

D & M Farm Kennel June 2012 Newsletter

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Summer Heat is Upon Us

For those of us who live in a seasonal area, summer heat is here. We've covered the dangers of extreme heat in previous issues, but want to remind you of the real dangers of heat stroke and your dog.

Keep your animal as cool as possible. If they have to be outside, ensure they have sufficient shade and fresh water. If possible, keeping them inside where there is air conditioning is preferable.

Flies, mosquitoes, ticks, and other pests are a problem this time of year. Don't forget to regularly check your pet's skin. It is important to detect issues early for proper treatment.

Look for homeopathic fly spray and repellents to reduce the number of chemicals your pet is exposed to.

If you have your yard chemically treated, make sure your pet is kept off the grass for the recommended length of time. The pads of their paws can absorb the chemicals and they can become ill from the exposure.

Fresh water and clean food are a must. Some dogs like to have ice cubes put in their water to keep it cool. Make sure ants and other pests do not invade your pet's food. There are bowls made specifically to help prevent this.



Looking for the cool air!

For many of us, our pets are our kids. Be alert and protective of your pets, just like you do your human kids. They need our constant vigilance to ensure they remain safe and healthy. Prevention is 90% of the battle.

Special points of interest:

- Summer Heat
- 4th of July

Gypsy in Ohio

Gypsy absolutely wore herself out! She played hard and now is sleeping just as hard. What a cutie! Babies have it down pat ... eat,

play, and sleep. Oh, and be cute! Or is that ... eat, sleep and be merry!

Gypsy is a puppy from Pandi and Teddy.



2012 Fourth of July Celebration



Everyone looks forward to 4th of July picnics and fireworks. Be considerate of your pets.

Many of you may have seen the U-Tube video of a dog grabbing a lit roman candle and running around with it while it is ignited. Not only very dangerous for the dog, but also for others in the area.

Pets do not understand what fireworks are, nor their dangers. Even if your pet stays away during the actual lighting, he is still vulnerable to stepping

on a hot ash or sparkler wire. A burning ember coming down from the sky can burn fur and skin.

The loud noise of fireworks can be uncomfortable for our human ears. Consider how loud this is for the sensitive hearing of a dog! It may be best to leave your pet inside, where it is safe and quiet.

Picnics are steady summer fare. Be careful of dropped or discarded food items. Our pets can be real scavengers and we

need to sometimes protect them from themselves! Some foods are just not good for our pets and some bones can present a real danger. Plastic wrap can be a genuine choking hazard for pets as well. Remain alert while your pet is enjoying the company of others. Little ones often think they are being kind by feeding the dog. Instruct everyone what your pet is allowed to ingest to prevent an unnecessary trip to the emergency vet! Happy holiday to all!

Lilly B in New York

"Keep those updates coming. We love to follow the progress of our puppies and others love to see them too!"

LillyB continues to be the love of her family. She was picked up just before Christmas 2011.

As you can see, hanging out on the porch is a favorite place to be.

LillyB is a puppy from Raven and Frosty.



Bear in Ohio

Bear continues to delight his family. He is very balanced for a Chow. Most cannot beg like this. The only one we've had that could do it was Buhda.

He also looks a little possessed. Do you think he is really fixated on that treat?

Four months old and over 40

lbs. What a BIG boy!

Bear is a puppy from Izzie and Hagrid.



Laverne & Shirley

Meet the newest members to the D & M Farm family, Laverne and Shirley. They are Nubian goat does. We got them when they were only four days old. One was not accepted by her mother and the other was a triplet. Mom only has accommodation for two. So, we were lucky enough to get them.

They are what we call "bottle-fed babies". The great thing about that is how socialized they become. Laverne believes she has to be on my lap to eat,

while Shirley wants to be under my legs. Right now I'm their surrogate mamma. As soon as they hear me enter the barn they begin bleating which sounds like they are saying, "mama, mama".

They will become our future milking goats for our cheese-making endeavors .. a project after Maleah's retirement!

These little girls will continue being bottle fed until they are two to three months old and convert to goat feed. They get fed four times a day. A real

bonding experience for me and them! Many people do not realize that goats can be as lovable as a dog or cat. Especially, if they are bottle-fed from birth.



"New babies on the farm. They are so much fun!"

Miss Izzie Bella and Miss Lulu in Michigan

Best friend and part of a happy family. These two bring joy to the household. Miss Izzie Bella is from D & M Farm Kennel.

Don't they look like they are smiling? It's reported that they had just heard a good joke!

Miss Izzie Bella is a cream from Izzie and Hagrid. She is

a sister of Bear on the previous page.

It certainly looks like they are trained to pose for the camera.

Wish we could get our puppies to cooperate like that for our weekly photo updates!



Inky in Virginia

Inky continues to be such a handsome boy. He's going on three years old. He's not only handsome he is a big boy!

Inky continues to bring joy to his family. He continues to amaze with his loyal, thoughtful manner. He is a gentle soul.

Inky is a puppy from Onyx and

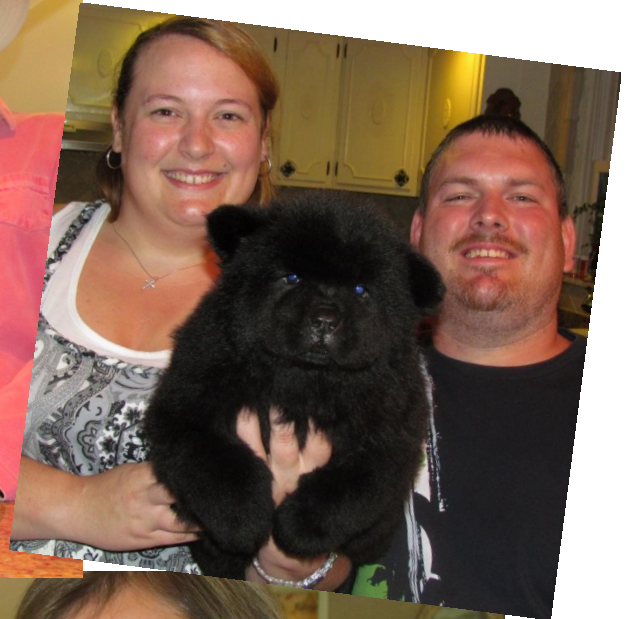
Hagrid.

He has to have a great temperament, since Onyx has never met a stranger.

Hagrid is Kaiser's son and Khan's grandson. Hmmm ... four generations! And who once said, "an apple doesn't fall far from its tree"? It's bloodlines, bloodlines, bloodlines! Or was that location?



Puppy Pickups!



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We want all of our puppies to be good
ambassadors of the breed"

Farm Happenings



Coping with the heat.

Our trip to the Mt. Hope Carriage Auction was successful once again! We were able to find a horse carriage that will meet our needs for participating in parades. Fortunately for us, we were able to get a used one at auction rather than paying for a new one. We are anxious to get started.

We are going to another auction on June 23. While we are there we will go to our favorite harness shop to pick up a fancy harness for Katie, our big Haflinger mare, to wear in the parades. We plan to take a couple of our Chows and grandkids along for the ride.

That should be interesting.

Our two goats, Amos & Andy, have been moved to their own pen in the barnyard. We were allowing them to roam the barnyard until it was discovered that they were making a meal out of Darrell's shrubs. So, to the pen they went. As social as they are, they can be very destructive!

The bees are buzzing and the honey is about ready to harvest. I'm late this year, since we had such a warm spring. Seems to be an ongoing theme in my life!

Our baby colt, Trigger, contin-

ues to grow and delight us with his antics. He loves to play "spook" when he's out in the field. He takes off at a gallop and circles the field coming back to mom, where he rears and bucks. He then pretends he is eating only to take off from some imagined "spook" to start all over again.

God's creatures truly are a blessing in our lives. What pleasure they bring! Please pay us a visit ... that means you ... and you! You're all welcome anytime you might be in the area! We always cherish providing tours of our farm & kennel. The dogs love it!