



D & M Farm Kennel

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Wild Animals & Rabies Carriers!



We are not big fans of the rabies vaccination, but it is required, and in some cases is the lesser of two evils.

We have recently had reports of bats infected with the rabies virus biting domestic animals; thereby, transferring the deadly virus.

Skunks, fox and raccoons are also known carriers of rabies. In Ohio, it is illegal to relocate skunks, due to the risk of rabies. We caught a young skunk in a live trap. His family had been feasting on our poultry and eggs. Rather than killing the beautiful animal, we called Animal Control, expecting them to humanely relocate the skunk to a remote area. Unfortunately, euthanasia was their protocol for unwanted skunks. Although I didn't want my poultry providing

dinner everyday, I was saddened by the need to euthanize the healthy and innocent skunk.

Warm weather can bring other types of diseases that may not be prevalent in colder weather. Search the Internet for any local alerts. Your County Extension Office is a great source for information concerning all animals. Every county has one, and they are typically linked to a university. They keep up to date on any diseases that may become a problem or concern in your area.

Keeping our animals safe is our key role as pet owners. Be aware of what's happening in your area with specific diseases.

For your pet's sake ... please stay informed!



Hope in Indiana

Hope is all ready for the 4th of July and her patriotic duty! What a beauty she is. Hope continues to bless the lives of her family with her kindness, love, and affection.

Hope is a puppy from Khan and Gracie.



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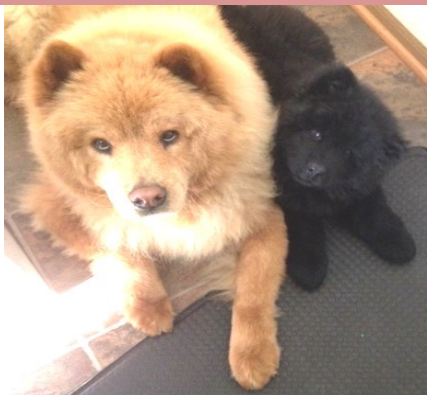
Special points of interest:

- Rabies Carriers
- Flea & Tick Prevention
- Flies & Maggots

Snickers and Twix in Michigan

Snickers is a male Chow purchased in 2011. He is a big boy at 110 lbs.! He is a much loved part of the family. In fact, his family loves him so much that they wanted a brother for him out of the same parents. That would be Twix. He is just pint size right now but will grow into a big boy as well. They will make a striking pair with their contrasting coats.

Snickers and Twix are both puppies from Onyx and Hagrid.



Flea and Tick Prevention

I periodically check back with my veterinarians to see if there have been changes to some of the prevention medications. Many of the flea and tick prevention medications have changed.

The major concern we had with many of the medications was the fact that they ultimately flushed from the dog's system through the liver and kidneys. Some of the medications have changed and no longer do this. The medication is absorbed into the oil glands of the animals. When a flea or tick bites it is poisoned and dies.

Although this type of medication is much preferred to those that must exit through the liver and kidneys, it is still a

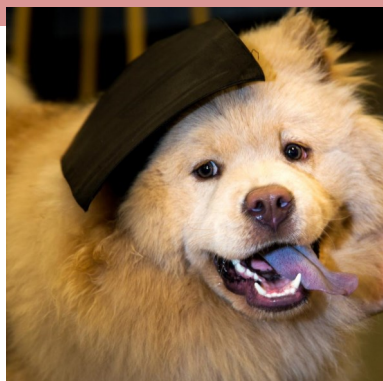
"Flea and Tick prevention medication has changed and might be the best alternative for your pet."

chemical being applied and absorbed into the dogs system.

If you are in an area with a problem of fleas and ticks this may be the best alternative to ensure your pet doesn't get them. Fleas and ticks can cause healthy issues of their own.

Discuss the alternatives with your veterinarian to come up with the best course of action for you pet.

Louie in New Jersey



Louie is seven months and 54 lbs. He's going to be a big one!

Louie has completed three training classes and is now ready to prepare for his Canine Good Citizen Certificate. He loves other dogs as well as they are willing to love him back. He had a problem with the groomer clipping his nails but will a little work at home he no longer has an issue with someone handling his feet. Good job Louie!!

Louie is a puppy from Lila and Teddy.



Flies, Flies, Flies & Maggots ... oh no!

Euuu! Not a pleasant thing to talk about but necessary when you have a double coated dog breed.

You have read in previous newsletters articles on this subject. I cannot stress enough how important it is to be aware and keep vigilant watch. If your dog gets a cut and is outside flies will find it and they automatically lay eggs in the wound.

But, wounds are not the only thing at risk. One of our dogs got wet when it rained. It did not dry under where the tail lays. The dog began bit-



ing at this area. When I saw it and felt that it was wet I put her up on the table to trim the hair and allow air to get to the skin. As I trimmed the hair I saw a few maggots in that area. I began trimming more hair and more maggots were found. As they hatched they moved up her back. We had to cut her hair to the skin all the way up her back, five inches wide, kill all the maggots, disinfect the area, and then spray her with a repellent to ensure flies would not repeat the process.

What made me notice something was

wrong? She didn't eat her food which is an immediate indication something is wrong. I gave her an antibiotic and then noticed the wet spot. Had I not noticed and allowed this to go for one week she would have either been dead or had to be put down. Fortunately, I found the problem before the maggots could break through the skin or enter the rectal area. Once maggots get into the body it is a death knell.

During all the rain we have been having our dogs are at risk. Regular grooming is key. There isn't many things more disgusting than maggots but they are more than that ... they are deadly!

Miss Izzie Bella in Michigan

Miss Izzie Bella and her pals, Piper and Miss Lulu are great friends. They are all smiling for the camera and look very happy in their new surroundings. They just moved from the city to ten acres! They are loving their freedom and having a place to roam.

Miss Izzie Bella is a puppy from Izzie and Hagrid.



"If you ever questioned if a dog can really smile just check out the picture to the left."

Recently Retired



As our girls reach seven years old they are retired from the breeding program. Once that happens they

are moved to the front yard to live out their life as a pet. We do place some of our girls, if we find a good match.

The girls that have recently moved to the front yard are Ginger, Pandi, Rosy,

Gracie, Angel & Along with our German Shep-Collie, Jack

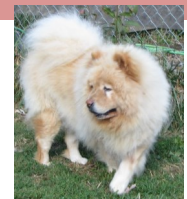


China. three herds, Russell, and Char, our family

pet. It is getting pretty full up front. We love it though. We never go outside without a greeting from several. They love the extra attention they get and it allows us to

keep a closer eye on them as they start

getting older.



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be good
ambassadors of the breed"*

Farm Happenings

Well, as predicted, we are ankle deep in puppies. Dixie and Kaiser's litter was born on June 1st, followed by Brandy and Soloman's litter on June 6th. Then Jazzy and Frosty's litter was born on



Bath Time!

ing like cuddling little furry bodies and smelling that puppy breath!

On June 7th, Rhythm ... our Haflinger mare, delivered her foal. Another colt. I swear there is something in our water! Out of eight foals all have been boys except for one.

We have two sets of goslings running around in the barnyard. And, a bantam hen has two chicks.

Our farm is alive with new life. We



love watching all of them grow!

We have most of our field fence put up. Hopefully we'll be able to finish it soon. It's almost time to get the hay.

The farmers are getting lots of rain so there should be plenty of hay this year. We usually get our hay in July. That is when we begin preparing for the next winter. We also need our propane, gasoline, kerosene and diesel tanks filled for the farm and kennel, in preparation for cold weather. We'll soon be cleaning out the barns and



chicken coop. This will be the yearly cleaning and again ... preparation for the winter.

The garden is doing well, although I am having a hard time staying ahead of the weeds. The rainfall has been greatly appreciated, but the weeds also thrive. It won't be long and canning season will begin. The lima and kidney beans are coming on and will need to be harvested before long. The cherry trees are full, but I'm not going to get them in this year. Just not enough hours in the day! I still have enough in the freezer though for



those cherry pies this winter.

Everything is lush and green and we are enjoying this season. We haven't had really hot weather yet, which has been great. It makes working outside much more pleasant when it isn't extremely hot. I'm sure we are in for hot weather soon though. That's when we will move it inside or out by the pool!