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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Prescription Drugs
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No different than people, dogs may have a need to be placed on a prescription drug. A one time occurrence isn't so bad, but when you have a pet that requires drugs on a long-term basis, it can be very expensive. There are cheaper and alternative means for providing prescription drugs other than purchasing them from your veterinarian.

Veterinarians typically mark up the price of their drugs to make a profit. Although there is nothing wrong with this, it sometimes can make it impossible for some to afford buying those drugs, necessary for long-term usage. For example, our old shepherd requires a daily dose of an anti-inflammatory and pain medication. From the vet, each pill costs over \$4. On the Internet, we can find the same drug online for \$2.68 per pill. When you are buying 90

pills at a time, this results in quite a savings.

There are actually two ways to save on prescription meds. First, if the drug is one also prescribed for humans, you can ask your veterinary to write you a prescription and then take it to any store that fills generic drug prescriptions at \$3 or \$4 for a 30-day supply. There are many drugs administered to animals that are also prescribed for humans.

The second way to save is searching online via the Internet. The website source that we currently prefer is at discountpetmedicines.com. You can order your medication directly online and they will contact your veterinary for authorization. Another source, 1800petmeds.com may be cheaper than your veterinary,

but they are not the cheapest online. Search for sites that sell pet prescriptions. With a little research, you can save yourself a considerable amount of money and still provide your



pet with the proper medication it requires.

Both of these

avenues can save you a lot of money over the long term. Most veterinarians will not mention these options, because they are in business to earn a profit. However, they are not opposed to them when you explain that you need to save money wherever you can. In today's world of economics ... that can be very important!

FALL & WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 2011

We are fast approaching the best holiday season of the year. Thanksgiving is upon us and it is time to figure out our Christmas gift list for each family member. Our grandkids, who actually want for very little, are the hardest to buy for. We always solicit ideas from their wish list.

As always, we are looking forward

to spending time with family for Thanksgiving and counting our many blessings. Our grandkids always help with the Christmas decorations. Better using their legs than ours for hauling all the decorations up from the basement!

In contrast, our Chowdren are easy to satisfy. Some extra at-

tention is all they ask and Char might require an extra belly rub.

Our beautiful turkeys can rest easy with the knowledge that Maleah refuses to eat anything that she has been personally acquainted with!

We sincerely wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving gathering with your family & friends.

LOLA'S BEGINNING (CON'T SAGA FROM "JINJER'S STORY" - APRIL 2011 ISSUE)



(This article was submitted by one of our clients)

It's now been 7 weeks since we made that exciting trip to D & M

Farm to pick up our new furry best friend. I felt like we were pulling into the driveway of a family member when we arrived. Darrell & Maleah are always so personable and caring ... and their passion for their Chows is amazing!

At first it seemed like a difficult decision choosing between two almost identical cream colored puppies. But after a minute or two, one chose us. As I was holding her, she wrapped her paws around my forearm and I could feel her tail wagging up against my arm and side. Now all we had to do was pick the perfect name. We were thinking Lilly, but something about it didn't seem to fit. It actually took until the next morning for us to decide her personality said "Lola".

Her first night with us, she curled up on the bed and slept right beside us. She never made a peep all night. But the next night, she wanted her own space ... so she went to her kennel. She rarely ever fusses at night and is always so happy to see us in the morning.

Lola loves to see our four-

month old grandson come in. She can't wait to put her paws up on his car seat and peak in and of course, lick him. At first, there was some nibbling on fingers and toes, but it didn't take her very long to learn that was a no-no. I'm sure they will continue to be good buddies!

We still have an accident here and there, but house-breaking has been really pretty easy. Lola definitely has a wild side, as most pups do. She prefers shoes, socks, towels, and toilet paper over her toys any day! But she never tries to tear things up. She just wants to bring them to you so you can play tug of war or chase with her. And she is finally learning that nipping at people's calves as they walk by is not acceptable.

On our first trip to the vet, the entire staff of Mineral Wells Veterinary Clinic fell in love with Lola. They said they wish we could always be their last appointment of the day so they could go home happy with a smile on their face.

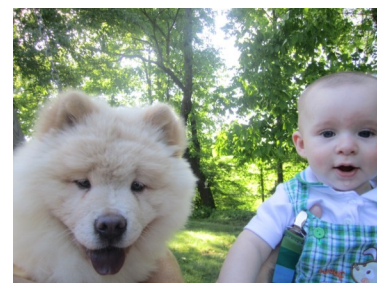
Lola loves everyone and is doing great with socializing. Our teenage neighbor, Bailey, shows up at our door several times a week to take Lola out to play. She says she doesn't want Lola to be afraid of her like our previous pet Jinjer was. We knew it would be a perfect time of year to get a pup, as camping season was beginning and there would be

plenty of people in our lives to socialize with. Lola loves going to the river and hanging out at the camper with our friends and their dogs. However, some of the older dogs aren't always happy to see her as she tries to nip at their back and tails. But we are working on that!

At first I felt guilty bringing home a new pup so soon after losing Jinjer. I felt guilty that I was starting to forget the pain of losing her. I had to hope Jinjer would understand and want us to fill that void in our lives. I came to the conclusion that although I may forget some of the pain and sadness of losing Jinjer, I know I will never forget the love and happiness she brought us for 6 1/2 years.

On our last trip to the vet ... just two days ago, Lola laid down on the table while waiting for the vet to come in. It brought back the memory of that final trip when Jinjer laid down that same spot for the last time. I couldn't help but to tear up. However, I got myself together before Dr. Elliot came in. Later, as my husband and I started to walk out of her office, I turned to see Dr. Elliot with tears in her eyes. She said "I am so happy you two got another Chow. You are such a nice couple and Jinjer would have wanted you to be happy".

We are very happy with our Lola. She has a spirit unlike



any dog we have ever seen. We are as happy to see her in the morning or after a long day at work, as she is to see us. She is such a good puppy. My husband has his countdown until his retirement and he tells Lola he will be home with her all day after only 21 more working days. We both look forward to many, many years of happiness with our little Lola! She is so spoiled already! I always say "She knew what she was doing when she chose us!" She is the perfect addition to our family! Carrying on tradition .. & the family name, she is after all ... a Henry! 😊

BRINGING "HOPE" TO INDIANA

Hope took her first road trip and was a great traveler.



She was a hit at the campground. The workers there knew her predecessor and were saddened by her passing. But, they were all enamored

with Hope. She quickly won their hearts with her friendly demeanor. She soaked up all their attention and all other passers-by. She is quite an attention getter! Lots of people stopped to look at her, ask questions, and pet her. She had her picture taken many, many times. She is turning out to be quite the ambassador.

See her great personal story



in our next newsletter.

JOINT SUPPLEMENTS & YOUR CHOW

You see lots of advertisements for joint supplements for people and pets. Do they help? Like anything else, for some they do and for some they have no affect.

Joint supplements cannot hurt. For puppies they can help during those growth spurts that sometimes can cause growing pains. For adult dogs, it can ensure sufficient lubrication of the joints to slow down wear and

tear that most experience as they age.

Any dog that has been diagnosed with joint issues should be on Glucosamine to slow down the degeneration. The lack of lubrication in the joint, promotes extensive wear and will eventually cause pain and lameness. This happens often in older dogs.

Most dogs will develop some degree of arthritis which is

directly attributed to joint wear. Taking Glucosamine can be very beneficial.

You can purchase chewable treats or canned food that contains Glucosamine in the product. Check the labels or consult your vet for proper dosage. You can often find the same amount of Glucosamine in the off-brand names, as in the widely advertised supplements, which can mean a considerable savings.

"Joint supplements can help both the young puppies & the older adult Chows"

INTRODUCING "LILAH" TO D & M FARM KENNEL

This little cutie is a puppy we kept from Kaiser & Shadow's litter to add to our breeding program. She is sweet as can be & is already a beautiful puppy.

The name "Lilah" was chosen by Darrell because she reminds him of the beautiful spring lilacs. She is a gorgeous light blue-gray color with silver tipping.

She is a loner now, since all the puppies from her litter & another litter born about

the same time have all gone to their new homes. She is still in the kennel to keep her safe & warm on the cold nights. She gets extra attention each time we are in the kennel. Darrell gave her a bath yesterday. I think she was quite pleased with her looks! She has gotten into a routine with the adult females who are presently in our "Maternity Ward" awaiting delivery of their litters. She goes in & out with them & perceives herself to be the queen! We agree!



"INKY" IN VIRGINIA

Celebration for Inky's second birthday is in full swing. He is such a beautiful and loving boy. Everyone loves him and they receive nothing but positive reports about him.

While at the groomers, everyone oohed and ahed at his beauty. Of course Inky proudly displayed his God-given beauty for all to see! I'm sure the other dogs were jealous of all the attention this "hunk" was getting!

Inky continues to be a joy to be around and has the total devotion of his family.

Inky is a puppy from Onyx & Hagrid. We normally advise our clientele that males tend to be larger than females, etc. However, Onyx is our largest Chow at 85 lbs. I think it is obvious that Inky took after his mom! What a gorgeous



specimen! Do you think he appears a little intimidating?



EASING ARTHRITIS SUFFERING OF YOUR CHOW

Dogs, like human beings, experience the stiffness and pain from arthritis. And, it often only takes getting warmed up to ease the pain and work out the stiffness. Some things can help and one of those treatments is applied heat.

We recently purchased heating pads to place under the beds of our older dogs. The extra warmth can help allevi-

ate the stiffness caused by the cooler temperatures and lack of activity at night.

Many of the heated pet beds or pet heating pads provide temperature control regulators. Obviously, with the double-coated Chows ... you don't want it to get too warm.

We are always looking for ways to make our pets more comfortable and make their quality of life better. This is

one small way to do that with minimal expense involved. It may also delay the time when you will have to start administering anti-inflammatory drugs.

Heat is also a good treatment for injuries or following surgical procedures. It increases blood flow, which in turn promotes the healing process.

Remember, Old Man Winter is just around the corner!

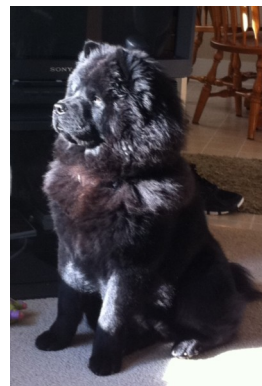
"We can do small things to promote our pets quality of life."

"OZZY" IN OHIO



Ozzy (Osbourne Chestnut's Iron Man) is a bouncing seven month old, baby boy. What a difference from the little "gopher" when he was picked up. He has become a very special member of his new family. What a picture of beauty!

Ozzy is a puppy from Mercedes "Mercy" & Ceasar.



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QUALITY CHOWS WITH EXCEPTIONAL TEMPERAMENT

D & M FARM HAPPENINGS

Another successful trip to the rural Amish countryside of Holmes County, Ohio. We attended the late fall Exotic Animal Auction. We only came away with two peacocks and four ducks this time. That has to be a record for us. We usually look like the Beverly Hillbillies with our truck & trailer laden down with our booty!

It was a very relaxing time. The pace is much slower there with all the Amish. We have made friends with several and always enjoy seeing them again. It was beautiful weather with the fall colors being especially bright!

If you ever make it up that

way you need to visit the village of *Charm* and the **Keim Lumber Company**.

What a complex! It is a huge store with lots more than lumber. But, for those who like to work with wood, they have every type of specialty wood you could imagine!

We found lots of things we didn't know we needed. We must have spent three hours just going through the entire store. It was really something. And we thought that **Lehman's Hardware** in *Kidron* was unbelievable, with all their new 19th century goods.

While in Holmes County, we visited **Weaver Wagons**. We

ordered two wagons. One is a one-ton Conestoga type wagon that has seating in front & in the back. The second one is a smaller half-ton pony wagon that will seat four adults. We plan to start driving both our Haflinger horse & pony in parades. We will take a couple of our Chows with us, along with some grandkids. Chows, Haflingers & grandkids ... life can't get much better than that!

Our farm is pretty much buttoned up for winter. We have six of the girls in the maternity ward. Raven & Pandi have both delivered. Daisy, Izzie, Dixie & Onyx are all about ready to bust. We hope to have more puppies soon and our kennel will once again be budding with new life. We so enjoy watching the little ones grow and then go to their new homes.

We wish everyone a blessed Happy Thanksgiving 2011 !

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



Our wagon except ours will be green.



Pony cart, but ours will be green.