

D & M Farm Kennel

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Where did the summer go? I am always truly amazed at how quickly time passes. We are now in full blown "get ready for winter" mode.

Our hay is in the barn. Our propane, gasoline, kerosene & diesel tanks are filled. The dog houses are cleaned and being bedded down with straw. All the water buckets and feeders are being cleaned and readied for those cold winter days and nights. All of our other animals have their needs that we have to meet too. Run-in sheds have been cleaned out and sawdust & straw bedded. Any repairs have to be made before the snow flies.

What do you need to do to get ready for winter? Pets that spend time outside during the winter have to have water made available 24/7. Heated water

bowls and buckets can be purchased at your local farm supply store or ordered online. These sure beat breaking ice. Food containers have to be contained so the food does not become wet and potentially mold. Check the doghouse for leaks. Doghouses should be just big enough for your dog to



turn around and lay down. His body heat is what is going to heat the doghouse and keep him warm. If the doghouse is

too large, there won't be enough heat. Bedding can be straw, cedar chips, or a nice fluffy bed. All will retain heat and make it more comfortable for your pet.

Paths and yards should be cleared of any debris that could freeze to the ground and become a hazard. Sticks can have sharp ends that stick up from frozen ground and can cause cuts to paws.

Now is a good time to give your dog a bath if you normally do it outside. Do it before the temperature drops. This will give you an opportunity to check your dog's skin condition and detect any issues it may have. A good grooming will bring up all the natural oils in the coat which help protect against wind and rain.

Bear & Bexley in Ohio

Bear has settled right into his new home. His big sister, Bexley, thinks he makes a great toy to play with. The family has great fun watching the antics of these two.

Bear is a puppy from Shadow & Simba. Bexley is a puppy from

Raven & Frosty.

Don't you agree they are simply adorable?

Having companionship is always a plus!





Tainted Food Continues to Be a Problem

Tainted pet food products continue to be a problem in the marketplace. The most prevalent problem seems to be chicken imported from China. There have been several reported deaths due to bad chicken products included in the food which makes the dog sick.

How do you avoid this? Check the labels of your dog food and treats to ensure they are made in America. Not just assembled in America. If you are still not sure after reading the label, call the number on the bag and ask.

If there is any hesitation on the food companies' part to answer your questions. If so, change brands.

I don't understand why companies continue to use products from China when it is a known problem. It is most likely greed.

There are many good organic brands out there that ensure all ingredients come from America. They are easily found on the Internet. Some you have to order online, but many are available through local distribu-

tors.

Pets do not forage for their food, so they are completely dependent upon us to ensure they are being fed safe and healthy food. Our pets are a responsibility that we signed up for when we brought our pet into our home. Their health and well-being must be our main priority.

Be vigilant in reviewing dog food labels on a regular basis. No one wants to make a trip to the vet, due to tainted food.

"We love to showcase our Chows!"

Teddy in Rhode Island



What a handsome boy Teddy is! He is much loved by his family.

They are so proud of him they wanted to share his picture.

Teddy is a puppy from Amber & Yogi.

Bogie in Ohio

Bogie had a day at the pool. He was much more interested in the other dogs. But, he did get some swimming in.

Generally, Chows are not known as lovers of water! Being double-coated, it can become a distinct drag on swimming.

Bogie is a puppy from Amber & Solomon.



Gizmo in Pennsylvania

From our client:

Hi Darrell & Maleah ~

So, it's been exactly one year since our little Gizmo was born. How time flies!

We can't put into words how happy we have been to have him in our lives and I believe Gizmo feels the same way too! He's been doing wonderful and is in great health ... as you can see by the picture. He is growing up so fast!

Oh and not to mention he's very, very spoiled!

We want to thank you again for bringing Gizmo in the world and into our lives. We love him dearly!

Patty, Tim, Ricky & Gizmo

Gizmo is a puppy from Izzie & Hagrid.



The Scoop on Shipping Puppies

We are often questioned how we ship puppies and if it is safe. We can truly say that we have been shipping puppies for over 15 years and have never lost one yet, nor had any arrive injured in any way! We have had some glitches during the shipment, but the puppies have all arrived safely with their tails wagging!

We ship our puppies by air. We

drop them off at the airline. They must be a minimum of eight weeks old, have a 10-day Health Certificate from a veterinarian, and be in an airline approved shipping container. We place an absorbent pad & newspaper in the bottom of the kennel in case there is an accident. If it is a long flight, we tape a bottle of water and a bag of food to the carrier.

We always try to find the most direct flight and use a carrier that provides environmental controlled care as long as the puppy is in their possession.

It is often too far for our clients to drive to the kennel to pick up their puppy. Shipping is a safe alternative.

Our puppies are very important to us and we would never put them in danger. The airlines can ill afford a bad reputation for shipping live pets so they provide excellent service.

"Shipping is a safe alternative to picking up your new puppy."

Harley in Washington

This very regal Chow is Harley, aka Song Li. He is a spitting image of his sire, Kaiser ... except in red. Look at that fabulous coat! He is reported to be a wonderful family member. He is one year nine months in this picture.

Harley is a puppy from Bella & Kaiser.



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breed quality Chow Chows

with exceptional temperament.

We want all of our puppies to be good

ambassadors of the breed"

D & M Farm Happenings—September 2013 Switzerland, Austria, Germany & Oktoberfest !

Well, September was a great month for us. We left on our European vacation on Sep 11th and returned on Sep 30th. Many of you know that we spent over 17 years living in Germany. Some, while Darrell was in the military, and some as government civilians. We loved living there. Going back on vacation is like going home.

Our trip began in Switzerland, then Germany, ending up in Austria. We had friends with us that had never been there before, so we were able to revisit many wonderful

sights again. The mountains are glorious and the views are spectacular.

We visited many castles and palaces. All the very old architecture, some from the Middle Ages is a marvel to see.



Neuschwanstein Castle

We traveled by train for much of the trip which allowed us to sit back and enjoy the sites. We also rented a car while in Garmisch & Munich, Germany. This allowed us to plan our time and see the sights on our own schedule. We lived in Garmisch-Partenkirchen for

11 years. Our kids grew up there, so it is very much our second home. We never tire of returning there.

Vienna was new for most of us. We were able to go to the Spanish Riding School and tour the stables. My love for horses was in seventh heaven. The stables were a wonder. Of course, they are very, very old. Each stall has partially tiled walls with a niche that is a water fountain for each horse. The horses are kept in the lap of luxury.

We very much enjoyed our time away, but were just as glad to get home again. We missed all of our four legged family and they were just as happy to see us on our return.

Memories are filed away and now our focus is on getting everything ready for winter around the farm and kennel.

A special thanks to Sherry, Rhonda & Dontae for taking care of our place in our absence! Thank you!



Darrell on top of the Jungfrau mountain in Switzerland.

Our Trip

