

doggy daycare and spa

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2008 Holiday Hours

To allow our team members to enjoy time with their families, we will be observing limited hours on the following holidays:

Christmas Eve
7am – 4pm

Christmas Day
8am – 11am & 5pm – 7pm

We will not be expecting Daycare Dogs on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day unless special reservations are made. We will, however, expect your dog on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day if his or her regular day falls on Wednesday or Thursday so please let us know if your dog will not be attending. If your dog will be absent any other time over the holidays, please let a team member know. We do require that scheduled days, including standing reservations, be cancelled in advance.

Appointments are filling up fast!

We still have boarding space available for New Year's Eve! If you would like your dog to ring in the New Year with all of his friends, please schedule a boarding reservation as soon as possible. We do have limited space available.

The Spa is filling up fast for the holidays! If you would like to have your dog visit the spa between now and December 23rd, please schedule your appointment right away. The week before Christmas is our busiest of the year and we want to be sure Racheal and her team have time to fuss over your furry friend. And don't forget... specialty baths and conditioning treatments, bows, and bandanas are never an extra charge at the Spa.

The best compliment you can give us is the referral of a friend, associate, neighbor, or acquaintance. Having new dogs come through our door is one of the most important parts of keeping us in business. Sometimes our clients move away, cannot return, or unfortunately pass on, and replacing those dogs is integral for our continued growth and success. We are very blessed that we are a small business that is making it through these tough economic times. It is because of people like you that we are able to offer Lansing the best in Daycare, Boarding, Grooming, and Training Services. Thank you for your continued support and patronage. And remember, for every new dog you refer that passes the interview and schedules daycare or boarding, you will receive a free visit!

Why a Standing Reservation?

If your dog is not currently on a standing reservation for Daycare, we encourage you to talk to any of our staff to determine a day that would work best you and your pet. We find that dogs who do come on the same day(s) every week benefit for the following reasons:

1. Dogs are routine animals. They will know when it is “Daycare Day” and will look forward to coming.
 2. Your dog will develop relationships with other dogs that come on the same day(s) and will not have to re-meet everyone each time they come. Most of our dogs have a “Best Friend” that they pal up with as soon as they get here! Also, your dog will immediately know his/her “rank” in the pack and not have to re-establish it upon each visit. This cuts down considerably on the dogs’ stress level.
 3. We find that we have fewer “behavioral” problems with dogs who attend regularly on the same days each week.
 4. We will always have room for your dog... even for boarding during busy times!
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A Cure for Cabin Fever

Just because its cold outside, there’s plenty of ways to enjoy time with your four legged friend. Take a training class with Janet Smith of Good Dog! Training. Classes offered include everything from basic obedience to Canine Good Citizenship. Janet also offers specialty classes for tricks and introduction to agility. Pick up a class flyer/enrollment form in our reception area today or go online to www.janetasmith.com.

Other fun things to do with your dog...

- Play hide and seek... Put your dog in a sit, stay or have someone hold him/her for you and go hide. Call his name and see how long it takes for him to find you! Give him a reward such as a Yummy Wellbite to encourage him. This game actually helps to reinforce the come when called command.
- Run in the snow... Many dogs LOVE the snow! Running and chasing in the snow is a great way to burn off your dog’s excess energy and those extra holiday treats for us too!
- Take a Drive and Look at Lights... Holiday lights catch many dogs’ attention. Janice’s dog, Vince, loves to look at the lights!
- If it is not too cold outside, have him join you on a quick errand. Sometimes just getting out of the house does all of us a bit of good.
- Add an extra day of Daycare! With it getting dark so early, it can be difficult to get our dogs out as much as we would like. Adding an extra day of daycare during the cold weather months can help your dog burn that excess energy.