



# D & M Farm Kennel

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### Homemade Dog Treats?

Last month we shared with you ongoing problems concerning some tainted dog treats. Some were alleged to have caused sickness and even death to household pets.

I pledged to test some homemade treats on our dogs and post the recipe, along with the results.

They were actually simple to prepare. They took approximately one hour to make. Our participating dog tasters were Char Char, Laddie, Jack, Gabriel, & China. All approved and wanted more.

The recipe is as follows:

*Preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit*

*Whisk two eggs and 1/2 cup of pumpkin together in a large bowl.*

*Add 2 tablespoons of dry milk.*

*1/4 teaspoon sea salt*

*2 1/2 Cups rice flour*

*1 teaspoon parsley flakes (optional)*

*(It calls for brown rice flour. I didn't have that so I used white rice flour. You can use regular wheat flour, but some dogs don't do well on wheat so rice is much easier to digest.)*

*Thoroughly mix all the ingredients. I used my hands since it proved much easier. It didn't call for any other liquid, but it appeared too dry to make into dough, so I added water until I had a consistency that I could roll out with my rolling*

*pin.*

*Roll out the dough until it is 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick.*

*Cut the dough out using a cookie cutter or cut into squares to a size of your own choosing.*

*Bake on a cookie sheet for 20 minutes. Remove, flip over and then bake another 20 minutes.*

*Once cooled, I put them in a plastic container to keep them fresh. I don't know how long they will last, but I think they are dry enough they shouldn't mold anytime soon.*

All the dogs seemed to really like them and the pumpkin is a great antioxidant!



### Announcing the First Annual D&M Farm Kennel Reunion — 5-7 June 2015 in Danville, Vermont

The very first organized reunion is planned for 5-7 June 2015 at Sugar Ridge RV Park, Danville, Vermont. The organizer this year is Heather Payne. Her contact number is (802) 279-2745, email cobhapa@aol.com.

We hope volunteers will organize future reunions in

key locations throughout the United States & Canada!

If you might have ideas to share, please do not hesitate to post on our Facebook group site, or contact us.

More info will follow on this year's reunion. We hope to have lots of participation.

Even if you can't bring your four-legged family member, we would love to have you!

Many will gather from 5-7 June with the activities being planned for June 6, 2015.

Start making your plans now! Be there or be square!

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- Homemade Dog Treats
- 1st Annual D & M Farm Kennel Reunion
- Pro life vs. Euthanizing? The Story of Thor

## Pro-Life vs. Euthanizing – The Story of Thor

Please allow me to tell you my story. I was born at D & M Farm Kennel on February 2, 2004. My dam was Misty & my sire was Sampson. I came from a litter of 6 dark reds ... 1 brother & 4 sisters. They were all born normal, but my right front paw was not fully developed, making my right leg shorter than my left.

John & Michele visited D&M Farm Kennel to see my brother Thunder, whom they were adopting. D&M said,



**Thunder & Thor**

“this poor little guy was born with a deformed paw on his front right leg”. They said they were hoping to find me a home, since I was otherwise completely healthy.

Well little did I know, but on their way home from the kennel visit, John said, “I want that little guy”. They talked it

over and called to ask if I could go live with them also. They were so happy, knowing I was going to a good home! And thus my story begins.

Dad & Mom came to pick us up ... both myself and my brother Thunder. They named me Thor. Upon arriving at our new home, we were greeted by Shu Ling & Mai Ling. Shu Ling immediately took to us as if we were her own. Life was hard at first, but mom & dad were always there for me. I slept in their bed every night. Yes, they spoiled me and the other dogs. Dad did everything he could to make life easier for me.

Dad taught me how to get on a chair and then hop on the bed. He calls it the “Big Boy Chair” and I am his big boy! Mom forgets sometimes I am no longer a puppy, and calls me her baby, but that is okay. I love my family and they catch me at times just smiling at them.

Thunder & I have never been separated. In fact, we were both neutered at



**Shu Ling & Stormie**

the same time. The vet wanted to send us home with lamp shades on our heads. Dad said, “oh no, my boys will not be wearing those”! Thanks Dad for looking out for us. Try wearing a lamp shade on your head. It is not fun!

Our vet, Rona, is so sweet to all of us & kisses us on the face. She loves our whole pack. Mai Ling passed on and we got a new addition Stormie. We love our little sis and she and I are walking partners. She is a big girl and my protector! Though I must say, I would never back down.

Shu Ling, Thunder, Thor, & Stormie, we all came from D & M Farm Kennel.

I am very happy! I love my family and they love me. I want to thank Darrell & Maleah for keeping me alive. Otherwise, I would never have had the experience of the shared happiness with my family.

I love taking naps with mom in the bed. She says, “Thor, let’s take a nap” ... and off I run to beat her to the bed.

Pro-life versus euthanizing? I’m glad D&M are pro-life! After all, I only have a deformed paw! Otherwise, I’m 100% healthy and I have a great personality! I am a quick learner and very loyal.

As long as a puppy with a disability can lead a healthy life, D&M does what they can to find a good home. Otherwise, puppies such as I are simply added to their pack. This is how it should be, not just take the easy way out! Just my humble opinion ... Thor!



## Yogi Kaiser von Bear in North Carolina

Yogi Bear had a very interesting beginning. He was the runt of the litter, being less than half the size of the rest of the puppies in his litter when he was born. Since it was around Christmas time, we dubbed him “Tiny Tim”, while he remained at the kennel.

He had the sweetest disposition from the very beginning. We sometimes worried that he wouldn’t get enough

to eat since he couldn’t physically push



his siblings out of the way at the dinner table. However, his mother Dixie, made sure he got his fair share.

When we were ready to ship him to his new home he was still a very small guy, but he quickly grew and blossomed into a magnificent beauty. And, he has maintained his wonderful disposition.

Yogi Bear is a very special puppy from Dixie & Kaiser.

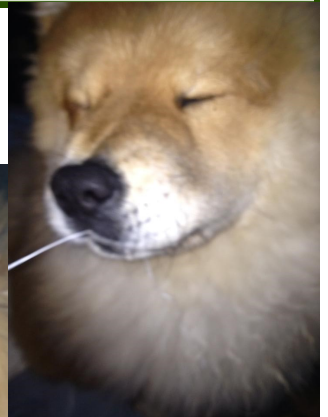
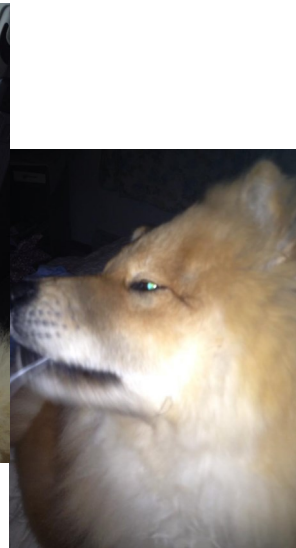
## Independence Rayna in Vermont

Rayna has taken the term dental hygiene and the care of her teeth to a whole new level. After closely observing her mom, she has decided flossing is a good thing. So, now her mom flosses her teeth. She even likes the electric toothbrush!

Rayna obviously thinks she is human! Look at her riding in the car! Doesn't she look like a proper lady?

Rayna is a sole surviving puppy from Ruby & Simba. We lost Ruby when she had her first litter of 8, and Shadow became Rayna's surrogate mother.

Rayna was born on the Fourth of July! She indeed represents the spirit of independence! What a gorgeous gal!



## Cash Bear Gongaware in Pennsylvania



Cash gets a lot of looks wherever he

goes! One woman even exclaimed, "That is the most beautiful Sheepdog I have ever seen!" Well, he does have the hair for it, but he is one gorgeous 100% Chow Chow! He also has the personality and temperament to match.

This big guy loves the snow and just



hanging out.

Cash is a puppy from Onyx & Hagrid.

## Mystic Reign in Colorado

Mystic and her mom had a close call the other day. While on their walk, a large Labrador came charging at them. Although Mystic was ready to protect her mom, her mom grabbed her up and threw her over her shoulder. Kicking and yelling at the intruder to get away. The Lab finally trotted away, leaving Mystic and her mom to make their way home.

This was a close call, but there are pre-

cautions you can take in case of similar situations such as this.

Pepper spray works great to deter a dog. Of course, you don't want your own dog affected by it so be careful. Another tool to drive a dog away is an air horn. It hurts their ears, but doesn't injure them.

Having a large dog coming at you is always scary. Being prepared may decrease the chance of you or your pet

becoming injured.

Mystic is a cinnamon puppy from Bella & Kaiser.



# Puppy Pickups



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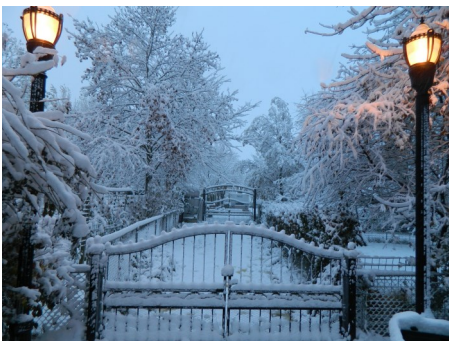
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**Quality Chows with  
Exceptional Temperament**

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

## D & M Farm Happenings — January 2015



Winter has hit us with full force! Freezing temperatures, ice and snow. It happens about this time every year, yet I am never ready for it! Every time I walk past our pool and see ice on the cover I want to cry. But, it always make me appreciate the warmer months that much more!

We are all hunkered down waiting out the weather. When we have a sporadic warm day you see all the animals outside enjoying the sunshine. All our



Chows never seem to mind the weather, regardless of the conditions, especially Kaiser!

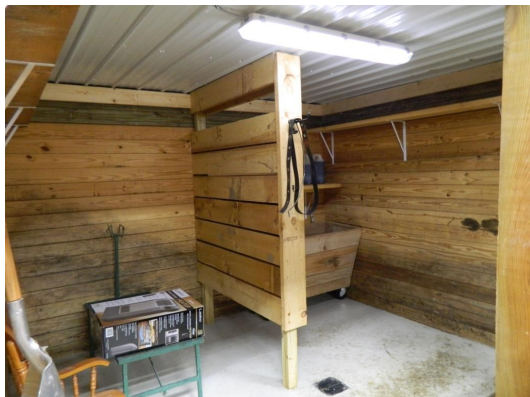


We had a surprise litter born to Amber & Macho Bear. She had a litter of 7 red puppies! We had given up on her, since she didn't have puppies when expected. This sometimes happens, but we were very fortunate that we noticed her after she had had 3 puppies in one of our doghouses located outside our heated kennel. We immediately moved her inside, where she had the rest of her litter. All appear to be very healthy and mamma is doing great as well.



# D & M Farm Happenings — January 2015 (Cont'd)

We had an electrician out to install lights in our milking parlor as well as electrical outlets. Maleah never had it so good! Neither has the cow for that matter! First class!



We drove up to Amish country in Holmes County, to exchange our nursing calf for a younger one. Thanks to Vernon Coblenz, he graciously provides us with young nursing bull calves, which allows Maleah to only milk when she chooses. This is the last one we will need for awhile, as Heidi, our Jersey cow, is pregnant and will be due in July. We will let her dry out 50 days prior to her due date. The new calf we picked up this time will nurse through April. We were so happy to find out Heidi was pregnant. We had her



artificially inseminated and it was a toss of the dice. We weren't certain she was ready to be bred, so we lucked out this time.

Our two mamma goats had their kids this



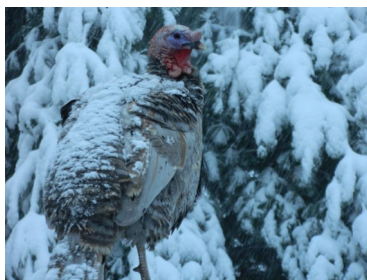
month. Lucy had a little boy and Shirley had a little girl. Both are doing great and beginning to play like all goat kids like to do.



Shirley's sister LaVerne has spent the winter with Amos, out in a field with a run-in shed. She is also pregnant and we'll be bringing her in with the other goats to have her kids. The last time she gave birth, she had triplets.



All of our poultry ... peacocks, turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks & chickens have done well this winter, in spite of the very cold temperatures!



T-Bone, our Angus-Holstein bull calf, is growing nicely. He is scheduled to stock our freezer in the late fall. Lots of T-Bones!



When we swapped calves, we also picked up our pony Princess, who had been staying at another Amish friend's farm



since last fall. She had foundered and he is a Blacksmith/Farrier, so he worked with her over the past several months, trimming her hooves and shoeing her. When we picked her up, he had removed her shoes and trimmed her one last time. She no longer walks gingerly, but rather runs in the field at a normal gait. We are so thankful to our best friend Leroy Coblenz & family!



Onyx and Kaiser had their litter of five born on January 30th. A great way to end the month and a wonderful start to a new year!