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PUPPY PROOFING YOUR HOME

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- "Puppy Proofing" Your Home
- Kennel Training

Just like one would "child proof" their home, you must also "puppy proof" your home. In most households there are common hazards to be aware of when introducing a new puppy to your home. Some of the most common are listed below:

1. **Electrical cords**—Puppies will chew on just about anything they can get their little mouth on when they are teething. Some are much worse than others. Electrical cords pose a hazard. You should prevent your puppy having access to cords. Electrical shocks can cause burns to the mouth, damage to their nervous system, or even death.
2. **House Plants**—can pose

another hazard. Many are poisonous to children and animals. Place plants out of reach so your puppy does not accidentally ingest the leaves.

3. **Table Foods**—some can be hazardous to animals. Raisins are extremely toxic to dogs. It is best to stick with dog food and dog treats to be safe.
4. **Stairwells**—puppies can slip through open stairs and are easily injured. They can also take a nasty tumble down steps while they are very young and unsure of themselves. Be very watchful while they are learning to maneuver steps.
5. **Being dropped**—puppies are very easily injured if

dropped. It is no different than dropping a newborn baby. They are not nearly as resilient as you may believe. So, be especially careful when a young child is handling a puppy. Have them sit on the floor so if the puppy wiggles out of their hands they won't fall very far.

6. **Extreme temperatures**—puppies from our kennel are kept in a temperature controlled environment. They should not be subjected to extreme heat or extreme cold for any duration, especially while they are still very young.

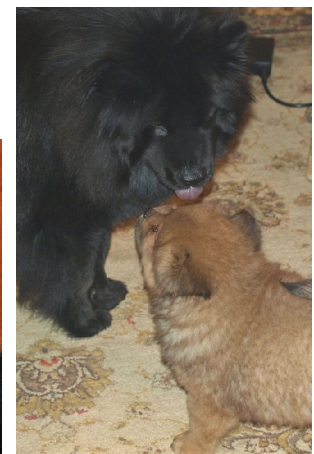
Protect your puppy for a long and healthy life.

KALIE'S NEW BROTHER

This little guy is from Misty and Sampson's latest litter. He now resides in W. Virginia with his new family. Kalie is now his big sister and she has decided he can stay. She greeted him with a kiss on their first meeting.

This family will be adding another one soon from a litter of

Ebony and Kaiser.



You're a keeper, kid!

GINGER IN MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

Ginger is the newest member to her family's Idaho home. She now has a big sister, Sassy, who they also got from D & M Farm Kennel.

Chuck and Marion contacted us about possibly getting a second puppy in the near future. When I responded with pictures of Ginger and a description, they immediately decided to take her and had her shipped to them.

Ginger and Sassy have become fast friends. The picture to the right says it all. Ginger is the curious one and Sassy tries to keep up with the little imp. But all is well because Ginger is such a joy.

Sassy is from a litter of Kaiser and Sheba. Ginger is from a litter of Sampson and Misty. Sassy has taken on the coloring of her mother. She is a gorgeous red. Ginger looks like she also will

take on the coloring of her mother with all those cream highlights. What a striking pair they will make!



Sisters, Sassy and Ginger.



Ginger

KENNEL TRAINING

Many ask, "How long should I leave my puppy in his kennel cage?"

Overnight, the puppy should remain in his kennel cage. During the daylight hours, it is a different issue. The length of time will increase with age. However, when a puppy is only six weeks old, about three hours is the maximum limit before needing to be taken out to potty. Once a puppy is allowed to soil in his kennel, it is a very

hard habit to break. Remember, the last thing you do before you go to bed is to let your puppy out, and the first thing you do when you get up is to let your puppy out. A structured schedule works best.

By eight weeks they can normally hold their bladders for about four hours. By twelve weeks old they can usually hold themselves for six to eight hours. Beyond this they should be housebroke and

no longer require the kennel cage.

You will have to judge your individual puppy. Some mature earlier and some later. It all has to do with the development of their bladder and bowel muscles. The accidents aren't because the puppy is being bad. Like children, they just don't let you know soon enough or they couldn't get your attention.

"Puppy's bladder and bowel muscles mature at different ages."

LEO IN OHIO

Leo is growing like a weed ! And boy does he look like his daddy ! He has doubled in weight to 15.5 lbs in just a month. Puppies are truly amazing at how fast they grow. Keep that puppy chow coming !!

He has won the hearts of his veterinary staff. Another great ambassador in the

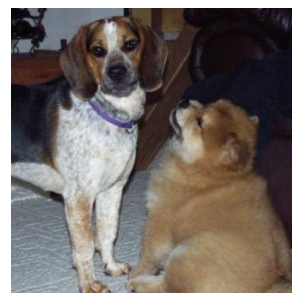


making ! Leo has a big brother, Buster. You can see

in the picture how much Leo adores his new brother. Buster is only 8 months old so the two puppies have great fun.

Leo travels well and is a joy to his family. He is a little Buckeye, living in Ohio.

Leo is from a litter of Khan and Rosy.



Leo and Buster. Pure adoration!

NEW JERSEY GIRL

This little girl is with her new family in New Jersey. Her new family reports that she was very easily housebroken and is very social with everyone. She got good marks from her new veterinary who thinks she is beautiful! She is going through her normal puppy teething, but with a face like that how could you possibly scold her?

She is a puppy from Kaiser and Gracie.



What a gorgeous girl !



Lots of bed to grow into !

KAI IN WEST VIRGINIA

Kai is now the new love in her new family's life. She slept in her new mom's lap all the way home.

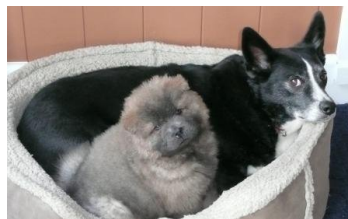


this little one every sleeps. She does sleep at night but is on the go all day long!

love such a sweet girl !

Kai is from Ginger and Ceasar's litter.

Once they arrived, Kai made herself right at home. She now has a new best friend, Okie. Although they each have their own bed, it's much more fun to share!



Who wouldn't



"We love to show off all the puppies!"

VASHER IN INDIANA

Vasher is one year old now! She is 70 lbs and a beauty.

Vasher loves to play with her sister Chow, Tasha. She is a very loving and energetic dog.

Vasher is a puppy from Leo and Daisy.



Lion or Chow . . . that is the question ?



Vasher enjoying a fall day.

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THE TALE OF GINGER

Ginger is a red dam from Buhda and Gypsy.

Ginger was born healthy, but when she was about a week old we noticed there was something wrong with her front leg. We took her to the veterinary and they x-rayed her tiny leg. It was broken.

This is very unusual for a puppy so young, since their bones are somewhat pliable. But, broke it was. Gypsy has a habit of picking up her puppies and placing them where she wants them to be. We suspected that she may have

caught the tiny leg on the wire of the kennel cage, but we will never know for sure.

Our vet splinted the leg, but mother's don't like foreign objects on their puppies so Gypsy kept taking it off. The veterinary warned us that this may happen. The puppy was too young to take her away from her mother, so we just kept putting the splint back on.

As a result, Ginger's leg didn't grow back together properly. We debated what to do, but ultimately decided to just

keep her. She didn't know anything was wrong with her and she was quite capable of getting around just fine.

She has the sweetest disposition and we are so glad we kept her. She has turned out to be an awesome mother.

We breed Ginger to Ceasar, and they have produced absolutely gorgeous puppies. Their last litter was seven cinnamons! That is the first time we have had that happen. Cinnamon is a dilute color and you rarely get a litter entirely comprised of a dilute color.

D & M Farm Kennel was established in 1998 although we really didn't know it then. We love Chows and decided to get a couple of males as pets. Shortly after we got Sampson and Goliath (both reds), we decided we wanted to breed Chows and bought Belle (a blue). A couple of years later we bought two more females and so our breeding program began.

Our goal has been to produce beautiful healthy puppies with great temperaments. The health begins with healthy sires and dams and continues with the best care we can provide once the puppies are born.

Although we have many show quality puppies, our main mission is to provide the finest quality pets for other Chow Chow lovers.



Ginger posing for me last fall.