

# D & M Farm Kennel

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### My Puppy ... and the Value of the Microchip ?

Many of our clients have questioned the necessity to microchip their puppy. We have always explained that it provides a non-refutable means of identifying your dog.

We recently were contacted by a representative of the ASPCA, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in Pennsylvania that had recently picked up a Chow Chow. When they scanned the dog for identification, their database provided our name. The chips that we administer are originally registered to us. The new owners are given instructions on transferring the registration into their name.

The owners of this particular



dog had not transferred the chip. Fortunately, we maintain information on all of the chips that we administer and were able to provide the Animal Control Officer with contact information for the

owner. This illustrates the value of microchips. Had this dog not been micro chipped, it may have never been reunited with it's owner!

For those who have micro chipped animals . . . please remember to keep the database up-to-date if you move or if you get a new phone number. If your contact number has changed and you do not update your info, there is no way for them to track you down. Once you transfer the microchip into your name, they will no longer have our kennel information, so they will not contact us.

Please microchip your pets. You never know when it will be the only thing that enables you to be reunited with your beloved pet!

#### Special points of interest:

- MICROCHIPS
- ANNUAL BOOSTERS

### Mugen in Virginia



Mugen has turned into quite a handful. He is a joy to

have around and has never been a problem. Another great ambassador for the Chow Chow breed. What a gorgeous boy!

Mugen is from a litter of Pandy & Cha Chi.



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## Junior in New Jersey



Junior loves hanging out and getting lots of attention.

His pool is a favorite place to be on a hot summer day.

Junior is a puppy from a litter of Mercedes & Budha.



Who says Chows don't like water?

**"DO ALL DOGS  
NEED THE SAME  
VACCINATIONS  
IN THE SAME  
DOSAGE  
REGARDLESS OF  
SIZE OR HEALTH?"**

## What About Annual Booster Vaccinations?

Annual vaccinations continue to be a topic of discussion with many veterinarians, breeders, and dog owners.

Some interesting facts concerning most annual boosters are: The same dosage is used for both small & large dogs. The vaccinations typically are combined to include several vaccines in one shot. They are administered routinely to all dogs, regardless of their health.

Annual vaccinations are the only known medicine that is not administered according to the individual weight of the animal. Should a small dog require the same dosage as a much larger dog?

By combining several vaccinations, can it overtax the dog's immune system? Can this be harmful to your dog?

Do healthy animals need the same vaccinations as dogs with a compromised immune

system?

The AMVA, American Veterinary Medical Association, website does not recommend vaccinations for healthy dogs that do not routinely travel throughout the country.

Then why do veterinarians continue to routinely administer these vaccinations?

Factors to consider when deciding what is best for your pet.

## Tarheel in North Carolina

Here is Tarheel at four months old. Do you think his owners are sport fans?

Tarheel is reported to be the sweetest Chow ever. He greets everyone who comes and wants to hog all the attention. He is never shy about meeting new folks.

Tarheel went to a breeding

facility in North Carolina. He is also one of their pets so he receives lots of love and attention.

Tarheel is a puppy from a litter of Dixie & Budha.



Tarheel loves his bones!

## Quality Chows with Exceptional Temperament

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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

September 16—28 we vacationed in Germany! We had a wonderful time. First, we went to the Oktoberfest parades. All of the beer wagons were decorated and being pulled by horses to the fest grounds. Everyone was in a festive mood and we couldn't have asked for better weather.

Next, we took a train to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. GAP is “home” to our kids. We lived there for almost eleven years and our kids grew up there. We stayed in a hotel located up in the Alps. You must take a small cable car up the mountain to reach it. Our room was fantastic. It was on the third floor with a double balcony that had breathtaking views of the mountains to the south.

Our second day there we went to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. It is world famous and has been done every ten years since the 1600's. It is a reenactment of Christ's life leading up to his crucifixion. Hollywood couldn't have done a better job! It was great!

The next day we went up our favorite mountain, the Wank. Locals call it the sunny mountain. Once you arrive at the top via a cable car, you can walk on paths and spend the day looking at

views you just can't describe. The beauty and serenity was just what we needed as a respite from our busy lives. There are two restaurants as well, so of course we partook of the delicious Bavarian food and topped it off with a slice of apple strudel covered with warm vanilla sauce.

Our newest grandson was born in April and we had not seen him in person. So, we were anxious to get to our daughter's house in Weiden. So, the next day we hopped a train and headed for their home. Once we arrived at the train station we walked a short distance to one of our favorite Turkish restaurants and had a sandwich called a Doner Kabab. We took a taxi from there to our daughter's house and she arrived home from teaching school just a few minutes after we arrived. She teaches first grade to the children of the American soldiers and civilians stationed there.

We were able to spend a few days with them and spend time with our three grandsons. Finally, we were able to get our hands on the baby! It's one thing to see him via the Internet, but not nearly as good as holding him. He has lots of smiles for Grandma and

Grandpa. The two older grandsons liked having us visit. We got to spend time with them and watch our oldest grandson play football. This is his first year. We also got to watch both of the older boys play soccer.

All too soon, our vacation came to an end and we returned to the states. It is always bittersweet. We had such a good time while on vacation. Our time in Garmisch was so restful. But, coming home always feels good. All of our furry family was glad to see us. We have a friend who works for a veterinarian come in to care for them while we are gone and she does a super job. But, I think all the dogs missed us. And the puppies we had before we left had grown so much! Now I know how clients feel when they see them at a couple of weeks of age and then again at six weeks! What a difference!

Now we are back into the routine of getting things ready for winter. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this year already. Christmas is indeed ... just around the corner!



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