

D & M Farm Kennel Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- > Males vs. Females
- > Hip Dysplasia
- > Chows and Children



Boys vs Girls

We continue to get questions about which makes a better pet, males or females? All Chows have their own distinct personality. Because we use females for breeding who are very well socialized and love people, we don't see a big difference in personality between the male and female puppies produced by our kennel.

Females can be a little more protective of their family due to the "mothering" instinct, but this isn't always the case. The biggest difference between male and female Chows is in the appearance. Males normally have a show-

ier mane and more feathering on their legs. They also are typically larger in stature and weigh 10-20 pounds more on average.. Therefore, they present a more majestic appearance.

However, many of our females also have large manes and pronounced feathering so it isn't absolute when comparing the two.

We usually recommend a male if you plan to have only one dog, but many prefer a female. If they are going to be neutered/spayed it really is up to you.

Each of our dogs have their

own personality and are very much "their own dog". We don't have a favorite between the males or females nor do we have a favorite color. They are all exceptional in our opinion.

So, if you are considering a Chow, get the one you happen to be drawn to.

We do recommend you get a different color than a beloved Chow you have lost. It is tough for many of us not to compare a new companion to an old one if they look the same. It isn't fair to the new one as they will have their own personality and deserve to have their own identity.

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High Roller Miles in Nevada

We recently received an update on Miles. His owner writes: "I wanted to send you some pictures of Miles. He (as you know) was born May 8, 2007 and he is the most precious thing ! He was named Miles because we came from so many miles away to get him. He likes to play with socks and towels, and had we known, we could have saved money on the toys ! He loves outside and

going for walks, especially to the park. We've taken him to the dog park and he's very



playful with the other dogs,

but I can't handle the pressure of him not being on a leash giving him the opportunity to run across the park preventing me from getting to him should another dog not be so friendly. We receive compliments about him every time we take him somewhere."

Miles is yet another great ambassador for the Chow breed. Great going Miles! Miles is a puppy from Raven and Leo.

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Big City "Z" in Brooklyn, New York

Z is exposed to lots of people and her socialization is great. Her owner sets out on his "stoop" and allows passers-by to pet Z. She gets lots of attention from people of every size, children and adults. She has no fear of people and this is going to make her a fabulous ambassador!
Z is a pup from Rosy & Sampson.



"When hip dysplasia is diagnosed, it is best to get a second opinion just to make sure."

The Low Down on Hip Dysplasia

The mere mention of hip dysplasia causes fear for most of us. It can be devastating in some cases. But, not all cases are severe.

Hip dysplasia is a poorly formed hip joint. The joint does not fit together well allowing excessive wear of the joint. This, in-turn, causes osteoarthritis.

Hip dysplasia typically cannot be diagnosed until a dog is between 24 - 36 months of age. Only severe cases can be diagnosed with x-rays before

then. Many times "rapid bone growth" is misdiagnosed as dysplasia.

If your dog is diagnosed with dysplasia be very careful when considering any major, invasive procedures. It is important that the dog has completed growing and the growth plates have fused. It is also always recommended that you seek a second opinion. It is no different than a human being diagnosed with a debilitating condition. The more information you obtain,

the more informed you can be when making the best decision for your dog.

Meanwhile, treatment may include oral doses of glucosamine which have proven effective. Anti-inflammatory drugs and pain medication may also be used.

Many cases are mild to intermediate in severity and the dog can live a happy and comfortable life. Not all cases are severe, nor require surgery.

Chai Mai in Indiana

Chai Mai is a sister to our own Ginger. They could be twins! She lives in Indiana with her family and is very much loved by all.

The girls are from the parents Buhda and Gypsy.





6 Week Old Max.

Maya and Maximus in Ohio

Maya and Maximus have become fast friends. Maya's owner decided to get Max so Maya would have a companion while he is a work. Maya thinks it was a great idea! Max is from a litter of Leo and Raven.



Maya and Max roughhousing.

Chows & Children

We get lots of questions about whether Chows are good with children. It is all in how the Chow is raised. If they are raised with children they will be fine. Children move much quicker than adults. Chows who have not been around children

are often unnerved by all the sudden movements. If a Chow is raised around children it doesn't bother them. Any interaction between a dog and young children should be supervised. You don't want the child to pull ears or poke a finger in the eye which will then leave a bad memory for the dog. Sassy in Idaho loves her family's granddaughter. She is very gentle with children. All Chows have their own personality, likes, and dislikes. No different than people. Some love

children, some tolerate children, and some would just rather not have to be around them. Desensitization is the key. The more they around children the more tolerant they will become.



"Supervise any interaction between small children and a dog"

Shelbie in Ohio

Shelbie is growing into a beautiful girl! She is a puppy from Leo and Daisy. She looks like quite a character!



Ha, Ha, Ha! Very funny!

Boo in Ohio



and he loved (as you can see from the pics) having kids to play with. We loved



My game now!

so well tempered. We love reading your monthly newsletters and hearing about what is going on at D and M Farm Kennel. Thank you for helping to bring such wonderful Chow Chows into

Jim and I wanted to share some pictures of Boo. He had his first birthday in November! He has really been a joyful addition to our family. He got to meet our nieces and nephew this summer

him being tuckered out every night ! Boo has doggie neighbors on both sides of the yard and gets along fabulously with everyone. Not only is he handsome, but his personality is

the world and into our lives! Boo is from a litter of Teddy & Raven.



Now for a nap.

"We love featuring our puppies in their homes."

JinJin in Michigan



Email from owner . . . It's hard to believe that Jin Jin is already a year old. As you can see she has turned out to be a real cutie. Everybody loves how soft and pretty color her coat is. It was really Jin Jin's first Christmas that she could understand

what was going on with the tree and the presents. Jin Jin and her sister are really good girls and Santa rewarded them with a huge box of Milk Bones and pigs ears (they love those pigs ears – you give them one and you turn away for a second and

they are gone). Jin Jin is from a litter of Teddy and Pandi.



JinJin with her step-sister Tasha. Tasha is a Komondor

Moses in Ohio



to his new home just in time for Christmas and what a Christmas present he is! Looks like one tuckered little puppy. So many new things to do and see!



Yeah, be right ther. . .zzzzzzzz

Moses is out of the October litter of Raven and Leo. He went

Harrison in Illinois



of fur like his dad. Harrison and Baxter (our cat) still aren't the best of friends but we are working on it ! His newest trick is to high-five you...which is simply adorable!

Email from owner . . .Harrison is doing wonderful and growing like a weed! He is a little over fifty pounds and still growing...his paws are huge! He looks a lot like his mom Ebony but has a lot

My parents live six hours away and we visit as often as possible, and he loves the car rides ! Harrison is from a litter of Ebony and Kaiser.



Yep, they're mine!

Mazie in Montana

Email from owner . . .Mazie is doing great and is just the most wonderful puppy ever! She has such a sweet disposition. She is about 57 pounds right now. I have attached a picture that I



took a few months ago. I need to take some new ones for sure. She has gotten a little redder and grown since the picture. I just can't tell you how happy we have been with her. She must be the most loved puppy ever and gets lots of atten-

tion. She is the "mascot" at Red Eagle Aviation (our FBO business) and all of our customers and students love her too. She enjoys flying in both the helicopter and the airplanes. She never even fusses with the mutt muffs that we got for her (they go over her ears). I will send a picture of her in flight and some updated photos as soon as I finish up with Christmas. Mazie is from a litter of Buhda & Gypsy.

Snapper and Nakita in Ohio



Christmas Chows! They're showing typical Chow indignation for having to pose with hats on. Snapper is from a litter of Sampson & Midnight. Nakita is from a litter of Kaiser & Gracie.

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to
breed quality Chow Chows
with exceptional temperament.
We want all of our puppies to be
good
ambassadors of the breed"**



One of our past litters.

Upcoming litters

Rosy and Buhda's litter was born on 30 Dec. The next expected litter will be from Angel and Teddy. They will be due at the end of January.

We will have a lull in the action until March and April when we will have several litters due.