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Should You Shave Your Chow To Keep Him Cool?

AKC says: *Many double-coated breeds have weatherproof coats that not only keep them warm in the winter, but also serve as insulators in the summer. A dog's coat protects him from heat, sunburn, and even skin cancer. Shaving removes their protective layer, putting the dog's skin at the mercy of the elements. Think of a heavy coat as your dog's sun umbrella. Also, because dogs don't sweat the way humans do, shaving the hair coat doesn't actually help facilitate the thermo regulating process. Keeping a double coat in good condition with regular brushing is the best way to help a dog stay cool in summer.*

Although this is included in our

briefing to new puppy owners, we still get pictures of dogs that have been shaved. Dogs cool themselves by panting and via sweat glands located on the pads of their paws. Having your dog stand on hot pavement, concrete, or sand can increase their body temp, so find cool grass or dirt for them to stand on.

That double coat acts as an insulator against heat, sunburn, and even skin cancer. Double coated breeds' skin is not meant to see the light of day. Shaving them often ruins the consistency of the hair and often it will not grow back as luxurious as it was before. It



can also change the texture.

Mother Nature knows best !
Enjoy that beautiful coat !
Never, ever shave your Chow,
nor allow a groomer to shave

Teddy Bear in Rhode Island

Teddy is as cuddly as his name denotes. He is a big boy and has that typical Chow stubborn streak. But, is much loved by his family. He continually draws attention when he is out in pub-

lic. Well? What do you expect from such a handsome boy?

Teddy is a puppy from Yogi and Amber.



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Happy 4th of July from Hope in Indiana



Hope sends her wishes your way for a wonderful

happy 4th of July holiday! What a beauty she is!

She is enjoying her summer with her family. She is loved to pieces and she is very easy to love.

Hope has been highlighted several times since she was born. Hasn't she grown into a beauty queen?

Hope is a puppy from Khan & Gracie.



“Parasites can rob your pet of needed nutrients causing health problems.”

Tis the Season for Parasites

Warm, hot, and moist weather bring parasites out in droves! Now is the time to make sure your dog is taken care of.

Parasite eggs can be picked up by your pet's paws. Your pet cleans it's paws and bingo, it is now infested with the parasite.

We prefer to use Pyrantel Promeate. This is the ingredient I look for in the wormer we use. D-Worm

is one brand we use. You can purchase this at Petsmart, Tractor Supply, and some Wal-Marts. The other brand we use is Nemex. You can find this wormer at the same places.

These come in chewable tablets. You give them according to weight. And, one time is all that is needed. If you have a picky eater, you can smash it up in some

canned dog food to get them to eat it.

This will take care of any round and hook worms your pet may have acquired.

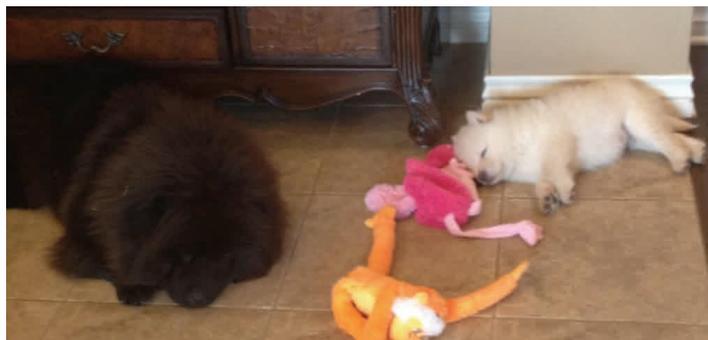
Worms rob your pet of needed nutrients. If allowed to go unchecked, you will notice your dog's coat becoming dull. Weight loss can also occur and in severe cases, bloating of the stomach.

Pepper and Thunder in Oklahoma

These two tired puppies look like they have run out of thunder and are in need of a nap.

These two have quickly become friends, even though there are a few months difference in their ages.

Pepper is a puppy from Brandy & Yogi and Thunder is from Daisy &



Augustus ... aka ... Gus in Ohio

“Another good ambassador and a handsome one at that!”

Gus will be 7 months old this weekend, and already weighs 55 pounds and stands 22” at the shoulder! Unless his rate of growth slows down, he is going to be one big boy!! (The vet confirmed that he is not overweight.) He has a wonderfully deep "big boy" bark, has a monster tail (I am hoping that most of it is adult hair, because I LOVE it), and is becoming an excellent guard dog. He has a wonderful temperament (so far he has never met another dog he didn't like, although I know that might change as he continues to mature) and even my sister-in-law, who didn't like my brother's older female Chow, loves Gus. There is a neighbor that we see on a regular basis on walks (often enough that Gus no longer barks at her and will now permit her to pet him). She had bad experiences with Chows in the '70s and '80s, but routinely expresses amazement at being

able to pet him and that he actually wags his tail once he knows it is her. I am happy that we have been able to convince her that stereotyping Chows as mean and



aggressive is unfair and not accurate!

His favorite activity in the world is riding in the car (see attached photo above), although he has great difficulty squeezing himself into the front seat of my new car! He is curled as tightly as he is able and is still taking up every bit of space between the console and the door! As soon as he hears me open the door to the garage, he races to the door, pushes his way past me, and runs

to the car and stands at the driver's side door... even when I am just taking out some trash! When he isn't lucky enough to be riding in the car, he is busy tearing the stuffing out of stuffed bears, napping on the air conditioning vents, or just wandering around the house with a squeaky toy in his mouth, making it squeak as he walks! It makes me laugh every time he does it.

True to his Chow nature, he is very obedient when he wants to be (or when food is involved!) and quite a handful when he doesn't want to be! Recently he has started pulling on the leash when we walk, so we are working on breaking him of that, especially since he is so strong. He STILL loves destroying anything made of paper, which you warned me about the day we picked him up! His favorites are Kleenex, paper towels, and napkins. Thank you D & M Farm for giving me Gus! He is the best!

Chopper in Vermont

Summer time and the living is easy ... riding in the convertible. This is one of Chopper's favorite pastimes. I'm sure he turns many heads when he cruises by!

Wow! Hasn't Chopper grown since we last saw him on our Chowy New England Journey in October 2012?

Chopper is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.



Hot Weather Hazards

We don't often think about hazards to our dog's paws, but hot weather can be dangerous.

Pavement and concrete can become blistering hot. Sand is another footing that can become very hot and damage a dog's paws. Make sure your dog can get off of these surfaces as desired.

When walking your dog

consider the surface he is walking on. Hot concrete sidewalks can cause blisters and raw spots on the pads of the paws. Walking early in the morning or late evening can avoid this issue.

In the confines of a hot car, dogs can quickly become overcome by heat in just a few minutes. Even leaving the windows partially opened may not

be sufficient on excessively hot days. Once an animal succumbs to heat you have only minutes to act to save their life. Never leave your animal in a car for even a short time. We may only expect to be gone a couple of minutes, but can easily be detained. This can be a death sentence for you animal.

Always keep in mind the hazards heat can cause

“Hot weather can present many hazards for your dog. Be mindful and keep your animal safe.”

Hercules in Ohio

Hercules, affectionately known as “Herc”, is growing by leaps and bounds.

At 4 1/2 months old, he weighed in at 48 pounds!

He is definitely going to be a big boy. I guess he is living up to his name!

He has a buddy named, Kossmoe, who is also a Chow.

Kossmoe weighs in at 80 lbs.

It appears that “Herc” is going to catch up to him fast.

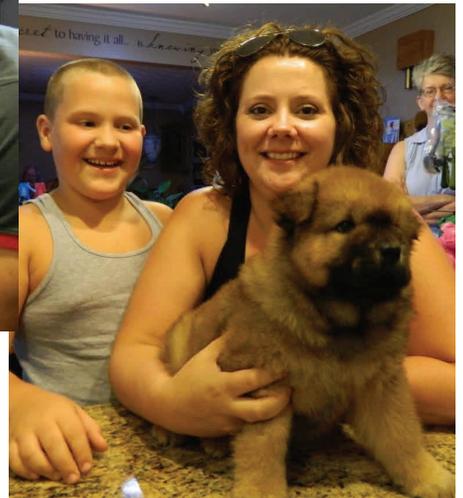
Hercules is a puppy from Hagrid & Onyx.



Puppy Pickups



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is to breed the highest quality
Chow Chows
with exceptional tempera-
ment.
We want all of our puppies to
be good
ambassadors of the breed"*

Farm Happenings at D & M Farm Kennel



July was a very special month for us. Our oldest daughter and her family relocated back to the states after having lived for the past 12 years in Germany. Our daughter is an elementary school teacher for the dependent children of our military soldiers. She is now teaching at Fort Jackson, SC. So much closer! They spent a couple of weeks with us.

Our youngest daughter and her family came in from Virginia and our son and his family, who live locally, were all here for a rare family reunion. It was the first time we had all been together for two years.

We kept the oldest grandsons for an additional week and then we took them to South Carolina. We used our new truck camper, drove halfway and spent the night. We also stopped in Charlotte to see the Billy Graham museum. It was really worth seeing and our grandsons liked it as well.

We had lots of puppy pickups in July as you can see by all the photos. It is always fun seeing

the puppies going to their new homes. We meet so many neat people! We truly feel blessed!

New litters are on the way. Lila is in the maternity ward and Onyx. Bella and Izzie will soon follow. We never get tired of the cycle of puppies. We enjoy Mother Nature's miracle of life!

We can't believe we are already in the middle of summer and beginning to think about getting ready for winter! We will soon be getting our hay and getting all our fuel tanks filled. I need to harvest the honey. Time flies!

This summer, we have had a couple families bring their dogs back for a visit. They are no longer puppies! Both were very