

doggy daycare and spa

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December 2006 Newsletter

Happy Howl-i-days!

The Holidays are upon us and we are busy with Daycare, Grooming and Boarding. Please make sure to make your reservations for any of our services as far in advance as possible as we have been filling up. In fact, we are currently full for Boarding on December 24th and 25th, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and nearly full for New Year's Eve. If you do need Boarding over December 24th and 25th, and have not yet made your reservation, we can put your dog on our Holiday Cancellation List and call you if we end up having room.

In addition to Boarding over the Christmas Holiday, we are also full for Daycare Standing Reservations on Wednesdays. If you bring your dog sporadically during the week, rather than on a standing reservation, please be sure to call as far in advance as possible to ensure we have room for your dog on your requested day. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also getting full. We still consistently have room for dogs on Mondays and Fridays. We strongly recommend a Standing Reservation for the following reasons:

1. Dogs are routine animals and will know when it is Daycare day.
2. Your dog will develop relationships with the other dogs attending on his/her day, making their transition into the pack much easier.
3. We will always have room for your dog on his/her scheduled day!

Please be sure to schedule your dog's Holiday visit to the Spa as far in advance as possible. We recommend a minimum of one week out as we are expecting Racheal's and Lindsay's appointment times to fill quickly. Don't forget, dogs need grooming in the winter as well as the summer. Regular grooming allows us to check your pet for any skin irritations, lumps and bumps and helps keep undercoats manageable. Most dogs should be groomed every 4-6 weeks. We believe a well groomed dog is a healthier and happier dog.

Holiday Hours

The following is our hours for pick ups and drop offs during the holidays:

Sunday, Dec 24 th (Christmas Eve)	8am - 11am and 4pm - 6pm
Monday, Dec 25 th (Christmas Day)	8am - 11am and 4pm - 6pm
Sunday, Dec 31 st (New Year's Eve)	7am - 12pm and 4pm - 6pm
Monday, Jan 1 st (New Year's Day)	7am - 7pm (Normal Business

Hours)

If your dog will not be attending Daycare on his or her scheduled day(s) over the holidays, please let one of our team members know.

Wellness Foods are NOW even more Convenient!

Janice's preferred brand of dog food, Wellness, is available at Soldan's, Pet Supplies Plus and Preuss' Animal House. Wellness brand foods use only the best ingredients and offer specially blended formulas perfect for pups with food allergies. We recommend reading the ingredients label of any food and treat you consider giving your dog prior to purchasing it. If you are interested in learning more about Wellness Brand Dog Foods, please pick up one of the brochures available in our reception area.

It's never too late to teach your dog a new trick!

The next term of Good Dog! Training obedience classes begins in January and Class Schedules are available in our reception area. Levels of Classes include: Good Puppy! Socialization, Good Dog! Level One, Good Dog! Level 2 (Canine Good Citizenship), Introduction to Agility and a Specialty class designed for Small Dogs. Classes for Shy Dogs and Tricks for Clilcks are also offered during certain semesters. Janet Smith has been working to improve the human/animal bond since 1998. All classes are force free and treat rewards are distributed generously. Group Classes are a fun and constructive way for you to spend time with your pet during these cold winter months. And we have yet to see a dog who is too obedient!

Reminders!

Please remember, your dog is required to be on YEAR ROUND heartworm and flea preventative in order to attend daycare. (That means winter months too!)

If you have had your dog's routine vaccinations updated recently and have not supplied us with a copy, please bring them in on your dog's next visit. It is integral that we have an up to date record of every dog's vaccinations on file.

Dogs attending daycare either for the day or overnight must arrive wearing a snap on collar, rather than a buckle collar. Our dress code is in place for the safety of every dog who attends!

Visit Old Town this Holiday Season!

If you are looking for a unique gift for your Pet or a Pet Lover, please stop in and shop Gone 2 the Dogs located at 306 Grand River Avenue in Old Town, Lansing. Gone 2 the Dogs is not your run of the mill pet supply store. They offer unique products you won't find anywhere else! Please call 853-8313 for store hours and more information. And while you are in Old Town, stop by the new location for Preuss Animal House! Exploring their store is an event in and of itself... You will be truly impressed!

Check out our updated website at www.doggydaycareandspa.com!