



D & M Farm Kennel

March 2011 Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 3

Trying To Catch Up

I'm sure some of you have noticed that the newsletters have been coming late this year. I do have an excuse.

In February I went for my regular checkup and was told I had a lump on my thyroid. This was followed by ultrasounds and doctors visits. The doctor said my thyroid needed to come out. Although it was functioning it had so many lesions and cysts it wasn't safe to leave it alone. So, on March 21 I went to surgery and had my thyroid removed. The pathology report came back saying that it was malignant but they had gotten all of it. I have had some complications from the surgery but

appear to finally be healing. I will soon have to go in for an iodine radiation treatment that will ensure there were no residual cells left behind.

Some of you have read about this on our facebook account. Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and warm wishes.

Darrell has had his hands full. All the kennel and farm chores have fallen on him for several weeks. Just before my surgery we had a new foal born. The mare developed an infection so both mom and baby had to be treated with antibiotics. Thank heavens for horse friends who would pitch in

and help Darrell administer the meds. Horses don't always take kindly to being poked or having medicine pushed in their mouth.

Darrell has been great in taking care of me during this time. I don't know what I would have done without him.

I am now back to work and the doctor expects a full recovery. Just need to take some time to fully heal.

Inside this issue:

<i>Daisy</i>	2
<i>Tearing of the Eyes</i>	2
<i>Katie</i>	2
<i>Mei</i>	3
<i>Those Mean Chows!</i>	3
<i>Porkchop</i>	3
<i>Farm Happenings</i>	4

Special points of interest:

- *Tearing of the Eyes*
- *Those Mean Chows!*
- *Farm Happenings*

Chopper in Vermont

Chopper took an airplane ride to get to his new home in Vermont. The trip didn't bother him at all and he didn't miss a beat. He met his new family with tail wagging.

Here he is after four weeks

in his new home. Isn't he handsome?

Chopper is a puppy from Hagrid and Izzie.



Daisy in Ohio

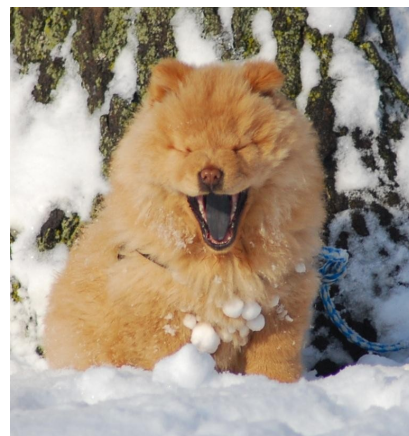


Daisy is a spunky little girl. She is reported to be the best chow this family has had and she is the fifth!

Daisy is a puppy from Hagrid and Izzie.



What are you laughing at?



Oh, that was s good one!

Tearing of the Eyes

Chow puppies often will have tearing. It often begins in one eye and then switches to the other. As they grow their tear ducts don't always stay in sync with the body growth and tearing will occur.

Chows are also predisposed to the condition Entropion. This is where the eyelid rolls inward and the lashes brush against the eyeball. It is usually the lower lid but also can be the upper lid. This irritates the eye and causes tearing.

If you notice your puppy's eye(s) are tearing be watchful. If they start and stop or change eyes it is the tear ducts out of sync with his growth.

Entropion on the other hand causes tearing that does not stop or change eyes. Once the tearing begins, that eye will continue to have problems. You should take your puppy to your veterinarian for evaluation.

Due to Chows being predisposed to Entropion make sure your vet is absolutely sure Entropion is the problem. Some

"Make sure it is really Entropion and not the growth of the tear ducts causing the tearing."

veterinarians 'assume' it is entropion without checking closely. Most experienced veterinarians will know the difference.

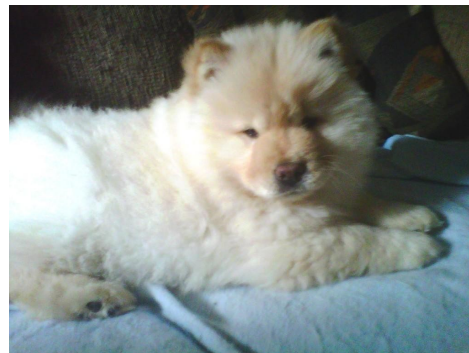
Katie in Ohio

Katie started out as Germany. But, she decided that wasn't the name for her. Her new family started trying out names and she responded to Katie so Katie it is. I guess she had her own idea of what name she felt was appropriate for her.

She has fit right in with the family and is loved very much. She was a sweetheart at the veterinarian's office. They

all loved her. We have another great ambassador for the breed!

Katie is a puppy from Frosty and Daisy.

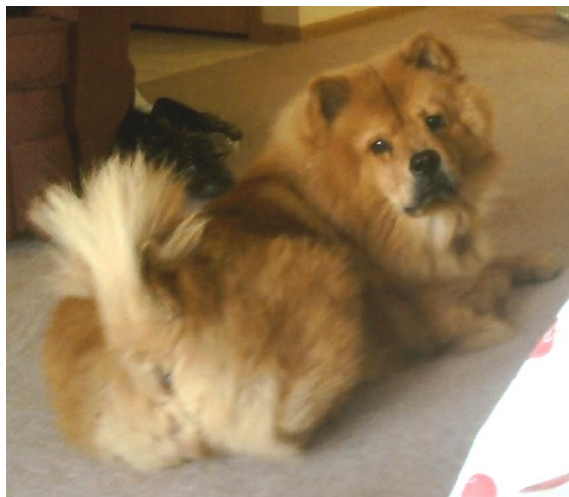


Mei in Ohio

Mei will soon be three years old! She continues to be a delight to all that meet her. She has made a great impression on her vet and her groomer. They love her.

She continues to make her owner very happy to have her in her life!

Mei is a puppy from Buhda and Gypsy.



Those Mean Chows!!

People unfamiliar with the Chow breed often describe them as vicious, aggressive, mean, untrainable, etc. Those of us who know Chows also know this is far from the truth.

Yes, Chows can be mean but they are not born that way. Chow puppies are shy by nature. It is very important that they are socialized from day one and are never given any reason to be afraid of humans. We have found that Chows are very sweet natured unless given a reason not to be. Chows will not tolerate being abused or mishandled. We all now what that means. It doesn't mean that you cannot discipline or train them

to do what you want. In fact, it is imperative that all dogs be trained and know how to behave. Otherwise, they are not fun to be around!

Never leave your Chow in any a situation where they could be abused intentionally or otherwise. Young children pulling ears or tail can scare a puppy and leave a lasting impression.

Are they really any different than our human children? If our children are abused in any way by someone they will not want to be around them. The difference is, children can tell you why. Dogs don't have that option so they growl, move away, and if cornered can

bite. Of course, if abuse continues a

"Chows are not mean by nature but can be made mean if mishandled."

Chow will become mean and wary of people. An unfortunate situation indeed!

Porkchop in PA

Porkchop's owner writes: I apologize I haven't sent pictures prior to this, I have just been having so much fun with my beautiful and perfect puppy, PORKCHOP! I can't believe we just celebrated his 7 month birthday...my how time flies! He has been such a joy since the day we brought him home! He has the sweetest personality, he LOVES everyone (human and dog

alike) and he is definitely the most popular dog in the neighborhood! His favorite thing to do is give kisses! He kisses his other doggie friends and his humans, but he prefers to just soak his kitten brother in affection. They are riot together!

Porkchop is a puppy from Kaiser and Bella.



Favorite toy!

D & M Farm Kennel

Primary Business Address

617 W. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.
Fairborn, OH 45324

Phone: 937-767-7078

Cell: 937-369-8425

E-mail: dnmfarm@aol.com

We're on the Web

dnmfarm.com

**Quality Chows with Exceptional
Temperament!**

**"The goal of D & M Farm
Kennel 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

We have a new baby on the farm! Our Haflinger mare had her foal on March 12. A colt (boy) we have named Magic. He is healthy and very social. He comes right up to everyone and wants attention. What a cutie! Babies are always fun and he is no exception.

We had been keeping Tina in the stall at night expecting her to have her baby any day. I had just let her out so I could clean the stall when she went into our run-in shed and had the baby. I noticed she wasn't with the other horses and noticed her laying in the run-in shed. The foal was already half-way born.

Tina lost her foal last year so we were concerned about his one. We wanted to make sure we were on top of things to give the new baby the best chance possible. Mares have a way of deciding when and where they are going to have their foals and Tina was no exception.

The very clean stall wasn't where she wanted him born. We need not have worried. He was born healthy and was on his feet within 15 minutes. They are amazing.

Mama and baby went back to the barn and was kept in where it was warm and dry.

This was our first foal in several years and is very exciting. It is so much fun watching the little ones mature and learn.

Here he is,
only a few
hours old!



Already curious.



Trying out those long legs!