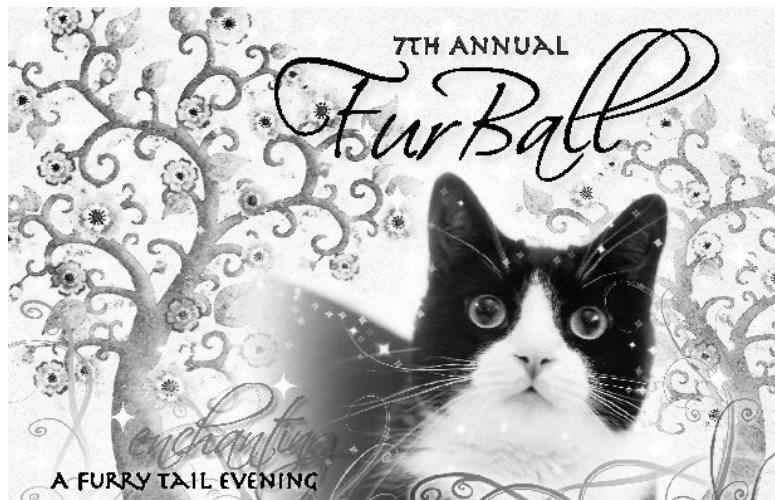


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A Furry Tail Evening...

because all animals deserve a
"Happily Ever After."

Featuring a Live Performance by *Three Men
and a Tenor*

Date: Saturday, April 17th, 2010

Time: 5:30pm – 11:30pm

Location: Eagle Eye Golf Club

Tickets: \$100 per person,
\$50 per canine companion,
\$1250 for a sponsored table of 8

For more information, please contact the
Capital Area Humane Society at
(517) 626-6060 or dellis@cahs-lansing.org.
Black Tie and Wagging Tails Suggested.

Uh-oh! That wasn't a KITTY!

With the temperatures rising bit by bit and the days getting longer, many wildlife creatures are venturing out of their warm winter dens into our backyards, driveways, fields, and crawl spaces. If you have not already experienced it, you will find there is nothing worse than having your dog welcome a visiting skunk when they are simply supposed to be going outside to potty! The most likely time for your dog to encounter a skunk is in the evening at dusk or after dark, in the middle of the night, or early, early morning. Please save this homemade recipe for emergency use if your four legged friend mistakes a skunk for a kitty.

- 1 quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide
- 1 cup Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap (something like Dawn)

Mix in a bowl or bucket until it is a paste-like substance.

Spread on your dog's fur, but be careful not to get any in his eyes.

Use a sponge or cloth to clean off his head and around his eyes.

Knead solution into the fur and be sure to get every part of him with it.

Rinse thoroughly. Do NOT repeat.

The skunky smell will wear off with time, but you will notice it for quite a while every time your four legged friend gets wet or damp.

Note: Please use care when washing your dog's face. These ingredients all have acidic properties and can cause painful eye irritation. If your dog's eyes are red and swollen, he may have been sprayed directly in the face, please contact your veterinarian about soothing eye drops. Also be aware that the hydrogen peroxide can have bleaching properties and lightening of fur has been reported.

Featured Employee... Liz Darge

When we discovered that the demand for the Spa was more than one person could handle, transitioning Racheal's Sister, Liz Darge into our team was the perfect solution. Liz joined our Spa Team in the summer of 2008. Having worked at traditional kennels and grooming salons in the past, Liz says that the other places "just don't do it the way we do!" She says it definitely shows in how happy the dogs are to be here. One of Liz's ambitions is to become an Animal Cop so that she can rescue animals from abusive situations. In her spare time, Liz works 2 other jobs, one as an office administrator for her father's HVAC company and the other as a sales person for Dietrich Furs. (Did we say spare time? We don't think Liz has any spare time!) We are very fortunate to have Liz as part of our team.

Important Health Information

Intestinal Parasites

Last month, one of our regular daycare attendees tested positive for roundworms at his annual physical. Roundworms are an intestinal parasite which usually only affect puppies. Most adult dogs develop an acquired resistance to roundworms.

All heartworm preventatives, with the exception of Revolution for dogs, will protect your dog from roundworms and many other intestinal parasites by de-worming them once a month. This is one of the reasons that Doggy Daycare and Spa requires YEAR ROUND heartworm preventative for daycare attendance.

Yearly fecal testing at your dog's annual check up is also required. Some dogs may benefit from bi-annual testing.

If you have any questions regarding roundworms, heartworm preventatives, or other intestinal parasites, please feel free to talk to Janice or your Veterinarian.

Kennel Cough

While we love spring, it also can be the worst time of the year for Kennel Cough and Upper Respiratory Infections. If your dog shows any of the following symptoms, please do not bring him/her to daycare and call your Veterinarian:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Watery Eyes
- Discharge from the nose

While everyone who comes to Doggy Daycare and Spa for Daycare or Boarding must be current on their bordetella vaccine, the vaccine itself is only about 80% effective in protecting your pet from kennel cough. If your dog is exposed to a strain that the vaccine does not cover, then he/she can still come down with kennel cough.

Any dog who enters the building with symptoms will not be allowed to enter the playgroup. You will never be charged for Daycare because your dog was sick.

If you have any questions regarding Kennel Cough, please do not hesitate to ask.