

# doggy daycare and spa

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## July 2008 Newsletter

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### Fleas, Mosquitos, and Ticks... OH MY!

2008 is turning out to be a record bad year for fleas, mosquitos, and ticks. With all of the rain and cooler temperatures, these pests are thriving in grasses, brush, standing water, forests, parks, and lots of other places our dogs like to frequent. **Doggy Daycare and Spa requires YEAR ROUND FLEA PREVENTATIVE for all daycare attendees.** Dogs who are found to have fleas or ticks while at Daycare will be treated with a bath at their parent's expense and proof of Prescribed Flea Preventative will be required from a Veterinarian. Please remember that over-the-counter brands are not nearly as effective as prescribed brands and may cost you a lot more in the long run if your dog were to get fleas.

Please remember, too, that heartworm season is in full swing. Heartworm is contracted by dogs from being bitten by mosquitoes. Please protect your pet from Heartworm by keeping him/her current on his/her heartworm testing and preventative. We require year round heartworm preventative for daycare enrollment.

To find out which flea, tick, and heartworm preventative is most suited for your dog, please contact your Veterinarian.

### Back by Popular Demand... 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.

Mark your calendars! The 2008 Run/Walk for the Animals is on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Fitzgerald Park. For more information, please visit [www.caahs-lansing.org](http://www.caahs-lansing.org).

### Reservations Required

While we do everything in our power to accommodate all of our clients, we do want to remind everyone that we are not a walk-in facility. Appointments for Daycare, Boarding and Grooming are required. If you want to have a guaranteed spot for your dog for daycare, a standing reservation is required. Dogs who show up for Daycare without a reservation may not be able to stay if we are already at our capacity. In addition, dogs who no show for their scheduled day without calling will be charged for that day. Dogs who no-show, no-call consistently will lose their spot on our standing reservation list.

The warm weather months bring on more demand for regular grooming at the Spa. Please try to give us a week's notice for Spa Appointments so we can be sure to have space available for your dog. A standing Spa reservation (every 4, 6, or 8 weeks) is recommended to guarantee an appointment. Regular professional grooming is important for all breeds of dogs. It allows us to check your dog's skin and coat for any changes or abnormalities. Many health issues can be spotted early through regular, professional grooming.

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## A Note about Retractable Leashes...

The Retractable Leash was developed years ago to allow tracking dogs to go in front of their handlers and follow a scent. They allowed the dog to forage ahead, but still kept them attached to their human. If the handler wanted the dog back by their side, they could retract the leash and reel the dog back in. A retractable leash was used as a tool for certain circumstances, but was never meant to replace a good, old fashioned leash.

If you currently walk your dog on a retractable leash, please keep the following in mind:

1. Your dog never understands where his/her true boundary is. Sometimes it is 2 feet away, sometimes it is 20 feet away. Because of this, retractable leashes intensify problems with pulling.
2. The cord of the retractable leash can be easily tangled around your leg, your dog's leg, your friend's leg, or even a stranger's leg, causing serious injury. Many retractable leashes come with warnings that finger amputation can occur.
3. Retractable leashes are difficult to hold onto. You can't simply wrap them around your hand, you must hold onto a handle. Many dogs are able to jerk the handle right out of their human's hand.
4. Retractable leashes cannot be used with other tools such as no pull harnesses, Halties, or Gentle Leaders.
5. It is next to impossible to walk and control multiple dogs on retractable leashes.

If you are looking for a new leash for your dog, look for a good quality nylon or leather leash. Most leashes come in lengths of 4 feet or 6 feet and differing widths. Pick a length and width that is best suited for your dog... for example, you wouldn't get a ¼ inch width leash for a 100 lb dog just as you wouldn't get a 1 inch width leash for a 5 lb dog. 😊

Labor Day is Monday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> ! If you plan to have your dog spend the night with us, please make your reservation as soon as possible! We will fill up and want to be sure to have room for your dog!
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