

# D & M Farm Kennel October 2008 Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Organic Foods
- Chow Companions

### Inside this issue:

Chow Companions	2
Sir Bear	2
Inside Story	2
Zoe	3
Mei Ling	3
The Visit	3
Breeding Awry	5

## Organics

Most pet owners want to feed the best available food to their pets. Organic foods always fit into this equation.

You can obtain a lot of research information on dog food from the web using Google or Yahoo search engines. You can also search for specific pet foods and look at their listed ingredients. Beware of any site that sells a specific pet food, but evaluates others. Their data is often biased in their favor.

Consulting with your veterinary is always a good source. Some veterinary hospitals now have a nutritionist on their staff.

I have discovered and am now using products from Wysong. You can find them on the web at [www.wysong.net](http://www.wysong.net). They sell both pet and human products.

We feed Purina One Dog Food, but use the Wysong products to supplement. We

have a pet German Shepherd that is getting up in years. He is now having some problems with his hips. I noticed that he is experiencing some stiffness and limps occasionally. I am now giving him the Wysong Dream Treats. They have glucosamine and chondroitin which help with joints. These treats are packed with nutrition so they not only help with his joints but are also good for him.

We also give these treats to our female breeding chows while they are pregnant, lactating, and after the puppies are weaned. We have found they help the dams keep a good weight and reduces the loss of hair from changes in hormones which translates into a healthier dog.

Going completely organic can prove to be quite expensive; however, supplementing with organic foods may also be a viable option worth investigating.



[www.wysong.net](http://www.wysong.net)

## Savannah & Sebastian Of Ohio



Savannah, a red female from Gypsy and Buhda, and her brother Sebastian, from Pandy and Teddy, came to visit the farm.

They had a great time running around the yard and visiting with our dogs.

Sebastian is only six months old but is a very big boy. He is the calm one of the two. Savannah is always busy. Moss will never grow under that one! Sebastian, on the other hand, is quite content to park himself next to his owner's chair. He is more of a couch potato.

Savannah is a beautiful mahogany red while

Sebastian is a gorgeous cream.





**When raised with other animals, Chows adapt just fine.**

## Chow Companions

We are often asked if Chows get along well with other animals. Chows get along well with anything they have been raised with.

To clarify, if a Chow has been raised with cats it will get along with cats. It can be very difficult to introduce another animal species to an adult Chow if it has never been around them.

Our Chows have not been raised with cats so they will not tolerate a cat or any other animal coming into their yards. But, when my husband and I were traveling with the

military we had Chows and a cat. They cohabitated very well. We already had the cat when we got Bear as a puppy so he knew the cat was a member of our family and therefore, to his pack.

We have had many stories of people with Chows who have adopted kittens and birds. One even adopted a squirrel.

One of our clients sent me pictures of her Chow who apparently had the hobby of adopting cats. The kittens would nurse her even though there was no milk. She provided the mothering and the

nursing was a comfort to the kittens. Please enjoy the remarkable pictures.



*“Chows can be great companions to other animals. Raising Chows with them is the key”*

## Sir Bear of Chang Li

*Excerpt from an email from Sir's owner.*

Sir turned seven months old on October 8th. He has a great personality and loves to be around people. Whenever our doorbell rings he often races to the door with his tail wagging, as if the person at the door came over just to see him! Sir has adjusted quite well in his new home. He is definitely a creature of habit so we try hard not to disturb his normal routine.

The vet and staff are always delighted to see him and have commented on how sociable he is compared to their past experiences with chows. After we picked him up from D&M Farm Kennel back in May, we took him to our vet, where they were quite leery of chows. We assured them that we were going to completely change their perception...and we did! Now, as soon as Sir walks in the door the ladies rush over to greet him with hugs and kisses. (That's my boy!)

Wherever we go, whether it be the pet store or the soccer park, people always want to touch his beautiful coat. While walking into a pet store earlier today, two ladies with very strong Russian accents literally ran through the parking lot of the mall screaming! Initially I thought they were in trouble, but it turned out that they were running over to pet Sir. Neither of them had seen a chow since coming to the states and even commented on taking mine. (I took the opportunity to plug D&M Farm Kennel, so hopefully you will hear from them soon!)

Two of Sir's favorite activities are playing fetch and chasing the red laser dot.

Sir is from the litter of Kaiser and Ebony. (Surprisingly, the only real noticeable black marking on him is on the tip of his tail.)



## Zoe in North Carolina



Zoe is now 7 months old. She loves treats, so Halloween sounds like just the holiday for her. She hadn't decided what she was going to dress up as when this picture was taken. But, she does love her Halloween pals.

Zoe is from a litter of Rosy & Sampson

## Mei Ling In Ohio

*(excerpt from email)* I just wanted to drop a note and a few pictures of Mei Ling. I cannot believe she's almost 7 months old already! She's getting so big. Last month at the vet's office, she weighed 40 lbs. She is doing great, she was spayed last month and did wonderfully. Mei has allergies to vaccinations, so I'm always nervous about taking her to the vet for shots. For vaccinations, she has to be given the vaccine through an IV catheter and benedryl for a few days afterward. Everyone at the vet's office loves her and knows her by sight. She loves meeting new people and other dogs and has made friends with

Buster the Boxer upstairs. Mei also loves playing in the water. We have a small pond in our apartment complex and whenever we walk back from the mailboxes, she has to walk along the edge of the water and dip her toes in! I have taken Mei up to Michigan a few times to visit my mom and she loves riding in the car and playing at my mom's farm. I love her and couldn't have asked for a better dog. I want to thank you, she was and is a great addition to my life and I could-

n't imagine not having her. Mei Ling is from a litter of Gypsy and Buhda.



**Sure, I'll share the bed.**

## The Visit

You may remember the picture in an earlier newsletter with all the Chows on their owner's bed taking a snooze. Well, here they are visiting D&M Farm Kennel.

The picture is of them waiting at our farm gate to the barnyard where we were. They didn't understand why they couldn't come in. They found the chickens, guineas, peacocks, geese, duck and goats most interesting.

They enjoyed the day by romping around our large

front yard and visiting all of our Chows through the fence.

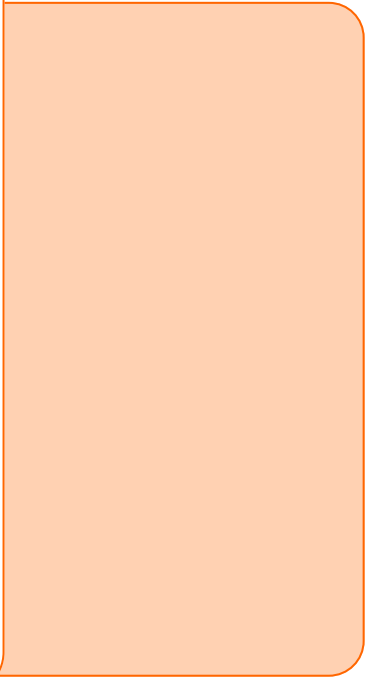
From left to right, Stormie, Thunder, Shu Ling, and Thor.



**Why can't we come in? We want to play with the chickens!**



*"We love to showcase our puppies who are now in homes with loving families. Please send us updates and pictures!"*



## D & M Farm Kennel

617 W. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.  
Fairborn, OH 45324

Phone: 937-767-7075

Cell: 937-369-8425

E-mail: [dnmfarm@aol.com](mailto:dnmfarm@aol.com)

Quality Chows with Exceptional  
Temperament

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
[WWW.DMFARM.COM](http://WWW.DMFARM.COM)

"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"

## Ghoulish Breeding Results?

Is this a Halloween Trick or Treat? It looks like a breeding experiment gone bad. We have had several people claim this looks like a red Chow chicken.

Actually, it is a Silkie. These chickens are bred to look like they have fur rather than feathers. Because of this guy's color and miniature mane, he has been compared to our Chows.



