

Puppies and More Puppies!

Spring is always our busiest time of the year. Our kennel is busting at the seams ! We started off with Bella and Kaiser's litter of seven puppies. This was followed by Gracie & Khan with two, Izzie & Hadrig with six, Raven & Leo with three, Pandi & ChaChi with seven, and Angel & Teddy with three . Ebony and Daisy are now in our Maternity Ward awaiting their deliveries !

We have already had five of Bella's puppies picked up and we're shipping two. We've had two of Izzie's puppies picked up so far.. We love seeing the puppies going to great homes and witness the joy they bring

Xander in Ohio

Report from an owner: I wanted to send these out to



you before I forget to do so...I can't thank you all enough for such a tremendous addition to our family. Xander is SUCH a part of our family...he is by far one of God's GREATEST

to their new owners. We meet such neat and interesting people through our Chows ! We cherish the special relationships gained.

We also enjoy watching the puppies from the day they are born, until they are old enough to go to their permanent homes. Their development from their first day to six weeks is truly amazing! They grow so quickly. It is fun watching them as their eyes open, as they unsteadily begin getting their feet under them, begin tentatively playing with one another, to finally full blown play fighting.

They also go through stages with their interaction

masterpieces...a term I normally reserve exclusively for my very own children...and now my grandchildren..and for our boy Xander! He is soooooo incredible...far beyond what words can



with us. Initially, we can pick them up and they will continue sleeping. Then their instincts begin to kick in and they scream when picked up. They finally figure out that we are harmless and begin looking at us with interest. That progresses to tugging on our pant legs and pulling on our shoelaces.

Darrell and I have so much fun with the puppies. We enjoy just watching them play and interact with one another. Life is truly amazing and our dogs and puppies make us appreciate it even more.

say ! Oh yes...his official name is BUHDA'S WAN XANDER...Buhda...of course after his sire...Wan...meaning GENTLE, LOVING, & PATIENT....and Xander....meaning DE-

FENDER OF MANKIND....do you like his name? It is VERY befitting for him and he IS SUCH the SOCIALITE ! He is a love though...such a wonderful sweetheart! Just thought I'd share !

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Heat Stroke Prevention
- Basking in the Glow
- Dangerous Toy



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In the Heat of the Day

Many people who work ... leave



their pets outside during the day. They don't want their pet to feel cooped up during the great

weather. During the summer you must use your best judgment on whether to leave a pet outside in the heat of the day.

Chows typically do fine in the heat as long as they have shade and plenty of fresh water. Black Chows are more at risk. That black coat soaks up the heat. Young Chows may be overcome by heat while playing before they realize. Heat stroke is quick and deadly. We have personally lost two black chows to heat stroke. Both were under the age of 3.

If being outside is a necessity, access to a cool garage floor may be helpful. Putting ice cubes in their water also can help. Take the time to set outside during the heat of the day in the area where your dog will be. How hot is it? Is it bearable?

In many parts of the country it appears the summer is going to be hot sooner rather than later. Be careful and attentive to your pets needs. They depend on you for their welfare.

“HEAT CAN KILL!
BE VERY CAREFUL
OF YOUR PETS OUT
IN THE HEAT OF
THE DAY!”

Mei Ling in Ohio

Report from the owner: As you know, today is Mei's first birthday. I can't believe I've had her for almost a year now. She is doing great and we have recently taken up going to the dog park. She loves running around loose and is learning how to join in on the doggy game of



chase. I constantly get compliments at the dog park from other dog owners about how beautiful and well-behaved Mei is. She loves playing hard to get - if she knows someone wants her attention, she flirts with them and if someone is ignoring her or not paying any attention to her, she walks up and sniffs and licks their hand. She has learned what two words mean and they both evoke the same reaction from her - "park" and "store" (PetSmart). When she hears either word, she knows it's time to get in the car and go for a ride and she gets all excited. She loves hanging her head out the window and sniffing the air while we drive. She is currently weighing in at about 55

pounds and she lost her undercoat about a month ago. That was quite the experience - I didn't realize that her undercoat would be gray, so when I started finding a lot of gray hair on the floor, I thought she was pulling it out of the cat (my cat is a gray domestic long hair) and I was looking for bald spots on the cat. She does extremely well at the Groomer's and Michelle, our groomer, loves working with her - Mei was in the Groomer's at the perfect time when she was losing her undercoat and Michelle said the dryer pretty much blew the coat right out of her. Mei is very well-behaved and well-tempered and I could not have asked for a better dog. Mei is from Buhda & Rosy.

Zoe in North Carolina

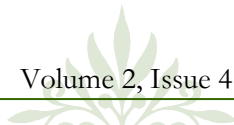
Zoe is 9 months old now! What a gorgeous girl and how she has grown. You may remember a picture in the newsletter around Halloween when she was just a puppy.

She is reported by her owner to be the “most perfect Chow”.

Keep up the good work Zoe!

Zoe is a puppy from Sampson and Rosy. I can definitely see her daddy in her face.





Basking in the Glow

Darrell and I have received compliments from many of you on our dogs, our kennel operation, and our professionalism. We very much appreciate the positive input .

We do this because we are animal lovers, love the breed, and are trying to rectify the misconceptions about the breed. We also are rewarded with all the great people we meet along the way. Our Chows have been, and continue to be, a blessing in our lives.

We continue to look for ways of bettering our kennel for the sake of our dogs and also our breeding program. Most of the time we establish pairings of males and females and continue to breed the pair. Sometimes we move a female in with another

male to see if we can better the conformation of the puppies.

As always our primary goal is to have healthy puppies with great temperament. We continue to spend as much time as possible with each puppy to socialize them from day one. It is truly amazing and fascinating to watch how they grow so quickly and mature into those little furry teddy bears that the new owners pickup.

Now is our busiest time of the year with lots of litters. All of our girls have gotten on the same schedule so we have most of the litters born around the same time.

We will continue to publish this newsletter in an attempt to educate those who are new to Chows and also pass along infor-

mation that may be beneficial to all Chow owners.

Anytime anyone has a topic they would like to see covered please let us know. Some months it gets a little tough coming up with new ideas. We try to do as much research as we can and we do have many of you who send articles that need to be passed along. Thanks to all of you.

Our Chows are a part of our family. Our kids are grown and have their own children now. Since they don't live locally we don't get to see them as often as we would like. So, our Chows have become our surrogate children. Not a bad choice since they never talk back!

Thanks again to all of you for the positive feedback we have received.

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Rusty in Ohio

Rusty has fit right in and has become best buds with Shadow. As you can see, this little guy has taken over.

Rusty is a puppy from Buhda & Rosy and Shadow is from Khan & Sheba.

From the owner: We wanted to give you an update on Rusty. We have a church next door to our home. Every day at noon and at 6 pm the church plays music and bells. We were sitting in the living room and Rusty started to howl, we thought something was wrong, so we went to see and found Rusty sitting on the edge of our patio looking at the church and howled through all

the music. He does this every day and evening. We were told by the church he must love music ,we now watch the clock so we can sit and listen to him perform. He is starting school now and, this guy is so smart, if you are in the shower

he sits outside of it and barks at you.. From time to time he gets in with you to see what you are doing.

It works out nice, we can clean him up as well. He has made Shadow, your other chow we got almost 3 yrs ago now, very happy. He and Rusty are very good brothers, lots of fun watching them play. We love hav-

ing a puppy again. They are so noisy and keep you on your toes. We always know where to look for our slippers and shoes.

Rusty believes they belong in our fire pit along with our TV remote so we don't have to look too far. Everything he takes off with, ends up in the fire pit. We thank you both for all you do for your chows, your home for them is great. Rusty and Shadow are our babies and what a wonderful pair to come home to. Thanks!



Can you pull the blanket up please?



Is breakfast ready?



Shadow & Rusty

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Dangerous Toy!

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Snopes.com.*

On June 22, 2008 , my 10-year old lab mix, Chai, sustained a severe injury from a product that the company Four Paws, Inc., produces. The toy I'm referencing is the pimple ball with bell (Item #20227-001, UPC Code #0 4566320227 9).

While chewing on the toy, a vacuum was created and it effectively sucked his tongue into the hole in the ball. From speaking with my vet, this likely occurred because there is not a second hole in the ball preventing the vacuum effect from happening. I became aware of this when Chai approached a friend at my home whimpering with the ball in his mouth. She tried unsuccessfully to remove the ball but the tongue had swollen and could not be released.

Chai was taken to the Animal Medical Center (an emergency care facility in New York City) and was treated by Dr. Nicole Spurlock to have the ball removed. Because the size of the opening on the ball was so small, all circulation to his tongue was cut off. The doctors had to sedate him in order to remove it. Once the ball was removed, his tongue swelled to the point that

he could no longer put it in his mouth.. Chai was sent home with care instructions and to be observed overnight for any changes.

By the following morning, Chai's tongue had swollen even more.

He was taken to his regular vet, Dr. Timnah Lee, for treatment. He was admitted and kept sedated for a period of three days during which time they were treating his wounds and waiting to determine how much of his tongue could be saved. On June 26, 2008 , Chai had his tongue amputated.

He was kept in after-care for an additional three days. On Sunday, June 29th, I brought Chai home from the vet with a barrage of home care instructions, to last for an additional 7 days. His next visit was to have his mouth re-examined and have the feeding tube in his neck removed.

On the way home from the vet we stopped at Petland Discount where I purchased their product to speak to the manager on duty. Upon meeting Chai and seeing his condition, he removed all of the balls in question from the shelves. He also gave me the customer service number to their corporate headquarters to request that they refuse to continue pur-

chasing all Four Paws products, but I have not called them as of yet.

Additionally, I shared my story with friends who have a French Bulldog named Petunia. Upon hearing my story, their eyes widened. They explained that the same thing happened twice in one night with a smaller version of the same ball to their dog. Fortunately, they were able to pull it off before the tongue swelled, but not without tremendous effort and pain to the dog. They recalled how horrific it was to hear their dog screaming while they had to pry the ball from her tongue.

To date, my veterinary bills total over \$5,000 and I will have regular follow up appointments for some time. Additionally, Chai now requires a much more expensive form of food because of this injury, averaging approximately \$200 per month.

Additionally, I now have to re-teach my dog to eat, drink and adjust to life without his tongue. Feeding him takes me about 90 minutes twice a day and for at least this first week he is not to be unattended for more than 20 minutes at a time.