

# D & M Farm Kennel

## Why Training is So Important

Have you every been around a very cute, but ill-mannered dog? The ones that continually jump on you, chew things up, or won't come when they are called. Those are examples of why



training is so important. No one wants to be around an ill-mannered dog.

Well trained dogs are fun to be

with. Others are not annoyed by them and also enjoy being around them. They also fit much better in the family setting because they do not cause undue stress.

All of this does not happen by accident. Your puppy/dog are learning from you every time you are with them. What are they learning? You have to be aware of the signals you are sending to them about there behavior.

It is always easier to start training while they are young. But, old dogs can learn new tricks. It just may take a bit longer. Much like people.

There are many books on the market to assist you in training issues. There is also a wealth of information on the Internet.

Responsibility comes with owning a dog. Therefore, it is important that you are well informed about the care and training of them.

We like the Cesar Milan books. He recommends non-resistance training which we feel is the most humane. With a little effort and thought on your part, you can take what his or other training books give you and apply it to your own situation.

In the long run you will have a much better experience with your dog. The training will build a trust with your animal that will last a lifetime.

So, become a major part in training your dog and making it the best companion possible!

## Macee in Kentucky

Macee likes to hang out with her family while they do yard work. She keeps an eye on all the surrounding nature. She had a Black Lab that is her buddy and they like to play together.

Macee is very well trained and loved immensely by her family. And, she is reported to be the best companion.

Macee is from a litter of Ebony and Kaiser. She looks just like her daddy in the face.



### Special points of interest:

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### Zeus in Ontario, Canada



Zeus is one Canadian that is reported to be a complete suck up and loves to cuddle! He hangs out with mom in the kitchen. And, he now knows how to give his paw on command.

His buddy Rudy is now in much better form, now that he has a playmate. Zeus had made a big difference in his life. And it's for the better!

This little guy is a great ambassador for the breed. His veteri-

narian is pleased with how friendly and calm he is. He enjoys meeting new people on his



walks and is just a joy to be around.

Zeus is a puppy from Rosy & Sampson.



### Summer Coat to Winter Coat

“Brushing and removing the dead hair is important for the new hair growth.”

Since we live in a cold weather region, there are certain things we need to do to prepare our animals for cold weather.

Chows lose their summer undercoats when the days begin to get shorter. It is important to brush your dog to get rid of the loose hair to allow the the growth of the warm winter undercoat. If the summer undercoat is left in place, it will retard the growth

of the winter undercoat. This is due to the body heat it retains. Without the winter undercoat in place, your dog will be ill prepared for the cold winds and wet weather of winter.

It never ceases to amaze me how much hair is removed when grooming. Its amazing that the dog doesn't end up bald! I fill grocery sacks full of fur. I could keep a wool spinner busy for

years!

It's okay to leave some of the fur out for the birds to use in their nests, but be careful. I have some Chows who like to eat the hair. This isn't a good thing for them to do and I have no idea why they like to do it.

So, be careful to pick up the loose fur and deposit it somewhere not accessible to your dog.

### Mei Ling in Ohio



MeiLing at the dog park.

Mei is now 18 months old. She is a great dog and fits right in with her family.

Mei loves to go to the dog park. She is very social. Another testament to socializing your puppy so you can take them in public without worrying. As you can see in the photos, Mei enjoys her time at play.



Mei is a puppy from Gypsy and Buhda. She sure has her

daddy's face!



## Cold Wet Weather Issues

As long as your animals stay dry they can stand the coldest of weather. But, if they are let to get soaking wet down to the skin, they can easily become ill.

They are no different than humans. Drench us and then put us out in the cold wind and we don't do well. But, if we are dry and have a warm coat we can deal with the cold weather.

If it is cold outside and your animal has become wet, it is very important to bring them in to a warm place until they are dry. Wet skin promotes chilling, which

can put them at risk for acquiring upper respiratory illnesses, to include pneumonia.

If you choose to speed up the drying process by using a blow dryer, remember to keep the dryer moving over their coat. If left in one place too long, you may burn the Chow's sensitive skin. They also won't let you come near them again with a blow dryer !

Providing a dry place for your dog where they can get out of the wind on those cold blustery days is very important. Animals

burn lots of calories staying warm. Anything you can do to help them stay warm and dry will promote their good health.

Many Chows prefer to stay outside even in inclement weather. Getting wet isn't a problem if the temperature is warmer. In very cold weather snow normally doesn't melt enough to soak to the skin. So, let them have their time outside. Just be watchful that they don't let the extreme weather compromise their health. They sense when to get out of the extreme weather.



Cold and wet is a bad combination!

## Sucha Good Girl in Ohio

*Email from client:*

Dear Allens, I hope the picture I am sending you gets to your email box. It is a picture of Budda and Blue Bell's daughter who will be 6 on September 4. She looks just like her daddy, and is our service dog now, and the biggest teddy bear around. She has been to Cancun and back

riding in the first class cabin. She was the star guest at a resort when we were in Mexico, Williamsburg, and Niagara Falls. We cannot walk for 1 minute without someone stopping us and wanting to pet her, commenting on what a gentle, well behaved girl she is. We love her with all our hearts. She allows us to



sleep with her on her water bed every night. God bless.

## Kaiden in New York



through a stage of puppy nipping, but will soon out-grow that. It is hard on the ankles!

Kaiden is a puppy from Rosy and Sampson.

Kaiden is now a happy, healthy 19 lb puppy! He is has been going



"The goal of D & M Farm Kennel is to breed the highest quality Chow Chows with exceptional temperament. We want all of our puppies to be good ambassadors of the breed"

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## Farm Happenings

Cooler weather has arrived and we continue to get ready for when the snow flies. It just seems like this summer has flown by. I'm not ready for winter yet but here it comes ready or not!

Our calves, Bessie and Jethro, are doing great. They are growing and getting more feisty everyday. Their bawling can be heard across the farm when it is feeding time!

All of our horses are getting their winter coats so they are becoming more and more wooly. You can tell how bad the winter is going to be by how thick animal's coats are in preparation for the cold. They are getting in their winter coats early this year, so I expect an early winter. I can't tell yet how thick their

coats are going to be so I'm not sure how bad of a winter to anticipate.

The hay is in the mow and the barn smells wonderful of fresh cut hay. We still have to muck out the run-in shed where the horses stay during cold weather. This will go in our compost pile for later use in our garden. We also have to clean out the chicken house and put down clean shavings and refill all the nests with fresh straw. We'll soon be turning on the heat lamps for some of our more fragile poultry, such as the peacocks.

It is time to start putting fresh straw in all the outside dog houses. We put thick beds of straw down for warmth during the cold weather. As soon as

straw is put in a dog house the dogs have to go inside and check it out. I think we pass inspection most of the time! The heated buckets are in place. We still have to test them to make sure they are all in good working order.

We have had five fall litters of puppies so far. We're expecting at least four more. Some of our young females could still have litters this fall, but we don't know for certain yet if they are pregnant.

It won't be long before we are dressing in our longjohns and piling on the winter clothes and boots to take care of the animals. We're already looking forward to the warm days of spring returning!



# Pictures on the Farm

