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Pet Toxins

This article written by Jennifer Fields lists several potentially hazardous and even lethal items that are common in most households.

Grapes and Raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs and cats.

Bread Dough may cause severe abdominal pain and even death if eaten by pets. The heat of the animal's body causes the dough to rise.

Chewing Gum often contains an artificial sweetener, Xylitol, which can be deadly to pets. The sweetener can cause a low-blood sugar crisis in your pet. One pack of gum can kill a dog.

Nicotine is highly toxic and can cause seizures, coma, and even death. Pets prone to chewing items left out, may ingest cigarettes .

Chocolate is very toxic to

dogs and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death.

Alcohol can cause seizures, heart arrhythmia, vomiting, coma and death. So, don't leave those half empty glasses around after a party.

Pain Relievers intended for humans are not to be used for your pets. One

tablet of Acetaminophen can kill a cat.

Tea often has caffeine in it and can lead to the same reactions as Chocolate.

Onions are toxic to dogs and cats. Be careful tossing that sandwich or piece of steak to your pet if there are onions on it.



Zeus in Arizona

Zeus is growing like a weed. The picture is of him on his first day in his new home with Kristin. The second picture is more recent with Leah.

The family will be adding a playmate for Zeus. They are



getting a cream male from Khan and Gracie's current litter.

Zeus is from a litter of Khan & Ginger.



Inbreeding ... Line Breeding ... Outcross Breeding ???

“Researching pedigrees can tell you a lot about the prospective puppy and the practices of the breeder.”

When purchasing a puppy it is always a good idea to inquire about the parental bloodlines. Not all breeders are aware of breeding protocols and some choose to ignore them.

After much research, we have found no clear delineation between Inbreeding versus Line Breeding. It appears to be a very subjective and controversial issue. The following is what we have come up with after several discussions with many veterinarians and the research we have done.

Inbreeding: An inbred dog is one that has common bloodlines on both the

immediate paternal and maternal side. This happens within the *nuclear family* when a sister and brother, a mother and son, or a father and daughter are bred together. Although this is a common practice with “Show Kennels”, this close inbreeding often brings recessive genes to the forefront which can result in health problems.

Line breeding: is when there is a common bloodline somewhere in the *extended family tree*. For example, Breeders will sometimes breed a dog to an aunt or uncle.

Outcross Breeding: is when two dogs from *completely different bloodlines* are bred together.

We at D & M Farm Kennel do not practice inbreeding! We have done some line breeding after we thoroughly discussed this with our veterinarians. We mostly breed dogs of completely separate bloodlines.

When you are ready to purchase a puppy, ask to see the pedigree of the parents. A little research may help avoid having to deal with health problems down the road.

Max & Emma in Ohio

Here is a picture of pure love. This is the granddaughter of the clients who purchased Max. And some people wonder if Chows are good with children! Oh my!

Max is from a litter of Teddy and Pandey.



Sophie in Texas

Sophie just got back from the beauty shop. And, what a beauty she is! Her owner wanted to share the photos.

Sophie is from a litter of Ceasar & Ginger.



Chocolate Mulch

A new product on the market for chocoholics is Cocoa Mulch. It is manufactured by Hershey's and smells like chocolate. Many dogs find this very enticing and will eat it. The mulch has a lethal ingredi-

ent called Theobromine. It is lethal to dogs and cats.

This mulch is being sold at Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores.

Deaths have already been

reported due to the ingestion of this product.

Please be aware, and even if you don't use it, be on the lookout for it in your neighborhood yards.

Sadie in Ohio

Sadie loves the snow, so the snowstorm didn't bother her any.

Sadie is now five years old and is a 75 lb. bundle of love. She is the keeper of the granddaughter who adores her.

Sadie is from a litter of Sampson and Sheba.



"We love to show off puppies from our farm. They are the greatest!"

Moda Thwarts a Would-Be-Robbery / Home Invasion in Ohio

I am enclosing the report on how our Chow Chow Moda prevented an attempted robbery / home invasion of our home. This past February, after we had gone to bed, a robber attempted to break in our back door. Putting aside her own personal safety, Moda lunged at the back door barking, growling and bearing her teeth. The unexpected sight of Moda was enough to make the robber flee, protecting our property and perhaps even our lives. We purchased Moda from D & M Farm



Kennel in 2004 and she has provided us with much devotion, love and protection for our family. Our son will be moving to his new home in a month or two and we are sad to say he will be

taking Moda with him. We are currently on the waiting list with D & M Farm Kennel for a cream male Chow Chow puppy and look forward to the day we can soon welcome a new puppy into our home. Thank you D & M Farm Kennel for the beautiful Chow puppies you provide. They truly are man's best friend ... and protector!

Moda is from a litter of Sampson & Midnight.

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Purina One - Nutritious Dog Food Diet ?

I received this in an email and thought you might enjoy it . . .

Has this ever happened to you?

Yesterday, I was at Wal-Mart, filling my shopping cart with large bags of Purina One dog chow for my dogs Winston, Chief, Gus, and Maximus.

I was about to reach the cashier to check out when a woman behind me suddenly asked, “do you have a dog?” I mean, what else could she have thought I had ...an elephant?

Since I had little else to do ... on impulse ...I told her that ... “no, I don't have a dog ... I just started the Purina One Diet again. Its so nutritious ... although I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital the last time. However, on the bright side though, I did

lose 50 pounds ... before I awakened to find myself in a hospital's Intensive Care Unit with tubes coming out of every orifice of my body and IVs in both arms!”

I continued to tell her that ... “it is essentially a perfect diet and the way that it works is to load your pockets with Purina One bite-size nuggets and simply eat one or two every time



you feel hungry. Since the food has been laboratory tested and found to be so nutritionally complete, I'm going to try it again.” (I have to mention here that by now, practically everyone in the line was enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked ... “did you end up in the ICU because the dog food had poisoned you?” “No” ... I told her ... “on the way back to my car I simply stopped in the middle of the parking lot to lick my butt and a car hit me!”

I thought the line of customers standing behind her were going to go into cardiac arrest, they were all laughing so hard!

The down side is that Wal-Mart won't let me shop there anymore ! Go figure?