

doggy daycare and spa

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Do you have a Naughty Dog?

Is your dog a “Reactive Rover”? Does he/she do great in daycare, but put them on a leash and everyone needs to watch out? If this sounds like your dog, Janet Smith is offering a new Good Dog! Training Class called “Rabble Rousers.” This class is not for dogs with aggression issues, but a specially designed class for dogs who are reactive (barking, lunging, snarling) at other dogs when on leash. Vince (Janice’s dog) will be taking this one! For more information, please pick up a Good Dog! Training schedule in our Reception Area or go online to www.janetasmith.com. As always, Janet also offers Level One, Two and Three Obedience Classes, Introduction to Agility and Puppy Socialization Classes.

Playground Equipment

If anyone has any “Little Tykes” style outdoor play equipment (or know someone who does) and are looking to get rid of it, please see Janice. She would be more than happy to purchase it from you (or your friend) for a reasonable price. The dogs love climbing on, sitting under, and running around obstacles in our outdoor playground.

Pampered Pooches

It’s the busy time of year for the Spa. If you would like to have your dog bathed or groomed, please give us as much advance notice as possible so Lindsay and Racheal are sure to have time to fit him/her into their schedule.

Summer Vacation Season (already!)

With the warm weather comes our busy boarding times. If you know you will need to board your dog during the summer, please reserve your space as far in advance as possible. We filled up most weekends last year!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Please make sure we have your updated contact information on file including address, home, work, and cell numbers as well as an emergency contact person (other than yourself). If an emergency were to arise with your dog, we would want to be able to contact you.

If you haven’t already scheduled your dogs vet appointment, it is the time of the year for annual heartworm testing. We require all of our dogs who attend daycare for either the day or overnight to have an annual heartworm and fecal test and be on year round flea preventative and heartworm preventative. We also require updated vaccination records on all dogs coming into the facility.

Thank you to everyone who has donated plastic grocery bags, blankets and other useful items! We not only appreciate your business, but also your generosity!

Products We LOVE (and why!)

“Sentinel” for Heartworm and Fleas

Sentinel Brand is a Heartworm and Flea Preventative that is given orally once a month. Sentinel does not kill fleas, but sterilizes them, preventing an infestation on your dog and in your home. As many of you know, one flea can quickly become hundreds and Sentinel prevents this from happening. In addition to taking care of heartworm and fleas, Sentinel also de-worms your dog once a month, making problems with intestinal parasites a thing of the past. Sentinel does not, however, control the pesky tape worm. These rice like parasites must be treated separately. Of course, we recommend talking to your veterinarian about which brand of heartworm and flea preventative is most suitable for your individual dog.

Everlasting Treat Balls

This product is the new “kong”! These light blue balls are made of softer rubber than a Kong and can be used with Everlasting treats or be stuffed with the treat of your choice (Janice uses Chicken & Venison Wellbites). Shorter nose breeds take longer than the longer nosed varieties to extract their reward. Cecilia (Janice’s American Eskimo Dog) can be rather rough on toys, yet has not been able to destroy this one.

Wellness Brand Dog Food and Old Mother Hubbard Brand Treats

Wellness and Old Mother Hubbard Brand Products do not contain wheat gluten and are NOT affected by the current industry product recall. All Wellness products, including canned foods, dry foods, and treats can be enjoyed by your pet SAFELY! Not to mention, they are made of human grade ingredients and contain only ethoxyquin free meat sources.

**TIP* All dry dog food should be stored in its original container. Putting dog food in “dirty” containers can contaminate your “fresh” food with older oils. Your bag of dog food can be easily stored inside a plastic storage container for convenience. Storage in plastic bags for short periods of time (for example, when your dog boards at Doggy Daycare and Spa) is perfectly safe when you use a new bag every time. If you really like to pour your food into a separate container, please be sure to wash the container thoroughly between bags with hot soapy water.*

Pill Pockets

These are a wonderful way to get even the worst pill taker to gladly ingest their medications! Developed by a Veterinarian, Pill Pockets are designed to disguise medication as a yummy treat. We haven’t found many dogs who have turned up their nose to these!

Nylon/Cotton Leads and Leashes

This really should be entitled “Why we don’t like retractable leashes”. We find the plastic handles difficult to hold on to, dogs more difficult to control on them, plus, does your dog really need to be 20 feet away from you when you are out on a walk? Retractable leashes can be good for control in large open areas away from other pets and people. Many people have scars from the tiny nylon rope that comes out of the handle. Many of these leashes have warning labels posted on them stating that they can actually amputate a finger if not used properly. They can also wrap around your dogs legs and cause injury that way as well. We prefer 4 or 6 foot nylon or cotton leashes. We find them safer for all and make it easier to control your dog.

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