

D & M Farm Kennel July Newsletter 2008

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Pet Safety

We recently received an update on Simba who now lives in New York. He camps every weekend, goes boating, goes on walks to the ice cream store, and even out to dinner. He is an absolute joy to have around and he loves other people and dogs. In fact, wherever he goes he greets anyone that will play with him. On the way home from camping Simba slipped and fell from the backseat of the

vehicle. This short 12 inch fall caused him



to break his knee and fracture his leg. Emergency vets, \$3800, and rehab has Simba on the road to recovery. He may have a slight limp for the rest of his life, but

otherwise should be fine. This could have

been prevented by seat belting him in the vehicle. "A hard lesson learned", reports his owner. Simba now is always belted when riding in the car.

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Cesar of Ohio

Cesar turned one year old on May 23rd and now weighs around 65 lbs. What a handsome boy!

Another great ambassador. He is gentle and sweet and is loved by all.

He is a puppy from Cesar and Ginger.



Tick Removal

Chows rarely get ticks, but if they do or you acquire one on one of your walks, here is a method that is suppose to work the best.

This was written by a school nurse.

"I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of

a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (which has been frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, it worked!"

Mazie of Montana

Mazie recently made the trip to her new home in Montana. When she arrived there was four inches of snow. She loved it. She is having a great time in her new mountain home. She is well loved and loves everyone.

Mazie is a puppy from Gypsy and Buhda.



Mazie in the snow on June 10, 2008.



JinJin in Michigan

JinJin has fit right in with her new family. She loves her big sister, Tasha. They have become fast friends and love to play with one another. Wrestling is one of their favorite games. JinJin also likes to chase and attack a laser light when it is shown on the floor.

Tasha will lay on the floor and play dead and JinJin will go and sit on her head just to rile her up. This is done much to the delight and merriment of all the humans watching.

JinJin is a puppy from Teddy and Pandy.



We love to highlight puppies from our kennel no matter what the age.

Busy Month at the Farm

This has been a very busy month for us. On July 3, I had carpal tunnel surgery on my right hand. I'm right-handed. That made for a very interesting time, trying to get things done. Fortunately, it hasn't put me out of commission and I'm able to use my hand now. I don't have all the strength back yet, but I will in time.

We also had our grandkids for a week while our daughter-in-law had surgery. There's a reason we have our kids while we are young. Keeping up with a two year old, three year old, and a six year old kept Darrell and I both on our toes. But, we had great fun. It also gave us an excuse to just play.

We have been gathering chicks from the hens as they hatch out. The chicks normally don't fare very well if left with the hens. Between cats and other predators it is rare that they reach maturity. So, we have been gathering them up and putting them in our aviary and so far, all are doing well. We have around forty chicks now, with all colors and sizes. It's fun to watch them grow and the visitors to our farm enjoy them.

Daisy and Leo had puppies at the end of June, followed by Rosy and Sampson. We are now awaiting the arrival of Angel and ChaChi's puppies that are due any day.

Sheba didn't have puppies as we had expected. She is still in the kennel, but I think she is just enjoying the extra attention she is getting.

Summer is passing much too quickly and it will soon be Fall and then Winter once again. It is amazing how I was just looking forward to warmer weather and now we are hurtling towards cooler weather already.

We love getting updates from all of you. Keep them coming!

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Quality Chows with Exceptional Temperament

THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A DOG

- ⇒ Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- ⇒ Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- ⇒ When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- ⇒ When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- ⇒ Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- ⇒ Take naps and stretch before rising.
- ⇒ Run, romp and play daily.
- ⇒ Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- ⇒ Be loyal.
- ⇒ Never pretend to be something you're not.
- ⇒ If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
- ⇒ Don't go out without ID.
- ⇒ Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
- ⇒ Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
- ⇒ Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
- ⇒ Always give people a friendly greeting. A cold nose in the crotch is most effective.
- ⇒ When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged shamefully out from under the bed).
- ⇒ If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.
- ⇒ If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- ⇒ When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- ⇒ Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- ⇒ Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- ⇒ On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- ⇒ On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- ⇒ When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- ⇒ No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- ⇒ Delight in the simple joys of a long walk.