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Happy New Year 2008 !!

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Where did the past year go? It certainly got away from me.

I apologize for not getting a December newsletter posted. With the Christmas cards I needed to send to all of our puppy owners and our trip to visit our daughter in Germany, I ran out of time. I even took the file with me to work on it while we were gone, but after arriving, I

realized I didn't have all the files I needed. So, here is the January newsletter and I will forego the December 2007 newsletter.

We still have several puppies that are available and just had a new litter born to Rosy and Buhda on 14 January.

We have puppies at all stages right now. Some are the absolute cutest. When

we let them out of their kennels they run and play, putting their little noses into everything they can find. They inspect each kennel to see who is there and if they want to come out and play. The mother's are tolerate of all the puppies.

It is a fun sight to observe.

Christmas at the Kennel

As the year wound down we wanted to thank all of you for your kind words, compliments, and encouragement.

We truly love what we do and love all of our animals.

Our dogs have really blessed us this year with lots of healthy puppies. Right now the kennel is overflowing with puppies and we are having a great time with all of them.

For the first time in about five years we actually have puppies available. We have fulfilled the requests on our Waiting Lists and still have some puppies left.

All of our dogs are healthy and we haven't had any more tragedies since Gypsy lost her puppies in January '07. With as many dogs and other animals that we have we have been very fortunate this year.

The holiday season gives us time to reflect on the past year and plan for the next. We are already looking forward to Spring and warm weather. Winter is not our favorite time of the year!

Know that you are welcome to visit anytime. We would love to have you. Also, we love to get updates about our puppies in their new

homes no matter what their age. We try to put them in our newsletters for everyone's enjoyment.

From all of us at D & M Farm to all of you, we trust you had a great holiday season and wish you all a blessed New Year 2008.



Pandy's Boys are Home for Christmas

Pandy's two cinnamon boys are going to the same home. The couple was only going to get one, but decided to take both of the boys.

What a holiday this will be with these two new little ones running under the tree!

These boys will be staying close to their birthplace. They will live in Fairborn, OH.

The transition

was made easier since the brothers went home together. They are now known as Taz and Smokey. Both boys are cinnamon.

Smokey has the darker gray mask. These boys are from Pandy and Teddy's litter.



First day in their new home. Adjustments are very tiring.



Is He Sick?

How do you know when your dog is sick? With Chows, that can be very tricky.

Chows rarely whine or let you know they are in pain. They can be very stoic. Here are some signs that your Chow may not be feeling good.

Lethargic. If you notice a decrease in activity and your Chow is laying down more than usual or keeping to themselves more than normal.

Lack of appetite. When a Chow is sick they often go off their food completely. When this happens it is time to go to the veterinary. By the time they are off their food they definitely have something going on that needs attention.

Checking your Chows temperature is also a good indicator. We use a digital thermometer. We take the temperature rectally, first coating the thermometer with Vaseline or A&D Ointment.

Normal temperature range is 100 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. After use, make sure you disinfect the thermometer with alcohol so it's ready for the next time.

Normally you will notice when your Chow isn't acting up to par or abnormal behavior. Don't ignore the symptoms and take immediate action when necessary.

"It isn't always easy to tell when a Chow is sick."

Cooper in Arkansas

Cooper lives with her family in Arkansas. Due to the warm humid weather they keep her clipped. She is sporting her new look for the holidays and sharing the fun with her best pals.

Cooper has a thing about remotes, she likes to take them apart. Total of 5 so far. She also likes to shred

toilet paper rolls and decided she didn't care for the ending of a Patricia Cornwell novel so she removed it. Mom wasn't too happy since she hadn't read the ending.

Cooper keeps everyone on their toes, but she is a joy to the family and they couldn't love her more. She is a real character and that makes it

all the more fun to have her around.

Cooper is a very loving Chow and makes friends with anyone she meets. Keep up the good work Cooper!

Cooper is from a Ceasar and Sheba litter.



Cooper with her best pals, Charlie and Nash.

Sassy in Idaho

Sassy is now seven months old and weighs in at 50 lbs. She is a joy to her family and loves them as much as they do her.

Sassy has a great personality and loves everyone. She is great with the grandkids who are six and one.

They had their first snow of the season and snapped a picture of Sassy's first experience in the snow. She is a house dog, but loves her own acre of back yard! She loves to snatch anything she can get ahold of. She has a bas-

ket full of toys, gets groomed almost every night, and goes most everywhere the family goes.

Sassy is a puppy from Kaiser and Sheba's litter. I can definitely see her daddy in that face!



Sassy enjoying her first snow.

Heartworm Season is Approaching

For the colder seasonal climates, heartworm season is fast approaching. You will want to start the heartworm medications early enough for them to become effective before the mosquitoes start buzzing.

Heartworms are debilitating. Initial signs include lethargy and an unwillingness to expend energy. This will progress to heart pain in

advanced stages.

No one wants their pet to have to go through the necessary treatments for heartworm. The side effects of the treatment can be severe. Advanced stages of heartworm can often be fatal. Heartworms can cause a very painful death.

Protect your dog by putting it on heartworm medication. Many treatments are admin-

istered only once a month, so it isn't time consuming or difficult.

Check with your veterinarian for the correct dosage and to answer any specific questions you may have.

Don't let the mosquito season catch you unprepared!

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Macee's Thanksgiving

Macee has a lot to be thankful for this year. She is now a part of a wonderful family and is loved by all.

Although she isn't allowed table scraps, she was allowed to be part of the Thanksgiving festivities. What a cutie!

Macee's mom had questions about worming and heartworm medicine. Continued worming is not necessary if

your puppy has tested negative for worms. We worm all of our dogs once a year. We only do it more often if we find evidence of a problem. Lactating mothers are wormed more often.

Heartworm medication is very important, but when do you start it? In Macee's case, the mosquito season is over so I recommend she

start her medication in March. This will give her body time to absorb the medication and be ready for the mosquito season which normally starts in May in northern climate regions (check your own area).

We try not to medicate puppies any earlier than necessary.



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"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"



Available Puppies

For the first time in about five years we actually have puppies available.

Normally, all of our puppies are sold long before they are born. With the demand for our puppies, we maintain very active Waiting Lists. With all the litters we had born in November and December, **we actually have puppies available.**

Historically, we always have some females that do not become pregnant. This time everyone decided they wanted to have puppies! I think it was a conspiracy because of the extra attention and care they get when they

move into the heated kennel!

We had so much fun watching all the puppies grow. We had all different stages at one time. Just like children, the younger ones love to watch the older ones play.

Anyone interested in acquiring a new puppy should check our web page for availability. There is a link on the left side of the Home Page, "Available Puppies". By clicking on this link you will be taken to a page with current pictures and information concerning available puppies. We try to keep this updated weekly so the

information is current. If you know of anyone looking for a puppy have them check our availability page first. They may find just the puppy they want. Otherwise, please feel free to contact us for projections of when we will have a specific color and/or sex you are looking for.