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Our Chowy New England Journey

Since we lived in Germany for more than 17 years of our adult life, we have seen more of Europe than America. Therefore, we have discussed taking a road trip to New England to see the beautiful fall foliage and picturesque landscapes.

One of our all-time favorite movies is "On Golden Pond" ... with the fabulous setting being New Hampshire. Ironically, over our many years of travel, Darrell once befriended an elderly couple who were visiting Germany. They happened to own a summer home very near the location where the movie was filmed. They always sent us a Christmas card every year and invited us to visit their summer home in New Hampshire, even suggesting that we spend some time in their home when they were away elsewhere. They also owned a home in Branson, Missouri. Although we always planned to take them up on their kind offer, we could never find time to work it in our busy schedule. Sadly, we waited too long ... and they are now both deceased.

Time is a precious commodity for us, so we couldn't afford to be gone, but for a short visit.

We knew we wanted to visit the famous Niagara Falls, see the Adirondacks, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut & Pennsylvania. We finally decided on a looping route, with our final destination, visiting the Amish country of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

After much discussion, we decided that we should combine this adventure into a "Chowy Journey" and visit some of our wonderful clientele who have purchased their Chows from our kennel. Darrell set about researching clientele along the route who have purchased puppies from us since 2009. To our amazement, he discovered almost 30.

We decided to schedule our journey in conjunction with a holiday, so we departed Ohio on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. The extended weather forecast for the entire journey was magnificent ... clear blue skies, sunny and warm!

Our road trip consisted of 2,149 miles in 86 hours! Regardless of the distance and compressed time, we had an absolutely wonderful time! We started out heading in the direction of New York. We stopped in Erie, PA to visit Melissa and see "Warlock".



"Warlock" is a big guy and wasn't too sure about all of us piling into his house. But, he settled

down and let us pet him.

"Warlock" is a black male. We thank you Melissa for your gracious hospitality.

From there we headed to Buffalo, New York to meet up with a couple of fantastic college students ... Lucas and Kasey. They didn't have their puppy yet and

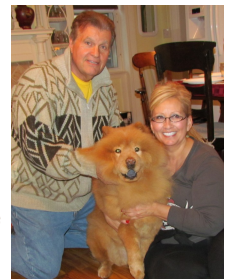


would be coming to our place the next weekend to pick him up. We had a great lunch with them and enjoyed our short visit.

Then off to Niagara Falls. We drove over to the Canadian side. It was a most spectacular sight! Mother Nature is truly amazing!

We then stopped in Brockport, New York to visit Tommy & Donna

and see "Ari". He is one of our very special and absolutely rare "apricot" Chows.



His color is very unique ... not cream ... nor red. "Ari" was happy to see everyone and his mom and dad had prepared a lovely dinner for us. We had a very nice visit into the late evening hours and then spent the night in a local hotel.

The next morning we headed out for Danville, Vermont to meet up with Heather, Brad & Kim. After all ... "Chopper" and "Riley" were awaiting our arrival that afternoon. We met up with them at the Sugar Ridge RV Village-Campground in northern Vermont. Reportedly, it is the best campground in Vermont. It was indeed a beautiful picture-

esque setting! They had a wonderful potluck dinner ready for us. It was super! We were able to visit with two more clients and see their Chows. "Riley" is a beautiful red male



and "Chopper" is a gorgeous cream male. It was especially



good, since we had shipped the puppies and had not met their owners. We spent the night in a camper and then headed out for New Hampshire early the next morning. Thank you Heather, Brad & Kim. Your kindness and hospitality will be cherished !

We were told that Mt. Washington, ... in the White Mountain chain of New Hampshire was a must see. It is well known and world famous for its notoriously changing weather conditions. Mt. Washington has the highest wind speed ever recorded on earth at 231 mph. This was just wind ... no tornado nor hurricane! Fortunately, we were able to get tickets for the cog train and were able to go to the summit. Although the weather was great ... windy conditions is an understatement. While we were there, the winds were so

strong we had to lean into the wind to walk across the observation deck! A few days earlier they had to close down the train, due to excessive high wind conditions. In fact, we were told that the last train coming down for the day lost some equipment along the way due to the high winds. It was indeed a sight to remember forever!

Once we came down from the mountain we drove on south through New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York & New Jersey ... headed for Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After a short visit with our friends' relatives in New Jersey, we drove on and spent the night in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. Early the next morning we headed on to Lancaster. We did some sight-seeing in and around the Lancaster area, enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the Amish countryside.

We then drove to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and met up with two more clients ... Ann & Bob ... and got to meet "Porkchop" a cinnamon male,



"Tanner" a cream male and "Nutmeg" a red female. We



enjoyed our visit and sincerely appreciated Ann & Bob taking time from their busy schedules to meet up with us. We will always remember your generosity and kindness and hope to see you again one day.

We then drove on to just outside Greensburg, Pennsylvania where we met another of our clients at a Cracker Barrel restaurant along the interstate. James was gracious enough to drive 20 miles so we wouldn't have to get off the interstate. "Kobe" his beautiful red male



was waiting for our arrival. What a beautiful boy he is. We thank you Jim for going out of your

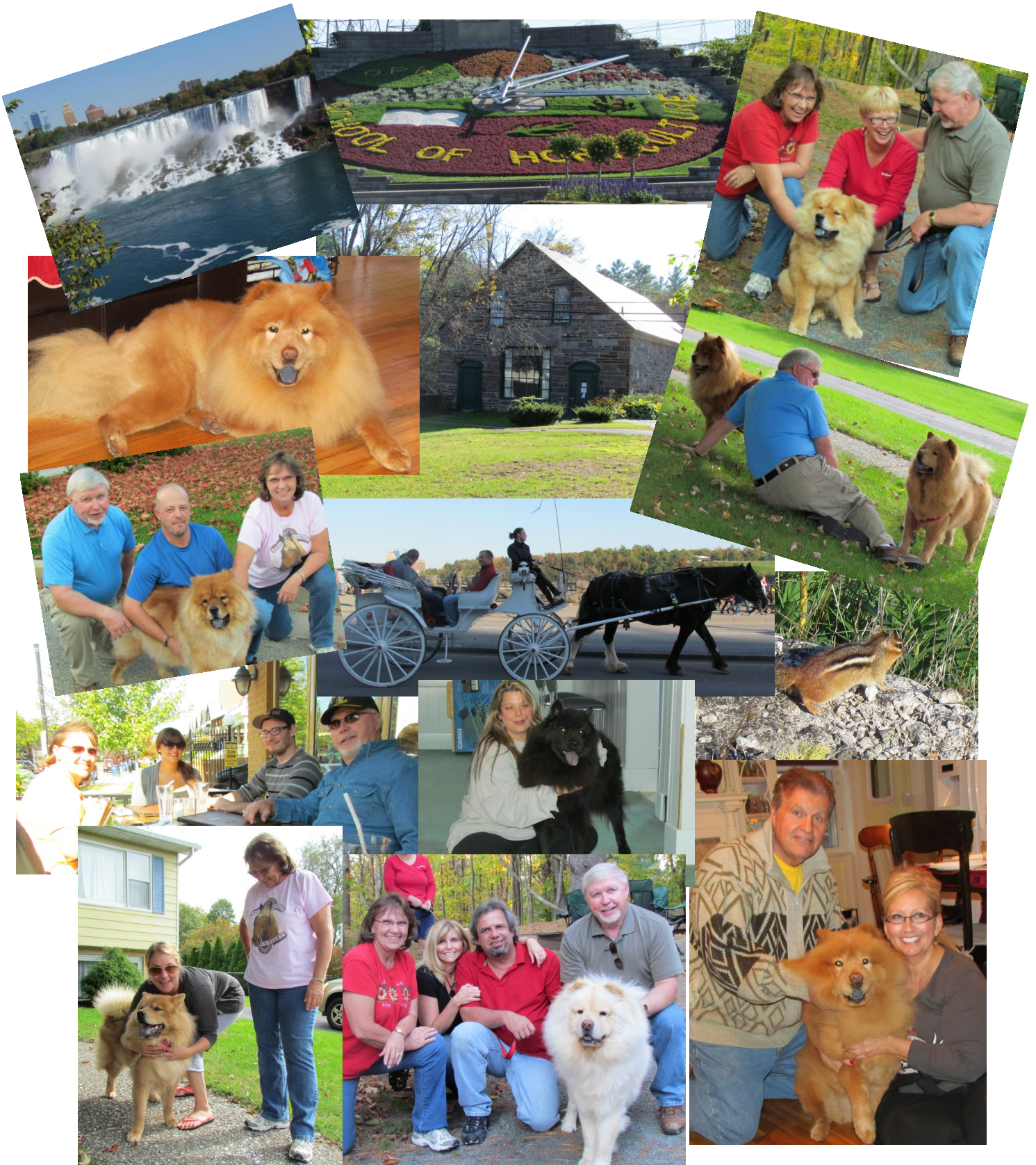
way to make our day so special.

We are happy to report that we saw nothing but beautiful healthy Chows. We are very happy with our progeny. Well-mannered, good -tempered, and absolutely gorgeous! We have known that our clientele are wonderful people who share our love of Chows. But this road trip confirmed that forever for us! We thank you all for your kindness and hospitality and look forward to future "Chowy Journeys". You never know when we might be calling you and arranging a visit to see you and your Chow!

Our trip was a whirlwind, but we were able to meet up with many of our clients and visit for a short while. We feel so lucky and so blessed by having such great people in our lives. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts! May God bless each of you and your beloved Chow companions!

You never know, we may just drop in to see you one day! Don't be surprised! Of course, the invitation to visit us is always there for everyone!

Our Wonderful Trip to New England



Don't you hate it when someone makes you look at their travel photos?

“Mother Nature can really throw a wrench into our whelping schedule sometimes!”

“More beautiful Chows”

Breeding & Mother Nature's Role

We set a breeding schedule for each of our females and for the most part it works very well. Well, except for those times when Mother Nature decides to change things up for us.

Once in a while our females don't breed as expected. Their expected due date comes and goes. It throws a wrench into our breeding schedule, but we have to maintain faith that Mother Nature knows what is best.

We try to ensure that our mothers are fully recovered from their last litter before allowing them to become pregnant again. However, Mother Nature knows things that we cannot see and sometimes prevents pregnancies.

The health of our mothers is of utmost importance. Not only so we get healthy puppies, but because they are all our pets and we don't want to see any harm come to them.

We try to do everything we

can to make sure all of our dogs stay healthy and provide a happy environment for them to live. We feel we do a pretty good job and all of our pets convey that to visitors with tails wagging and excitement at meeting new people.

We are always vigilant and try to remain open to any inputs & suggestions by our veterinarians or information to be extracted from experts in the field of veterinary science, and any sources of information dedicated to the Chow breed.

Roxy in Michigan

Roxy has turned out to be the love of her family. She is very well-mannered and sticks to chewing only her toys. She loves to travel and go to the kids' soccer games. She has turned out to be a great soccer fan. She also loves to go camping, making friends with all the other dogs in the campground. Her family has

chickens and that was a concern. But, Roxy doesn't hurt them. She does like to give chase once in awhile.

Roxy is 3.5 months old. She's happy as long as her family are around.

Roxy is a puppy from Onyx & Hagrid.



Avalanche in California

Avalanche, what a beauty you've become.

Avalanche is now 2 years old. She is a queen who loves the snow of Utah. As you can see, she would rather be outside experiencing the snow, than be inside where it's warm.

She has boots for the really cold days to protect her paws. She doesn't seem to mind them and understands that

they help protect her.



Her family reports she is the best dog ever, but has a mind of her own (Really? She is a Chow!) but, she willingly

shows her love to all.

Avalanche is a puppy from Ginger & Khan.



Launching D & M Farm Kennel Facebook Site



One result of our trip to New England was receiving suggestions from our clientele along the way. One suggestion was that we should open a Facebook account for our kennel.

Therefore, we are in the process of

developing the business site on Facebook for the Kennel. This will give us another venue for us to share knowledge, information, and pictures for this beautiful breed.

We are excited and a little daunted by this task. It seems easy enough, but the devil is always in the details.

We expect to have the site up and running within the next four weeks. We will put the link in our next newsletter or you can search for us on Facebook.

If anyone has any suggestions ...

please let us know! Even though Maleah has worked in IT for many years, this is a new means of communication ... so there is a learning curve. For those of you out there who might have expertise with Facebook ... we need all the help we can get!

We hope this new site will help to promote the breed and all of it's beautiful attributes.

Look for this new site coming soon! We also have received another suggestion that we'll feature in next month's issue. Stay tuned!

"BREED SPECIFIC ADVICE CAN DIFFER FROM WHAT YOU MAY READ IN BOOKS OR ADVICE YOU MAY RECEIVE FROM YOUR VETERINARIAN."

Providing Advice Specific to Chows

Many times ... advice we provide on Chows may differ from what you read in books about puppies and/or dogs in general. It also sometimes may differ from what your veterinary has told you.

We only feel qualified to speak specifically about Chows. We have had Chows since 1984 and have been breeding them since 1998. Therefore, we feel we have acquired a lot of knowledge specific

to the breed that we do not mind sharing with others.

Veterinarians treat all breeds, but each breed has it's own idiosyncrasies. These are the things that veterinarians and people who write general books on dog care do not speak about. Their knowledge when it comes to canines in general is from a very broad perspective.

We work very closely with our veterinarians in the care of our

Chows. We have learned many things from them, but they in turn have learned some things from us about the specific Chow breed.

Those issues and facts attributed specifically to the Chow breed must be taken into consideration as well as the generalities applied by one's trained veterinarian.

Working together closely is the surest way to provide the best care for your Chow companion.

A Beautiful Cream in Alabama



It's hard to believe that this gorgeous guy is only a year old. He looks a lot like his daddy.

His great-grandfather is Khan, his grandfather is Kaiser and his daddy is Hagrid. Love that head!

This guy is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.



Tasha in Ohio

Tasha was 8 months old in this photo. That was in July, so she is now 11 months old.

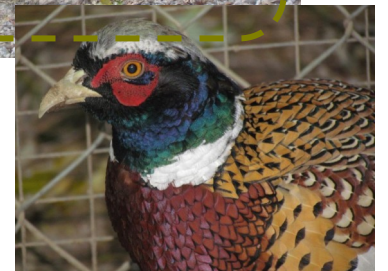
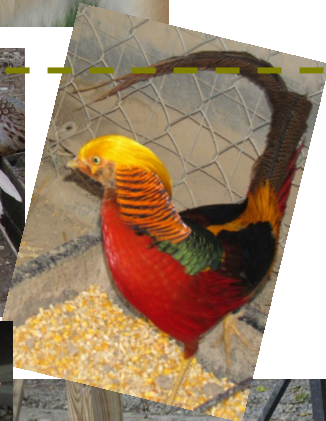
Tasha went to puppy classes which helped channel all her energy. All that puppy energy made her a handful.

She is beautiful and much loved by her family.

Tasha is a puppy from Shelbie & Khan.



Fowl & Felines



Computer Mishaps & Lost Updates !

Computers can be a real nemesis at times. They are great when they work, but when they don't work they can make you crazy!

We have experienced a problem with our email service. We lost a lot of messages we had saved from our clients who had provid-

ed us with updates on their dogs. *Thank you AOL ... who has been no help in recovering the lost messages.* **So, if you haven't seen your dog in the newsletter, it is possible we no longer have the email.**

Don't hesitate to let us know and

please keep those emails and updates coming. We are now back in business and are saving our messages on our local drive to prevent losing them again.

We love featuring our progeny in our newsletters for everyone to enjoy!





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**“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”**

D & M Farm Happenings

We are in full swing at the farm getting ready for winter. We have harvested the honey from the hives. We will extract the honey, bottle & package D&M Farm honey soon. We have added tarps to the pheasant enclosures to provide them more protection during wintry weather. Heat lamps have been replaced in the hen house, it's been cleaned, and new straw placed in the nests. The calves have their own building ... complete with a heat lamp to take the chill off. They have a deep bed of straw to keep them warm. We are still bottle feeding them. They have another month before we can wean them off. We have bed down the outside doghouses with straw. The heated buckets are in place. The puppies have been moved back inside, since wet and cold weather has arrived. New sawdust has been put in the horse stalls so they will have a warm dry

place when needed. The pool has been closed for the year and we have cleaned out the raised beds in the garden and tidied up the greenhouse.

Lots of work this time of year. But, it is also a beautiful time with the beautiful colors of the fall leaves. The



smell of the dried leaves conjures the thoughts of being snug by the fire on cold nights. The stores are full of Christmas decorations. We always hope to get ahead of the game, but it rarely happens. We make our mad dash at the last minute like so many.

Darrell and I were outside the other day looking over the farm. We were reflecting on how blessed we feel to have our farm, the kennel, and all the many friends we have made through our Chow kennel. Our Chows were lazily lounging about on this sunshine-filled day. Everyone seemed content. It was a good feeling. A great time to be alive! Thank you God !

We continue to be amazed at how much we have in common with our clientele. It is so rewarding and so special to be part of the larger Chow family. Happy Halloween 2011 !

Farm Pictures

