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Boarding Your Pet

Boarding can be very stressful for both you and your Chow. There are some things you can do to minimize the stress for both of you.

First you need to find a facility to board your Chow that you feel comfortable with. You may have to call several places to find one that will board Chows. Finding a facility that has been recommended by a friend or your veterinarian would be ideal.

If you begin boarding while your dog is young, it will give it a chance to become familiar with the facility and the staff. The

facility is more likely to accept a younger dog and then continue boarding your dog as it becomes older, because they would then be familiar with it.

Unfortunately, the reputation of the Chow breed precedes your dog in many cases. It is very important that your Chow be a very well behaved ambassador for the breed.

You may also provide a blanket or towel that has your scent on it to place in their pen. Many facilities will not guarantee anything you leave for your pet, so make sure it isn't something you definitely want returned. However, some-

thing with your scent on it is often very reassuring for your pet. Also, it is best to take your dog's own food, instead of relying on what the kennel provides. It may prevent an upset stomach and/or diarrhea. Sometimes pets will refuse different foods, especially if they are already stressed by a new environment.

If your pet is going to be boarded for several days, you will want to select a facility that provides walks or time to run and play in a large protected area. Don't be embarrassed to inspect the facilities yourself before boarding. Your pet is not capable of telling you that the conditions or treatment

Rosy's First Litter

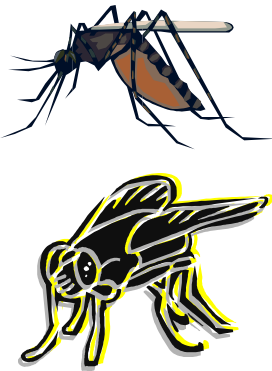
Rosy finally had her first litter on 15 August 07. There is always anxiety over a first time mother. But, Rosy has turned out to be an awesome mother just like our other Chow moms.

She had seven puppies in her litter ... one cream and six reds/cinnamons. There are at least two that are going to be marked like their mother.

Khan is the sire of the litter and all the puppies are of good size and weight. Khan always throws wonderful puppies.

We feel this pairing is a winner.





Those Pesky Flies and Mosquitoes

This time of the year is the worst for flies and mosquitoes until the frost. The flies bite as bad as the mosquitoes. Our furry friends are just as vulnerable to these pests as humans.

Tips of the ears and noses seem to be the target of flies. Once the skin is broken the flies go after the tender flesh with a vengeance.

There are products to deter the flies from biting. Zeet and Flys

Off are two products that are available. Dogs do not like these foreign substances on them, so they will attempt to get it off by rubbing or having a mate lick it off. Therefore, daily application is required.

Mosquitoes can also be a biting problem and there is always the concern for West Nile Virus. They lay their eggs in water buckets and other standing water. Mosquitoes are also carriers of

heartworms so it is important to minimize their breeding areas. It is also advisable to empty and rinse water buckets at least every other day. Within two days, you will often see mosquito larva swimming in the water. They won't survive if they are not in a moist environment; therefore, dumping them out on the sunny ground will be their demise.

Any standing water will invite mosquitoes so avoid leaving standing water in buckets, containers, etc.

“Take a look at the
Poster Pup
of New Jersey”

Sequoia in New Jersey

Sequoia is a big boy now living in New Jersey. He is from Buhda and Gypsy's December 2005 litter.

Sequoia is very popular at his doggie day-care and has become their poster boy. He is in all their publications to promote the



business. Everyone that sees him just goes crazy over him. He has

the perfect personality to be a great ambassador for the breed and he takes his job seriously.

Keep it up Sequoia!



Sequoia looking his most regal!

Choosing a Boarding Facility

When trying to find a boarding facility ask around seek recommendations. Your veterinarian would be a good source to ask. You may even check with your local Better Business Bureau about a particular business. Ask the facility manager if they belong to the American Boarding Kennels Association.

Some things to look for when selecting a facility are:

- Does is look and smell clean and orderly?
- Is there sufficient ventilation and lighting?
- Do the staff seem knowledgeable and caring?
- Are there resting boards or bedding to allow your pet to rest off of the concrete floor?
- Are outdoor runs clean and protected from the weather?
- What veterinary services are available.

Always schedule a visit prior to boarding your pet.

By answering these questions you will go a long way in determining if the facility is the right one for you and your pet.

Early Stages of Development

When Chow puppies are born their hair is slick and their eyes remain closed until they are about 10 days old. Their tongues are pink and slowly turn the blue/black color over the next few weeks. Although they are unable to walk, they are very mobile by crawling and hone in on mom by scent. We keep a heating pad under the blanket in one corner. This allows them to crawl onto it if they need some additional heat. The first couple of days are critical because their bodies have a difficult time regulating their body heat.

When their eyes finally open they also begin to get their legs under their little fat bodies. Those first steps are very wobbly and they fall over easily. Just like human babies, they must learn to walk but they do it on a very accelerated pace.

At three weeks of age they have mastered the walk and begin to play with their littermates. They tackle each other, bite tails and

faces, and learn to rough and tumble. They often bump each other only to have both puppies roll. They also begin eating soft food at this age, quickly followed by dry puppy chow. In fact, mom is often dismayed to find the puppies in her food dish. Within a short time the puppies are eating enough that we have to give them their own dish separate from mom's. Their looks are changing and now they look like little gophers from the movie "Caddyshack". They are very shy about being touched on the back of their heads and squall when first being picked up. This comes from their inborn instinct to avoid predators. We spend a lot of time massaging them all over to overcome this inborn fear.

By four weeks they are running and playing more aggressively. They are curious about everything and begin to come up to anyone in the kennel to see what you are doing. They dive into their food as if there may never be another meal. Naps are still a big part of

their daytime schedule. They are beginning to get their fuzzy puppy coat.

At five weeks they are weaned from mom. They are now eating and drinking with no problem. Their teeth have become a problem for nursing mom, and they have also become a real drain on their mother and her weight begins to show it. They are quickly becoming more like little bear cubs at this age. They are very social, wanting attention whenever the chance presents itself. As soon as you walk into their kennel you are surrounded by puppies. They often will grab your pant leg and tug on it. Others will jump up on your leg demanding attention.

By six weeks of age they are ready to go to their new homes. They are becoming selfish little imps that do not want to share the attention of the kennel keepers. They want all the attention for themselves. They now look completely like little teddy bear cubs.



“Puppy development is much like human development. They go through the same stages only a lot faster.”

Mia in Indiana



Mia has made her home in the Hoosier state of Indiana. She has a big brother and playmate, Ma-

son, who is a Labradoodle. She runs him ragged. Mia has quickly become a central member of the family. Her personality endears her to all. She and Ma-

son keep each other entertained as well as everyone else.

Mia is from the June litter of Ginger and Ceasar. She is a cinnamon in color.



Naptime again? You sure do sleep a lot!

Where Did They All Go?



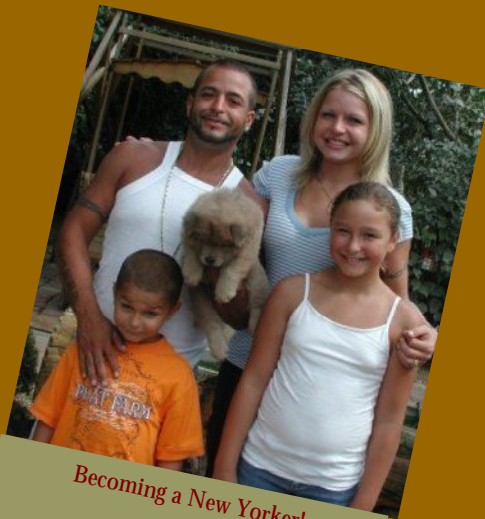
Staying a Buckeye!



Sarge is staying in Ohio



Off to Kentucky



Becoming a New Yorker!



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The goal of D & M Farm is to breed quality Chow Chows with exceptional temperament.

We want all of our puppies to be great ambassadors for the breed.



Here is a peek at Ebony's newest litter. Sired by Kaiser. They were born on 13 August. It took her over eight hours to have all seven puppies. Just when we thought she was done, out would pop another one. We shouldn't have been surprised since she was almost dragging the ground just before giving birth.

All the puppies appear to be healthy and you can tell how proud Mom is!

Khan & Rosy



Khan is a big guy weighing approximately 72 .bs. He is a shaded red which means his body is red but he has cream on his muzzle, eyebrows, mane, feathers, and tail. Khan is stout with a thick body and broad nose.

He loves for you to spend time with him, but he isn't demanding. He will wait patiently until you invite him over to pet him. He is one of our sweetest Chows.



Khan and Rosy's puppies are very good looking Chows.

Rosy is a registered cinnamon. Cinnamon is such a difficult color to determine. Her body color isn't red, but it isn't really brown either. She has a cream chest and throat as well as her face, tail, and feathers. She is very unique. Although I think she is very pretty, she isn't marked like most Chows.

Rosy is very friendly and energetic. She loves to play with the other dogs and also loves the