

D & M Farm Kennel May Newsletter

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New Pet GPS Technology

Now it is possible for you to locate your pet by using a Global Positioning System, GPS. Although I have been unsuccessful finding a microchip version yet, you can purchase a tracking system that is affixed to a collar. The prices start around \$150.00 and go up from there. You will additionally have to pay a monthly maintenance fee of approximately \$13.00.

Your pet's personal information, as well as your contact information, is recorded in a national registry. If you make an inquiry concerning a lost pet, the managing company will track your pet and inform you of the

pet's location.

Some collars even have a built-in phone that can allow you to speak directly to your pet, or for someone who may find your pet to notify you.



According to the Humane Society, less than 17% of lost pets are recovered. If your pet has a hankering to roam, you might want to research this option.

Some of the sites I have visited include:

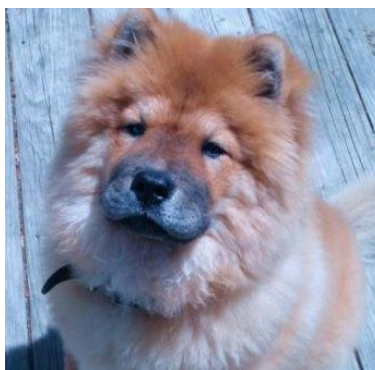
- <http://www.globalpetfinder.com>
- <http://www.roameoforpets.com>
- <http://www.lovemypetgps.com>

Bella Thea in Ohio

Bella is now four months old and loves everyone. When someone comes to visit, she cries when they leave. She is getting a little better about it. But, her face says it all. She really would like for them to stay.

She has her own per-

sonal trainer to teach her to come on command. Her predecessor got out of the yard and was lost. Bella's new family wants to ensure that never happens to her.



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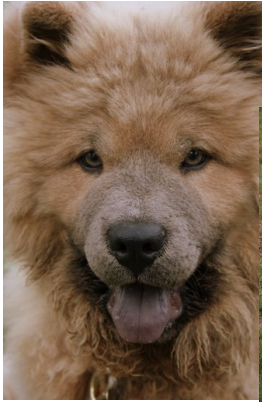
Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Pet GPS Devices*
- ♦ *Pet Insurance*

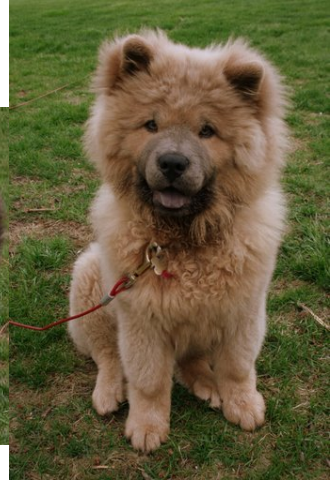
Mila in PA

Mila is five months old in these pictures. She is a puppy from Ginger and Ceasar's Nov 2007 litter.

What a cutie!! She loves water and always has a wet beard when she drinks water. When she goes to the local park she heads right for the creek. She is reported to be quite a pistol. She is the Alpha female in her two dog pack. Anastasia, a blue Chow, is quite content to let Mila lead the way. Mila, aka MilaMoo,



loves people and is very social.



Me and my shadow!

Kai in West Virginia

Kai was in our last newsletter and I mistakenly put her down as living in Indiana. She actually lives in West Virginia. Sorry Kai.

Kai continues to be a joy to her family. She was recently taken to a nearby creek. She proceeded to walk right in and lay down. Evidently she thought it was the perfect place to cool off!

It's funny how all Chows have their own personality, likes and dislikes. Our Muffin won't set foot outside if it's raining. She gives you a look of indignation if you even suggest she needs to go outside and risk getting wet. Yet, in contrast ... Kai loves the water.

Kai has the great disposition we hoped for, plus she is a gorgeous Chow. She is a cinnamon colored Chow and is from a Ginger and Ceasar litter.

Keep up the good work Kai and enjoy the water!

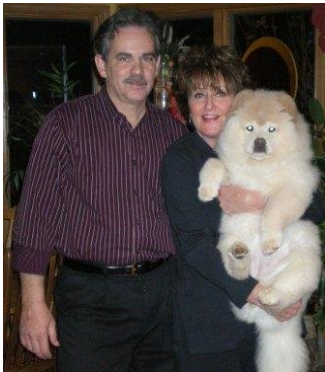


Who said, " Chows don't like water" ?

Panda in New Jersey

This little beauty is from a litter of Kaiser and Gracie. Her new mom and dad report that she is doing well and is very much loved.

Doesn't she look like a little princess? What a gorgeous girl!



Moolatte in Ohio

The name Moolatte is part Thai and part coffee. She is a darling little girl who now has a big brother, Pavlov. She settled right into her new home. Or should I say, took over, like most Chows. From the picture she looks quite the little

Divas ! She is from Ebony and Kaiser's litter.



Acquiring Pet Insurance

With the rising cost of veterinary care for pets, private insurance is something that many are looking into.

After going online and reviewing the plans of three different companies, I can assure you there are a wide variety of options. Similar to human medical insurance, there are varying levels of coverage that translates directly into the amount of your premium payment.

I checked out **ASPCA**, **Petplan**, and **VPI**. All three have basic to premium plans, covering accidents only, to yearly checkups. All have a cap on yearly coverage depending on the level of the plan.

The following sample are the estimates for monthly premiums:

ASPCA - \$20 - \$100

Five plans available

Petplan - \$19 - \$23

Three plans available

VPI - \$34 - \$44

Three plans available

As you can see from the number of plans and their varying costs, there are options to choose from. It will require research on your part to determine which plan might best fit your pet's needs. Most plans will not go into affect until your pet is a

minimum of 8 weeks old. They often give discounts for more than one pet. Some pre-existing conditions are covered in the higher level plans. Be sure to read what is not covered as well as what is. You might be amazed at what most would consider to be very important, but may be on the "not covered" list.

When an accident happens or a serious illness occurs, insurance may determine whether an animal lives or must be euthanized. Many pet owners cannot absorb exorbitant medical bills. Insurance can provide a peace of mind, knowing that your pet will receive the necessary medical care.

Coverage	Basic Coverage	Our Most Popular Plans			Advanced and Long Term Care	
	Safety Starting at \$9.50/mo dogs	Primary Starting at \$17.50/mo dogs	Advantage Starting at \$23.50/mo dogs	Premier Starting at \$59.00/mo dogs	Sterling Starting at \$77.00/mo dogs	
Accidents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hospitalizations	*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X-rays	*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Surgery	*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Illnesses		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spaying/Neutering			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Vaccinations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual Physical Exams			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Flea and Heartworm Prevention				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Annual Dental Cleaning				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Advanced Vaccination				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ongoing Treatment						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discount for Multiple Pets	NA	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Izzie & Hadrig of West Virginia

Both of these guys came from D&M Farm Kennel. It appears they have had a hard day and are all tuckered out. These two play hard and love everyone. Hadrig went through a period of puppy biting like so many. He has worked through it though.



Just a quick nap and then we'll go again.

Izzie loves his big brother. They make a great team!

Nakita in Ohio

Nakita has fit right in with her new family. She is always glad to see everyone, just as much as they are to see her.

Can you see her mom Gracie in that face? Her sire is Kaiser. She has his coat, but that face is Gracie all over again!



Boo in OH

This guy is reported to be happy, playful, loving, and handsome. Just the attributes you want!

Boo is loved by all and he returns it freely.

Boo is from a Nov 2007 litter of Teddy and Raven.

Keep up the good work Boo!



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**Quality Chows with
Exceptional Temperament**

*“The goal of D & M Farm Kennel is to
breed quality Chow Chows
with exceptional temperament.
We want all of our puppies to be good
ambassadors of the breed”*

Thought for the day



**Handle every stressful situation like a dog.
Pee on it and walk away.**