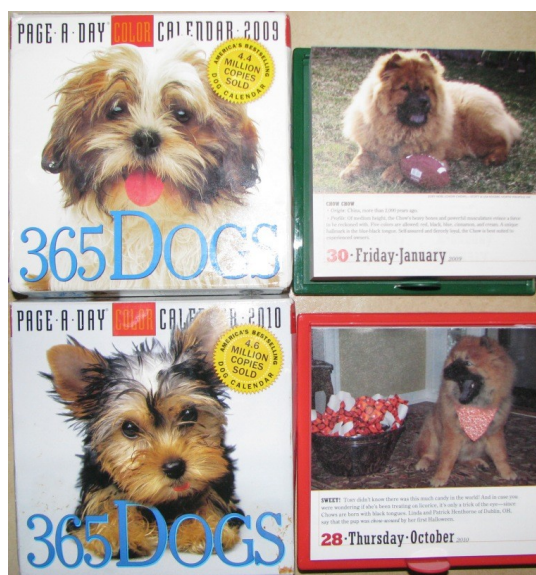
"Grooming is necessary for the dog and for the humans around it."

D&M Farm Kennel Puppies

We received a 2009 calendar and a 2010 calendar from clients that have pictures of their Chows from our kennel. The calendars are the 365 Days of Dogs. We are so pleased that some of our own dogs were selected for the calendars.

If you would like to see your dog appear in a calendar, you can go online and

search for calendar submissions. Several calendar companies give directions on how to submit photos. Here is a picture of the two dogs featured. Zoey (2009), lives in New Hampshire. Tory (2010) lives in Ohio.



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

Happenings at D&M Farm & Kennel

As we gear up for warm weather we are always looking for things we can do to make our chores easier.

Each kennel yard has a 16 gal. heated bucket in it. I have several extension cords ran to the buckets. With the wintry weather, I have to check these on a regular basis to make sure the GFI hasn't tripped or one of the cords getting unplugged. This spring we intend to have our electrician run electrical outlets to each building. This will provide us with a sense of security, knowing the water for the dogs will stay thawed and lukewarm during our cold winter months. We already know that the re-



quired trenching is not going to be an easy task with all the fencing and trees. But, the result will have been worth it.

We are also in the process of purchasing a Bobcat, which will help with some of the heavy lifting on the farm. Cleaning

out the horses' run-in shed, moving mulch, gravel, etc., will be made much easier. And, of course, it will be a new toy!

We are also looking at better ways of managing the kennel. It is important that it is kept clean for the puppies, but also aesthetically pleasing. (We spend a lot of time in the kennel!)

As we age we have to minimize the physical requirements of managing our farm and taking care of the dogs. By doing so, we hope to be able to continue enjoying our farm and kennel for many more years. We thank you ... our clientele!