

# D & M FARM KENNEL NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2008

### *AKC is on the job!!*

We have been asked on different occasions whether AKC really pays attention to the registration process of dogs. Do they really know if dogs are being correctly registered or do some people cheat and report a registered dog when they really aren't the sire or dam? I can tell you that AKC have procedures in place to catch incorrect or fraudulent reporting.

Recently we were notified that the sire of our dog Teddy was in question. Since I personally know the owner of Teddy's sire and dam I was not overly concerned.

It is amazing what some females will do to get to the male they prefer. Well, evidently Teddy's dam went to great lengths. Unbeknownst to her owner! When Teddy's DNA was submitted to the AKC it was matched against his sire of record. It came up negative. The research began to find who the real sire is. Carolyn no longer

breeds Chows due to her husband's health. She sold her dogs so DNA of her other sire had to be gathered by the new owners and provided to AKC. Tests were run and showed that this dog is actually the sire. AKC requires that the dam also be tested but would not do the testing until the sire was determined. More time passed.

Meanwhile Teddy and Pandy had a litter of two puppies. Fortunately, we planned to keep the female and the lady who took the male isn't concerned about how long it is taking to get the registration application.

Teddy and China are due to have puppies the beginning of August. I can only hope that I can register the puppies before they go to their new homes.

AKC has become very vigilant with their DNA program. The dogs don't know nor do they care about this program. The dams sometimes decide

that they prefer another male and mating through the fence is always an option if possible. We as breeders take as many precautions as possible but it still happens.

So, now that AKC is closing in on the completion of all the paperwork corrections I have been notified that there is a problem with the reported sire of our dog Ceasar. Khan had been reported as his sire and it turns out that Khan is not his father. Bear, a dog that died a few years ago turns out to be the sire. In this case it is not possible to get a DNA sample so Ceasar now has a conditional registration.

A conditional registration means that he nor any of his puppies can be shown in AKC conformation classes or Field Trials. They can still be registered and if they have puppies their puppies can be registered.

So, be assured, AKC is watching!

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ Shipping Costs
- ◆ Stainless vs Plastic



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### *Buddha in Ohio*

Buddha just turned one year old!

Buddha is reported to be a joy to come home to. He is an excellent guard dog but once his owners open the door for a visitor he turns to all kisses!

Buddha has also won the heart of his veterinary. He always goes to him for a treat before he leaves the clinic. What a great ambassador!

Buddha is from a litter of Leo and Daisy.



## Shipping Costs

Shipping costs are increasing. The cost of oil is even affecting our kennel!

Our shipping costs will increase from \$275 to \$325 as of August 1, 2008. This is due to the increase in the airfare to ship animals and the increase in our veterinary fees for health certificates. We are able to offer this price for the continental United States and Canada since the airline charges the same price for these destinations. Ports of entry into Canada includes Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Thunderbay, and Winnipeg.

We can also ship VIP. This costs more but the shipping times are more flexible which allows us to ship in the evenings when the air temperatures are cooler. The puppies are also kept in air conditioning or heated areas depending on the weather. The costs of the airfare is approximately \$50 more.

During the summer months we sometimes have a difficult time shipping puppies to areas with high temperatures. The puppies cannot be shipped if the temperature exceeds 85 degrees or drops below 20 degrees at any time during the trip.

Unlike cargo shipping, the costs of VIP shipping varies. So, if VIP shipping is desired let us know and we can get a quote for the costs.



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GOOD OPTION  
WHEN YOU CAN'T  
PICKUP YOUR NEW  
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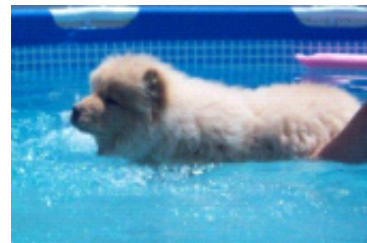
## Harrison of Illinois

Harrison is five months old now. He is one smart little cookie! He knows many commands which includes sit, lay down, shake, stay, and come.

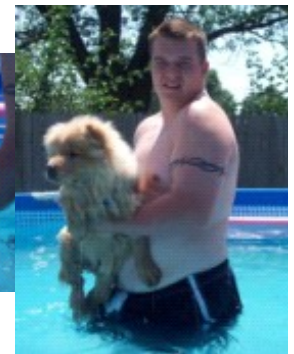
He had his first introduction to the pool and loved it. He paddled all over the place. Looks like he has decided that the pool and hot days go together!

Harrison is from a litter of Eb-

ony and Kaiser.



SWIMMING LESSONS!



## Suki in Illinois

Suki is now in her new home. Despite the loss of sleep by all, she is very much loved. Suki is a puppy from Daisy and Leo.



A TICKLE WITH MOM.



HEY, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM HERE?

## Plastic or Stainless

There are studies that now show that dyes in plastic can leach into food and water and may cause long term health problems for our pets. This is especially true for plastic bowls or buckets used for water. The heat of the day and the fact that the water stays in the container for long periods makes them the most susceptible to the problem.

We are transitioning all of our containers to stainless steel. They are easy to clean and to disinfect.

Ceramic bowls are fine too. Again, they are easy to clean and they do not have a problem with the dyes leaching into the food or water.

You should also be wary of wa-



ter in plastic water bottles that are left in the heat. There are concerns that toxins from the plastic may leach into the water.

There are stainless steel bottles available. These may be a better option for carrying water for your pet on those hot days.

We all try to do what we can to keep our pets healthy. This transition away from plastic may be a small thing with a big return in the long run. A healthier pet for more years.

## Kai in WV

Kai continues to grow into a beautiful young lady. She is another gorgeous one that, had we known, we would have kept her!

Kai loves to be outside. She says that this isn't her best picture because she is wet and a little muddy.

That's okay Kai. You still look beautiful!



“SOME FOOD CONTAINERS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR PET.”

## Our Trip to Germany

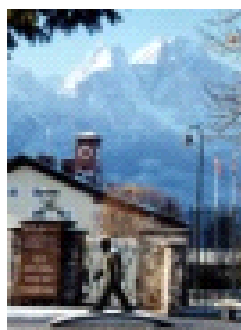
Our daughter and family lives in Germany. She is a teacher for our American military and government civilians stationed there. We have two grandsons there.

Leaving our place for any length of time is always difficult. Fortunately for us we have someone that is capable of taking care of things while we are away.

Melissa comes three times a day to let everyone out and make sure everyone has feed and water.

We had a great time in Germany and cherish the time we had with our daughter, son-in-law, and especially our grandsons, Ryan and Jakob. Ryan is eight and Jakob is five. There are still at an age that they think Grandpa and Grandma are cool.

It's good to be back and we are getting back into the swing of things. Lots to do as we get ready for colder weather.



ENTRANCE TO THE MARSHALL CENTER WHERE WE USED TO WORK.

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QUALITY CHOWS WITH  
EXCEPTIONAL  
TEMPERAMENT IS OUR  
GOAL!

*“The goal of D & M Farm Kennel is to  
breed quality Chow Chows  
with exceptional temperament.  
We want all of our puppies to be good  
ambassadors of the breed”*

## **Ten Favors a Dog Asks From a Man**

- 1- My life lasts between ten to fifteen years. Every separation from you means suffering for me. Think about this before you decide whether or not to take me!**
- 2- Give me time to understand what you are asking from me.**
- 3- Instill confidence in me - I thrive on it!**
- 4- Do not be angry with me for a long time and do not lock me up for punishment! You have your work, your pleasure, your joy - I have only you.**
- 5- Talk often to me! Even if I do not understand you completely, I do understand the tone of your voice when you talk to me.**
- 6- Know that, no matter how I am being treated, I shall never forget it!**
- 7- Keep in mind, before you hit me , that my jaws could crush the knuckles of your hand with ease, but that I do not make use of them.**
- 8- Before you scold me when working with me, consider: perhaps I am uncomfortable from digesting my last meal; perhaps I was exposed to the sun too long; or perhaps I have a worn out heart.**
- 9- Take care of me when I am old -- you too are going to be old one day.**
- 10- Be with me when my going gets rough. Everything is easier for me when you are beside me.**

**-Author Unknown**