

D & M Farm Kennel July Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- Clear the Rear
- Matting Must Be Taken Care Of!
- A Dog's Soul

California or Bust!



This little one was getting ready for her big trip to her new home. Our puppies like to be primped and look their best when they arrive.

First they are bathed with puppy or baby shampoo. This shampoo is the mildest and won't sting the eyes. After the puppy is completely rinsed it is towel dried and then the blow dryer is used. The blow dryer is sometimes met with resistance until the puppy determines it really isn't going to eat them. It is important to set the heat on warm or cool. The puppy's skin is very sensitive. Keep the blow dryer moving the entire time you are using



it.

They quickly realize being brushed is a good thing. And soon are setting patiently for us to finish. Once they are all dry, brushed, and fluffed we spend some time just playing and giving them attention. They like this time the best and it makes the experience an enjoyable one.



Baths take place the day of shipment when possible, but for early morning flights the bath is done the night before.

We think it makes the puppy feel good just like we do when we are all clean and dressed in nice clothes.

This little girl arrived in California with her tail wagging. She has fit right in with her new family!



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Clear the Rear!

Chows with lots of fur and feathering around their rear end need to be examined and groomed often. There are times the hair can get crusted with feces and pretty soon the anal area can become raw. This is obviously very uncomfortable for the dog and very unsanitary. It is not always obvious this is happening.

Lack of grooming this area can draw flies and result in maggots. As disgusting as this sounds it can be harmful for the dog.

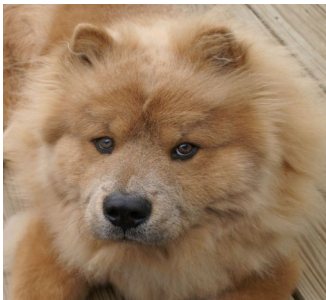
Trimming this area is often a two person job. Some dogs take exception to being trimmed in this area. I prefer to trim with scissors rather

than shaving the area.

Obviously, frequent grooming will prevent most problems. Some dogs do not like to be groomed in this area, but it's necessary. Summers are the worst time for problems to arise remain observant.

Max in Ohio

From the owner: I've included a couple of pictures of Max at 8 months. As you can see, he is a big boy now. In the one picture, his incredibly expressive eyes are evident. He has so many expressions ranging from joyous and impish to soulful.



He is an absolute joy to take on walks. It's not that he doesn't have any habits that need work (if he sees a bunny, he pulls like a mule). It's his interaction with the neighbors that is a delight. Here is but one example: We have neighbors, a married couple, that first met Max on one of our long walks. The man made the usual statement that he had heard Chows were mean. In fact, he apparently encountered one such Chow years ago. I assured him Max was very friendly. So he approached Max gingerly, and what was Max's response? The same as it always is: He licked the man's hand. Then he proceeded to lick his wife's hand. Now, that same couple wants to own a Chow of their own!

If the ambassadors at the United Nations were even half as effective as Max is, what a much sweeter

world we would live in. Nice work, Darrell and Maleah! Max is from Pandy & Teddy.



Matting Requires Immediate Attention

Mats are not only unsightly, but may cause harm to your pet. As the hair mats, it can become tight against the skin and eventually cut off circulation.

Mats can become painful. Chows are notorious for getting mats behind their ears. Even with regular grooming you may notice mats forming. It's

that soft, fine hair.

If you find a mat that is tight against the skin, begin by cutting the mat with scissors being very careful not to cut the skin. Use a comb or rake to try and break up the mat. Continue to trim with scissors. Sometimes a detangling liquid can be sprayed on the mat to help loosen it.

Using electric clippers is not recommended if the mat is tight against the skin. It is too easy to cut the skin or cause razor burn. One bad experience and your dog will duck for cover if he sees clippers or scissors!

So, inspect often for any mats forming and take care of them immediately.

"Mats can cause damage by cutting off the circulation to the skin"

Jasmine in Ohio

Jasmine had a rough start. Her mother, Daisy, got mastitis when her puppies were only three weeks old. This is an infection of the milk ducts, which inhibits milk flow. We didn't notice at first there was a problem. But, within a couple of days we knew something wasn't right. At that young age, the puppies noticeably gain weight daily. Once we realized that Daisy didn't have the milk she needed for her puppies we immediately began supplement feedings and contacted our vet.

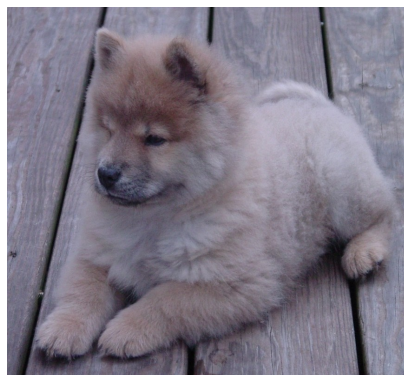
The condition slowed the growth of the puppies, so Jasmine didn't weigh as much as most puppies at six weeks of age.

Jasmine may have been small in stature, but was full of personality. She would get right in the middle of the food bowl so she could get her share. She regularly pushed her bigger brothers around.

Her big personality in such a small body was what won the hearts of her new owners.

She is quickly catching up now and her new family are taking exceptional care of her. She has more than doubled in weight.

Personality abounds in this little bundle and she has become a much loved part of her family.



Jasmine is a cinnamon puppy from Daisy and Ceasar.

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breed the highest quality Chow Chows
with exceptional temperament.
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ambassadors of the breed”**

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A DOGS SOUL

Every dog must have a soul, somewhere deep inside. Where all his hurts and grievances are buried with his pride.

Where he decides the good and bad, the wrong way from the right. And where his judgment carefully is hidden from our sight.

A dog must have a secret place, where every thought abides. A sort of close acquaintance that he trusts in and confides.

And when accused unjustly, for himself he cannot speak. Rebuked, he finds within his soul, the comfort he must seek.

He'll love, though he is unloved, and he'll serve though badly used. And one kind word will wipe away the times when he's abused.

Although his heart may break in two, his love will still be whole, because God gave to every dog an understanding Soul !

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