D & M Farm Kennel

# D & M Farm Kennel July 2011 Newsletter

#### **Dry Spell**

# Special points of interest:

- Hot Spots
- Farm Happenings

We have hit a bit of a dry spell in our breeding program. Part is due to the rotation we do with our females. They have two litters and then are off a season. Mother Nature is the other factor.

We expected to have puppies born in May and June, but the girls we expected to have puppies decided to set this one out! That is the Mother Nature part. We also had four females who typically have summer puppies, but had already had their two litters back to back ... so they are being intentionally isolated from breeding for a cycle.

Our tried and true females are coming up. We know we will start having puppies throughout the fall and winter.

We also have some older females that we will soon not be breeding anymore due to their age. At seven years of age we stop breeding the females. We do this for the health of the females. We will have to start looking for replacements for these females. That is always fun for us. We can look over all the puppies and decide which ones we want to keep. It gives us the opportunity to raise another one. As many of you already know ... it is very satisfying watching them grow and mature. We especially enjoy this opportunity to experience Mother Nature's blessings.



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#### Katie in Ohio

At 5 1/2 months, Katie is becoming a very beautiful girl! It is reported that she loves ice cubes and sitting in front of the fan. She quickly warms up to new people after the initial Chow wariness.

She has learned how to sit and

shake hands. She also loves to play fetch.

Katie is a puppy from Frosty & Daisy.



### **Bear in New Jersey**

It appears that Bear is becoming a water dog! She loves the boat and isn't concerned about the water or the noise at all. She loves going to the yacht club and meeting all the people. She is very sociable, constantly wagging her tail.

The other residents of the household are getting used to her energy level. The cat will at least come into the same room now, but continues to perch above Bear taking a swipe at her if she gets too close.

Bear is a puppy from Kaiser & Shadow.



#### **Hot Spots**

"Hot Spots are very uncomfortable for your dog and should be treated immediately."

This time of year some dogs may experience "hot spots" caused by the extreme heat. This can be rather pesky to treat. Per my veterinarian, it is recommended that you cut the hair around the area so air can get to it. If scratching and biting becomes a

problem, you can give your dog children's Benedryl to help with the itching. Try to keep the irritation/wound dry. You can use an antibiotic cream to help it heal.

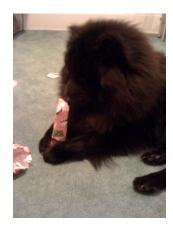
If these things do not work you may have to make a trip to the

veterinarian so your dog can be put on oral antibiotics. Your veterinarian will know the proper treatment program, most appropriate to your dog's needs.

#### Warlock in Pennsylvania

Warlock is already a year old! Hard to believe! His first birthday was celebrated with presents, which Warlock thoroughly enjoyed. It didn't take him long to figure out how to get to his toys and treats by tearing the paper.

Warlock is a puppy from Khan & Pixie.



#### **Ginger in Ohio**

Ginger steals the show whenever she is taken for a walk. Her owners state that it is hard to get a good workout when you are constantly being stopped numerous times



by people who want to fawn over her! Ginger loves it though. She has a menagerie of toys to play with and loves to go to the "treat store" to buy more.

Ginger now knows many commands, also in sign language. She doesn't like "No, No". She especially likes car rides.

Ginger is a puppy from Kaiser and Bella.



Awe Mom, it's just a little mud?

#### **Abbey Red Rose in Indiana**

Abbey is two years old and is known as the "Love Muffin". She loves everyone, but is a great watchdog. She likes hanging out with the grandkids when they come to visit. She really likes to run around in her very large backyard. In the spring, she would bring baby birds to the our door step to show her family. When she was told to

drop them, she would and the bird would fly away. She was so gentle with them that she didn't hurt them.

Abbey is a puppy from Sampson and Rosy.



Rainy day picnic with her two best friends. Where's my treats?

"More pictures of our progeny!"

#### Mei Ling in Ohio

Mei Ling is a happy go lucky dog. Recently, due to a job deployment, Mei Ling acquired a sister. A shepherd/chow mix named Kitt.



Being the trooper she is, Mei Ling took to the little tike and accepted her to their home. They have become great friends and are known as "the girls." Mei Ling's gentle nature and sociability has been great in teaching Kitt. Mei Ling has been a great mentor.

Mei Ling is a puppy from Buhda & Gypsy.



"The Girls"

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#### **Farm Happenings**

What a busy month! Our daughter and her family came to visit from Germany. They were with us for three weeks. Our three grandsons were in tow and we had a great time. Our daughter and her family from Virginia came in and our son and his family were here also. So, we had fifteen people under the same roof for a while. Crowded, but it was a blast! Our grandkids became fish, spending so much time in the pool. The farm with all the space was great for all the grandkids. It was a rare occasion to have all the cousins together at one time. This was the first time in four years. Six boys and two girls. They all got along great. Grandpa & Grandma reveled in our short time with all of our brood at home for a change. There was always someone up to something that made us laugh.

Once everyone was gone our house seemed very quiet. But, our lamenting was cut short by all the things we needed to get done around the farm. The garden is coming on and canning season is just around the corner.

Rosy and Frosty had a litter of five puppies.
They have started our fall litters. We have two more litters that will be due very soon now.

Extremely hot weather is cause for vigilantly checking on all of our animals. They seem to



fair rather well. Much better then we do in the heat. Sad to say, but our summer is coming to an end and fall is just around the corner.