

D & M FARM KENNEL

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Choking Can Be Deadly

We were recently notified of a sad and deadly choking incident involving one of our puppies..

The new owners had only had the puppy for a week . It had been playing and was eating when it suddenly began choking. The owner tried to dislodge the obstruction and finally was able to dislodge two small pieces of kibble dry food by using a Heimlich-type maneuver. Unfortunately, it was too late for the puppy. She could not

be revived.

The new owner had mixed dry kibble with the canned wet dog food. The puppy had just came in from playing outside and was excited. She began to eat and apparently aspirated the food into her air-way. It appears, that due to eating too quickly and the fact that there were hard pieces of kibble, she choked.

At the kennel we never mix dry kibble with wet food. We have mixed kibble that has been left to sit for a few min-

utes in warm water or milk with puppy formula, added to wet food for young puppies. Puppies are much like human babies who must graduate to different food types as they grow. They begin eating dry kibble at about five weeks of age. But, they eat one piece at a time and initially often drop pieces from their mouth. As they grow they become better with their eating. It isn't until they are about 12 weeks of age that they really do well with hard foods.

Another First

Daisy and Ceasar had their puppies on Mother's Day which is also our youngest daughter's birthday! But, that isn't the first. She had six

Cinnamon puppies. We have never had a litter of all cinnamons.

Remember, cinnamon is not the color of the spice. Cinna-

mon Chows are a fawn / beige color. They often have a gray mask.

All the puppies are healthy litter butterballs.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Choking
- Legislation Watch
- Vaccinations

Anastasia in Ohio



Anyone down there?

From the owner: Well things are wonderful with the puppy we call Anastasia, she can go up and down our back steps like an old pro. She is fearless and she is a genius, I'm sure of it. The very first night she went right to the back door and let us know she needed to go out. She is of course

the cutest puppy ever. She and our other chow Leonidas get along very well. At first he was a little uneasy as she was fast to go under him and try to nurse which he did not care for at all. So he is learning to move a bit faster when she goes under him. She is so independent and loves

to be outside, but when I gave her a bath she sounded like I was killing her.

Anastasia is a puppy from Buhda and Gypsy.



Traveler in Michigan

"MORE OF
OUR
WONDERFUL
CHOW
AMBASSADORS!"



Going home.

Traveler is true to his name. He is a really

good traveler. He has settled in very well and potty training is going great.

Traveler is a puppy from ChaChi and Pandi.



Traveler's first bath.

Newsletter Running Late

Maleah had to have surgery on her arm in January. The ulna bone was rubbing against the carpal bone in her wrist, causing problems. They shortened the bone, inserted a plate with screws and

everything looked like it was healing fine. However, after about five months she started have pain in her arm again and they found that the bone had come apart. This required another surgery

on June 4th, which has slowed the newsletter publishing.

Just wanted you to know she isn't being lazy!

Rio in New Mexico



owners lives. She is sweet as can be and pretty as a picture!

Rio is a puppy from Kaiser and Bella.



Will the real bear please stand up!

Rio continues to be the highlight of her new

AKC Legislation Watch !

AKC.org is a wealth of information for pet owners. They have now added a Legislation Watch page. This page tracks any legislation that pertains to dogs. To date, this is state ... not federal.

Many states are initiating laws that will adversely affect dog owners. We are rarely aware of this until it is too late. AKC is providing the information before it becomes law. This will allow all dog owners the opportu-

nity to contact their congressman when they oppose proposed legislation.

Be informed ... protect your rights and watch out for anything going on in your state.

“LAWS ARE OFTEN PASSED BEFORE WE ARE AWARE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED.”

Max in Ohio

Max is loved by everyone. He loves playing with the kids but isn't quite sure about the water. Max is eight months old now. He is a puppy from Teddy and Pandy.



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

Vaccinations ... Pros vs. Cons

Please check out the American Veterinary Medical Association website for information on vaccinations.

They do not recommend yearly booster shots for most dogs. It has been found that the yearly booster shots can cause long term auto-immune problems.

There is also great controversy as research has surfaced problems with rabies vaccinations having long term ad-

verse affects on dogs. Please wait until your puppy is at least one year old to get it's first rabies vaccination.

These vaccinations are extremely potent and are hard on young immune systems.

Discuss the pros and cons of any vaccinations or the use of medications to prevent fleas and ticks. We need to be careful of what we put on or in our pets just as we are for ourselves and our children.

Everything has it's affect and often times there are side affects that, if known, you would not be willing to assume the risks. Remember ... any chemical products introduced into the body is going to have an affect. The question should always be ... do the pros outweigh the cons? Your decision may have a significant impact on your pet.