

D & M Farm Kennel

November 2012 Newsletter

Introducing little precious “Scarlet” !

Special points of interest:

- Traveling
- Microchips
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- Farm Happenings

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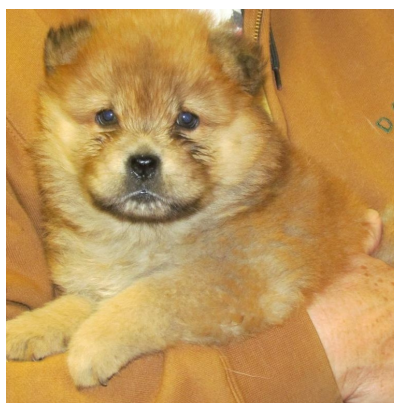
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This is Scarlet. Not “O’Hara”, but she is indeed feisty, a survivor and a beauty queen! She has earned the right to become one of our breeding females. Scarlet has an interesting story to be told about her unorthodox beginning.

Scarlet’s sire is Yogi Bear and her mother is Pandi. Pandi got into a fight with another female about three weeks before she was due to deliver her puppies. In the fight, she sustained puncture wounds, so she had to be treated with an antibiotic. Our vet assured us that the antibiotic is purported to be safe for pregnant or lactating females. Nevertheless, Chows appear to react a little different from other breeds and can be sensitive to otherwise safe medications.

On October 17th, Pandi delivered her litter of five red puppies. We were ecstatic, since we had a backup of clients waiting for red puppies on our Waiting Lists. They were all a bit undersized, but seemed to be healthy and active.

However, within the first two days we lost two of the puppies. The puppies began hemorrhaging. We have seen this happen before with puppies whose mother had been put on antibiotics. After losing the third one, we took the last two away from the mother and began hand-feeding them. Scarlet is the only surviving puppy from



the litter.

Maleah began feeding her around the clock with a syringe. After an exhausting twelve days, her eyes opened and she continued to thrive. She graduated to a bottle. She started out in a

box with a heating pad and went to a playpen. We finally placed her in with Daisy, who only has one puppy, about the same age as Scarlet. They play well together; however, she doesn’t nurse Daisy. She knows when Maleah enters the room and immediately begins whimpering to be picked up. She is very active and is eating well, to include wet food. Obviously she is going to be one spoiled puppy.

You might ask why give the antibiotic? With bite wounds you are almost guaranteed there will be infection. If the mother has an infection and it gets into the bloodstream she can pass it on to the puppies. It is a no win situation.

After discussing this with our veterinarian, we are going to try another type of antibiotic if the need ever arises again and see if we can get better results. It is always difficult to lose puppies. You always wonder if there was something more you could have done. Regardless, Scarlet is a survivor and a little princess!

Chopper in Vermont



Chopper is a traffic stopper! People always stop to marvel at his beauty. At a year and 10 months he has a magnificent mane and impressive feathering.

He is loved by his family and repays them tenfold. He seems to be oblivious of his

gorgeous looks. We were fortunate to have met him in person ourselves when we visited Vermont in October 2011.

Chopper is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.

***"Keep your pet
safe by
securing them
in the vehicle."***

Traveling with your Chow

Holiday season often requires traveling and many of us like to take our pets with us. The safety of your pet needs some planning and preparation before that car ride.

Accidents present a dangerous situation for an unsecured dog. Not only can the dog be thrown and injured, it could impact another passenger, causing injury to both. To safeguard your dog, it is best if you use some type of restraint system.

Crates are one option. It allows

your pet it's own space while keeping it confined. Be sure to secure the crate with tie-downs to ensure the crate isn't thrown around or tips over in case of sudden movement of the car.

A second option is a seat harness. These typically hook into the bracket used for a child's seat. The harness will keep the dog in place. Hooking to a collar should never be done, due to the danger of neck injury or crushing the trachea.

Securing your pet can also pro-

tect the driver. A pet suddenly jumping or getting under your feet can definitely be a hazard while driving.

Keeping our pets safe is a big responsibility. A little preplanning on our part can definitely prevent a potential accident. We definitely do not want to be sitting at the animal hospital regretting not having taken the precautionary measures in advance.

Our pets rely on our protection!

Ruger in Ohio

This cute "little" bear cub is Ruger. He is three months old and already weighs in at 30 lbs. He is also lovingly referred to as our "Ox".

Look at those paws!

Ruger is a puppy from Pixie & Simba.



Microchip Identification Works

In the past two months we have had two incidents where Animal Control has called us. One was from Pennsylvania and the other one here in Ohio. In both cases, a Chow was at the shelter and had a microchip. The microchip was traced and found to be still in our kennel's name so we were contacted. Fortunately, we keep good records so we were able to look up the microchip number and identify

who the owner was. We then contacted the owner and let them know that their Chow was at the animal shelter. In one instance the dog actually had been stolen from its yard.

Without the microchip, it would have been impossible to determine who owned the dog and it would have been either adopted out or eventually euthanized.

The Animal Control officer told

us that thousands of animals come through their facility each year and they attempt to scan each one for a microchip. More times than not, the animal has no identification nor microchip. Therefore, the owners are never found.

This is an insurance policy for your pet. Like all insurances ... you only need it when you need it! Be a responsible owner!

Mystic Reign in Colorado

Hi Darrell and Maleah!



“Mystic is a cinnamon puppy from Bella and Kaiser.”

Thanksgiving will truly be blessed this year. After losing our 10-year old Chow, Sierra, on May 5th, the usual summer camping trips, kayaking and day to day tasks were overshadowed with sadness. After extensive research on Chow breeders, we discovered [D & M Farm Kennel](#). An e-mail to them, their kindly response and after reading numerous references, we put a deposit on a female cinnamon Chow Chow. The email came while we were on vacation in Monterey, August 6th. Bella and Kaiser's litter had a female cinnamon Chow; she would be ours on October 1, 2012, via United Airlines. Well, as it turned out it was October 2, 2012, that we picked her up at DIA. The airlines had a snafu and her flight was delayed by a day.

The eight-week wait was made somewhat easier by wonderful weekly photos of our little girl, Mystic Reign. Sunday evening seemed like Christmas on a weekly basis. We oohed and awed with friends, family and co-workers over how she had grown from week to week. She was absolutely beautiful from the day she was born, but we are a bit prejudiced. Darrell and Maleah answered all our zillions of questions patiently and their knowledge of the breed was so reassuring.

Finally the morning of October 2nd arrived, Darrell called to let us know she was on the plane and we drove the couple of hours to Denver Int'l Airport, excited was an understatement. We arrived at the counter and told the agent behind the desk we were there to pick up a... he finished the sentence for us .. puppy. He brought her out in her kennel, remarking just how cute she was. We wholeheartedly agreed. She bounced out of her kennel, tail wagging and big eyes bright, ready for her next adventure. A bowl of water was offered, she drank a few slurps then promptly put her front feet in her water bowl and proceeded to splash water everywhere. That has yet to stop.

It would be several hours before Mystic got her first look at her new home. She returned to work with me for the rest of the afternoon, where her extra large crate, toys and office full of human admirers awaited. She ate and didn't have an accident that day and only a couple since we've had her. Housebreaking was a breeze. Mystic is a very happy, confident puppy, intent on pleasing the people around her. She allowed us to dress her up in a Pumpkin costume for Halloween (no she didn't even chew on it) and enjoyed the "trick or treaters", along with our two parrots and turtle.

Her vet's office is so enamored with her that the office manager, John, will greet me in the parking lot to gain possession of Mystic and whisk her away to play with the rest of the staff, while I wait alone in the exam room for her return. During our last visit for her third set of shots, the vet came carrying her in grinning, having stolen her away from one of his techs, and claiming there was a discussion among his staff of puppy napping. When we left, the staff and vet alike said Mystic's visit was a wonderful way to end a day.

The end of November Mystic will graduate from her puppy class with honors, knowing and performing to the verbal and hand signal commands to sit, come, down, leave it, stand, find it and bring it. Yes, she retrieves very well. How unchow like. The "stay" command, well let's just say she is a Chow and performs it a high percentage of time on her schedule. She plays well with the other puppies in class (she prefers the bigger puppies) and enjoys the attention of the other puppies' parents. Her visits to Lowes Home Improvement are met with squeals of delight from kids and always comments by the adults of "what a beautiful and well behaved puppy". PetSmart is next on visitation schedule, after her fourth set of shots.

Does she have her moments of brattiness, of course. Those razor sharp puppy teeth chew on anything she can get in her mouth, but is controlled with the always available Bully Stick. She's earned the nick name "Rocket Bear" for her nightly race in circles throughout the house repeatedly until she collapses and succumbs to sleep. Heaven forbid should she miss something while sleeping. Overall, she is more than the perfect puppy, she is our pride and joy. Thank you Darrell and Maleah!!!! You should be proud as punch of this little girl. Though I am sure you are proud of all your puppies as well as your adults, as you should be.

Tena and Bruce



Solomon's Homecoming

We received a call from an Animal Control facility a few days ago. The man said they had a male Chow that had been picked up near the interstate and it had a microchip that was registered to us. We explained that we were a breeding kennel and that we could tell him who the client was that had purchased the puppy.

We provided the information and also called the client to inform them of the whereabouts of their dog. The client said that the dog had been stolen and would go to the facility to pick him up.

We received another phone call from the facility and Mick explained that he had spoken to the owner but no one had come to pick up the dog. He wanted to know if we would be interested in picking him up since he was originally from our kennel. He said that they would keep him for a couple of more days but if the owner didn't pick him up, then he would be placed for adoption.

This is a county run Animal Control Facility so if they were unable to secure a home for him he would be euthanized.

We discussed the situation and called Mick back to say we would consider taking him back. Mick said that he

seemed fine, no growling or aggressive behavior. Stand-offish but normal behavior for a dog in a strange place with strange people.

Another couple of days passed and we received a call from Mick who said the dog was still at the facility and the owner had made no further communication with the



facility. We agreed to come that afternoon to see the dog.

When we arrived we were taken back to where the kennels were and Mick put a slip lead on the dog and took him to an area away from all the other dogs. The poor guy had been shaved, but otherwise seemed to be in good health. We were able to pet him and interact with him to see if he would accept us. He was fine. So, the decision was made to take him home.

After all the paperwork was completed, we were again escorted back to the kennel area to get

him. Obviously the girl was wary of him since he is a "Chow". That age old stigma and stereotype raising its ugly head again!

We put a lead on him and out to the car we went. We opened the side door to the van expecting to have to lift him up. Instead he jumped in as if to say, "Let's go home!" He sniffed around the van and then jumped in the seat behind the driver and proceeded to watch out the window. At one point he laid his head against the sill of the window and closed his eyes. He was obviously relieved to feel safe once again. I don't believe he remembered us, but I do believe dogs associate smells with good experiences or bad. I think he remembers our scent as being a safe place.

We got him home and put him in one of the kennel yards with Gracie. Gracie is a quiet, sweet tempered girl and we felt she would be a good one to introduce him to his new environment.

We have named him Solomon. He is a two-year old red male from Pandy and Hagrid. He was born on February 9, 2010 in a litter of nine. He was picked up from our kennel in March 2010 and returned in November 2012.

Because he was shaven, we are keeping him in our heated kennel over winter.

Welcome back home Soloman!

"Microchips can save your pet's life. Soloman was one of the lucky ones."

Hope in Indiana

Hope got to travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee with her family. It is an annual tradition. She loved staying in the cabin and exploring the new territory.

Hope is a red puppy from Khan & Gracie.



Zoey Noel in New Hampshire

Zoey just had her 6th birthday. Happy Birthday Zoey Noel !

You may remember her from the 2009 365-Day dog calendar. Her picture represented the only Chow for the calendar.

Her family says she is a joy to have and love her to death. Zoey returns that love ten-fold.

Zoey was a puppy from Ginger & Sampson.



Gizmo in Pennsylvania

Finding a good veterinarian is very important, not only for your puppy, but also for you!

Gizmo's owner took him to a veterinary clinic whose personnel displayed the behavior no one wants to deal with. The veterinarian was downright rude when Gizmo's owner attempted to tell him what she wanted done. He obviously didn't like a client telling him what was needed and proceeded to tell her that she was wrong and

what he was going to do. After much back and forth and a phone call to us, she decided to forego any treatment and found another clinic.

She was able to find another clinic the next day and a veterinarian who was willing to work with her on the care of her new puppy.

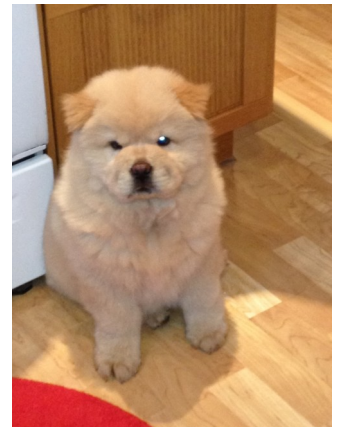
Never assume the veterinarian always knows what is best for your puppy. You should be able

to ask questions without them becoming upset or defensive.

If you encounter this attitude, just walk away. There are many good veterinarians out there!

A trip to one's vet should be a pleasant experience for you and your pet.

Gizmo is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.



Bella in Illinois

Bella protected her property and ended up in jail!!

Someone jumped the privacy fence into Bella's yard. She bit them before they could scale the fence again. Shortly after, Animal Control showed up and took Bella from her yard and impounded her. All of this was while her owner was at work.

You would think the human was the one who would get in trou-

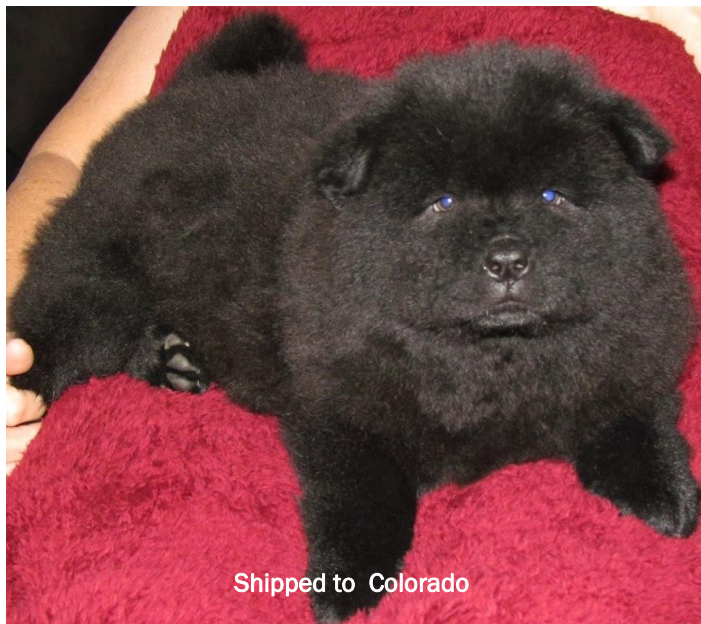
ble, but not so in this case in 2012. Bella now has to prove she isn't a danger.

What have our laws come to? Bella was in her own backyard, contained by a privacy fence. I don't understand this at all. It just seems to be another case where everything is upside down topsitury!

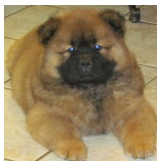
Bella is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.



Puppy Pickups



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D & M Farm Happenings

Happy Thanksgiving 2012 to all you, two-legged and four-legged friends!

Where has the year gone?! It is hard to believe we are nearing the last month of the year. It has been such a busy month so far. Still trying to winterize the farm to make it easier when the snow flies. The Farmer's Almanac says we are going to have colder than normal temperatures with snow mixed with sleet and rain. Yuk!! It sounds like it is going to be wet and dreary. Fortunately, we are having cooler temperatures now, but still plenty of sun. Our wood stove is humming and glowing with warmth. Nice to back up to and get warm when you've been outside in the cold wind, especially on damp days.

Amber & Yogi just had their litter of 7 born ... 2 black males, 4 black females and 1 red female. We are currently awaiting Raven & Frosty

and Dixie & Kaiser to have their litters. We always want to hurry them along, but Mother Nature is in charge and constantly reminds us that she knows best. We are like kids waiting for Christmas, checking the kennel for



new puppies on a regular basis.

We just had pickups for Brandy's litter and have one yet to ship.

We drove up north and picked up our horse carriage. We had lights put on

it and also a surrey roof. We plan to enter the Christmas night carriage parade in Lebanon, Ohio. It is specifically a horse & carriage parade. Everyone decorates their carriages, carts, wagons, horses, etc. for Christmas. We're hoping for decent weather. Last year it was sleeting. If there is ice we won't go. It is too big of a risk for a horse slipping and going down.

Christmas 2012? Wow! It is just around the corner! We used to say time flies when you're having fun. Now, as we get older we find, time just flies by us ... whether we're having fun or not!

D & M Farm wishes each of you a safe and blessed holiday season! Hope all are in good spirits, healthy, and safe.