

doggy daycare and spa

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February 2007 Newsletter

Spring Break

If you are planning to go away the last part of March and/or the first part of April, we encourage you to make your dog's reservation for boarding right away. We are filling up and anticipate having a Cancellation list for Spring Break this year.

The 4th Annual Fur Ball

The fourth annual Fur Ball will be held on April 28, 2007 at Eagle Eye Golf Club in East Lansing. This Black Tie event is one of the Capital Area Humane Society's biggest fund raisers. For more information, please visit www.caahs-lansing.org and click on the Fur Ball link.

Welcome Annie MacFadden

We have added a new member to our team. Annie MacFadden comes to us with over 10 years of Animal Husbandry experience. She most recently interned at the Potter Park Zoo where she has been training a Snow Leopard Pair to accept veterinary procedures (they will be breeding the cats soon). She is a natural with our Dog Pack and a valuable addition to our Team. Please join us in welcoming Annie to the Doggy Daycare and Spa family!

Parasite Protection

Just like kids in Daycare or School, Dogs in daycare can pass certain germs and parasites back and forth to one another. This is why we require **year round** heartworm and flea preventative for all of our attendees, as well as annual vaccinations. Dogs and cats can still get fleas in the winter months from other animals (wild animals or other pets) or indoor sources. Fleas can thrive indoors during cold weather months in carpets, furniture, cracks, crevices, and basements. There are several Preventatives on the market that control heartworm, fleas, and other internal parasites such as roundworm, hookworm and whip worm. We recommend talking to your Veterinarian about a convenient, once a month preventative for your pooch. Many parasites that infect animals are transmissible to humans. Year Round Protection is the healthiest option for your family, your pet and everyone here at Doggy Daycare and Spa.

The following is a useful list of foods that can be potentially toxic to your dog or cat. Please do not allow your pets to have access to:

- Grapes
- Raisins
- Chocolate
- Macadamia Nuts
- Avacado
- Xylitol (sugar substitute) If your dog ingests Xylitol, do not induce vomiting. Take him/her to your veterinarian or emergency veterinarian immediately.
- Coffee
- Alcohol
- Onions
- Garlic



Tips from the Spa

If your dog seems to be “itchy” from the winter weather, let us know and we can schedule them for an oatmeal shampoo and conditioning or hot oil treatment to soothe their irritated skin.

With Spring right around the corner, many double coated dogs will begin blowing their coats soon. If you notice “clumps” of hair coming out of your dog, let us know and we can schedule them a Day at the Spa. Racheal or Lindsay use specially formulated professional products that loosen undercoat. Not only will your dog be more comfortable, but you will be able to give your vacuum a break too!

Just for Fun...

10 Reasons why Dogs are Better than Kids

1. Most of them eat less.
2. They don't ask for money all the time.
3. They normally come when called.
4. They never ask to borrow the car.
5. They don't hang out with drug using friends.
6. They don't smoke or drink alcohol.
7. They don't care about the latest fashions.
8. They don't need a gazillion dollars for college.
9. You can put a one year old in a crate and leave for the afternoon.
10. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.

Reminders:

- The next semester of Good Dog! Training Classes begin at the end of February.
- Our Dress Code requires that your dog wear a flat, quick release snap on collar to Daycare. This is for their safety!
- If your dog is showing any symptoms of illness (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea), please keep him/her home from Daycare. You will not be charged for calling your dog in sick.