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Seasonal Worming

It is once again time to prepare for the seasonal changes. We use the seasons as a reference for doing annual and semiannual chores.

At the onset of cooler weather, we usually worm all of our dogs. Our females are wormed after having puppies, but our non-breeding females and our males need to be kept on a worming schedule. We routinely worm twice a year.

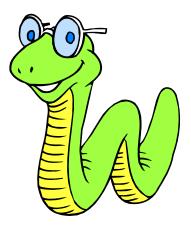
Parasites can manifest from many sources. Birds and wild animals are only a couple. Parasites can be devastating on an animal, if left unchecked. Besides robbing them of essential nutrients, they can also weaken their immune system.

We prefer a broad spectrum wormer that covers several types of parasites. You can find these at your neighborhood pet supply store or at an online store, such as Jeffers or Entirely Pets. The online stores save time and are often cheaper than the local stores.

If you are in doubt as to which types are best to

use, call your veterinary and ask for their advice.

Worming can easily be done by you. Wormers usually come in flavored chewable pill form, so your dog will willingly consume it.



Abbey in Indiana

Abbey has settled into her new family and loves it. Her new buddy Belle has decided she isn't so bad after all.

Abbey loves to roughhouse with Belle and go for walks

around the property.

Abbey is a puppy from Rosy & Sampson.



Max in Ohio



Max and Emma

Max and Emma are great friends. Some uninformed people who have heard the horror stories about Chows have warned about Max suddenly turning vicious. Those of us who know Chows also know that is very unlikely unless the dog is mistreated.

It is obvious by the picture that Max loves Emma just as much as she does him. I would bet Max

would be the best protector for Emma you could find.

When raised with or around children, Chows are very tolerant.
They are no different than people.
Those of us who have been around children find their antics amusing. Those who have not been around children view it differently and often not very tolerant

Max is a puppy from Teddy & Pandy.

Colder Weather

In colder geographical zones, it is important to prepare for cold temperatures and wet or icy ground.

For dogs who stay outside for several hours at a time, it is crucial

that proper shelter is available. They know when they need to get in out of the weather. Any down to the skin and the temperatures remain low. Shelters should protect against wind and be dry. We use straw as bedding, as it is a good insulator. Dog houses

"Protecting your dog during cold

weather is critically important to

their health."

animal is at risk if they get wet

should be big enough for the dog to comfortably go in, turn around, and lay down. Their body heat will warm the doghouse. If the doghouse is too large the heat will dissipate too quickly. Place the doghouse against another building when possible for a windbreak and added protection. Face the opening away from the prevailing wind, which in our area, comes from the southwest.

All these things will help ensure your dog's comfort and health.

Geisha in Illinois

The day after the trip to her new home, Geisha was one tuckered puppy.

Geisha has stolen the spotlight from the resident Schnauzer and Yorkie. To her delight, she already outweighs the Yorkie! She quickly realized that her new



mom and dad were real pushovers but still is a good girl.

Geisha is a puppy from Pandy & ChaChi.

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Rio in New Mexico



Hanging out in the rocker.

Rio continues to grow and thrive in her New Mexico home. She has become a very important part of the family and brings joy every day.

She also looks for fun where she can find it. Not sure if she is challenging the deer to a game or making sure the deer doesn't take her favorite ball. Either way, it's fun to watch.

Rio is a puppy from Kaiser & Bella.



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I've got it!

Peyton Manning Juicebox in North Carolina

Yes, that is her real name! And what a joy she is . Peyton has eased the sorrow of the loss of Casey , their previous Chow, and filled a void in the lives of the family.

Peyton is reported to be a wonderful puppy, loved by all.

Peyton is a puppy from Gypsy &

Buhda.



Bear in Ohio

Bear's human grandma had cancer and had to go through chemo therapy. Once it was finished she wanted a picture with each of her family members wearing her wigs. Bear was included wearing her "Chemo Sucks" hat. Bear was a good sport and joined in the fun. Grandma has made a full recovery

so everyone is smiling.

Bear is loved by all and is a great dog. He is from Izzie & Hadrig.



Chemo Sucks!

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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"

Farm Happenings - Fall 2009

We once again attended the Mt. Hope Exotic Animal Auction in Mt. Hope, Holmes County, Ohio. Holmes County has the largest population of Amish in America. Darrell and I love visiting. We have become friends with many of the Amish in the area. The area is a farming community and the pace is much slower than we experience in our normal day to day lives. So, we have come to enjoy the respite.

As usual, we came home with the truck and trailer full. We purchased several laying hens and many other chickens that are simply pretty. We also purchased some geese and guineas. Last by not least, we purchased two Jer-

sey calves. Jethro is our bull calf and Bessie is our heifer calf. Bessie will one day be our milk cow and Jethro will probably end up in our freezer. I have always said that I will never eat anything I have been personally ac-



Jethro & Bessie

quainted with. But, with all the issues with our present food supply these days, home grown food takes on a whole new meaning.

Bessie and Jethro were both three - day old calves. This is our first time raising calves, so it is a whole new experience. We have solicited advice from a local Jersey dairy farmer and our local veterinary. So far, so good.

To date, we have also had several puppies born this fall. The maternity ward is full again. Everyone is healthy and happy. We absolutely love to see the puppies grow.