

doggy daycare and spa

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April 2008 Newsletter

Don't forget... This year's Fur Ball will be held at Eagle Eye Golf Club on Saturday, April 19th. This black tie event is one of the largest fund raisers for the Capital Area Humane Society. Tickets are still available! For more information, please visit www.cahs-lansing.org.

How to Miss the Train!

From I-496:

1. Take the Waverly Rd. Exit, go north on Waverly Rd and turn left on St. Joe Hwy (west). Take St. Joe to Snow Rd. Turn left on Snow (south) and take to Mt. Hope Hwy. Turn right on Mt. Hope Hwy to Doggy Daycare and Spa.
2. Take the Creyts Rd. Exit, go south on Creyts Rd. and turn left onto Mt. Hope Hwy (east.) Doggy Daycare and Spa will be about a mile down on the right.

From I-96:

1. Take Lansing Rd. South to Canal. Turn right on Canal (you will pass the Michigan State Police Post and Training Center). Take Canal north to Mt. Hope Hwy. Turn right onto Mt. Hope Hwy (east) to Doggy Daycare and Spa.

Memorial Day is right around the corner... Monday, May 26th! If you will be going away that weekend and would like to have your dog spend the night with us, please be sure to make your reservation as far in advance as possible. We want to make sure that we have room for your dog!

If you would like your dog to attend daycare on Wednesday or Thursday and he/she is not on a standing Wednesday or Thursday reservation, please call as far in advance as possible. We do fill up on those days and cannot promise that we will have room for your dog.

REMINDER: Heartworm and Flea season is quickly approaching! We require that all daycare attendees and boarders be on YEAR ROUND heartworm and flea preventative.

Vehicle Safety and your Dog

On Saturday, March 29th, it was in the mid 40's and sunny in Lansing, Michigan. The interior of Janice's car, left in a parking lot in the sun, rose to 80 degrees in about 10 minutes. Had it been any warmer, the interior of the vehicle could have quickly reached dangerous temperatures for a dog left inside of it. Please be aware that even when the outside air temperature is cool, the interior of your car may not be. For safety's sake, NEVER leave a dog in a parked car in the sun.

We all know and understand the safety behind seat belts for ourselves, but have you ever considered a safety restraint for your dog? If you were in a car accident, your dog could be easily injured by being thrown into the windshield, the seat in front of him or even into you. Have you ever imagined the impact on your body of a 40lb dog when your car is traveling 40 mph and is immediately stopped in a collision? If this is something that concerns you, consider a safety restraint for your dog while riding in the car. Safety restraints and car seats for small dogs are available at most local pet stores. Find a knowledgeable sales associate to help you fit your dog for his/her safety restraint.

Helpful Hints!

When your dog acts fearful or nervous around something of which he/she has no real reason to be scared, the worst thing we can do is one of the most natural thing for us... to baby them. When a dog is in a state of mind that is fearful or nervous, we do not want to reward that behavior by getting down on their level, hugging them, telling them everything will be alright. While we think we are letting them know that they are safe, what we are really telling them is "You are right to be nervous. You are supposed to be scared. Good girl." The best thing to do is to simply ignore them. Tell them in a matter of fact voice that they are fine... and go about your business. Many dog parents unknowingly reinforce fears and therefore can make the problem worse.

Many dogs are especially fearful of thunderstorms. If your dog seems nervous or anxious before or during a storm, you can try rubbing a fabric sheet such as Bounce over her fur to help de-electrify the air around her which should help in calming her.

Having trouble getting Fido to swallow his pill? Try hiding it in a marshmallow. The soft gooiness makes it difficult to pick the pill out and most dogs can't resist the soft, sweet treat.

One of our favorite tricks for stomach upset and diarrhea is a couple of heaping spoonfuls of canned pumpkin in the dog's food. Somehow it works wonders at firming their stool and relieving diarrhea. 100% Pure Pumpkin is available at your grocery store in the baking aisle. Make sure it is 100% Pure Pumpkin and not pumpkin pie mix.

The Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook is a great reference guide to keep on hand. This book is available in hard cover at most book stores in the pet section.

Past newsletter are always available online at www.doggydaycareandspa.com.