

doggy daycare and spa

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March 2011 Newsletter

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

6:30PM COCKTAILS
6:30-7:45PM SILENT
AUCTION
8PM DINNER
PROGRAM
PAMPERED POOCH
PARADE
LIVE AUCTION
DANCING

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

TICKETS: \$100 PER PERSON

\$1250 SPONSORED TABLES OF 8

\$50 PER 4-LEGGED GUESTS (LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 DOGS)



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News from the Spa!

March is here and the warmer weather is surely on its way... WE HOPE!!! As the sun comes out, the tulips start to poke out of the ground, and mud season begins, this time of year also quickly becomes one of the busiest for us in the Spa. If you would like to schedule your dog for his "Spring Cleaning," we recommend scheduling it as soon as possible, especially if your dog gets a hair cut or is a long hair or double coated dog.

Most breeds benefit from regular grooming. At Doggy Daycare and Spa, we recommend that most dogs enjoy a Spa treatment every 4-6-8 weeks. All of our appointments include a REALLY GOOD bath (that means your dog is going to be squeaky clean), a conditioning treatment tailored to your dog's individual skin and coat needs, blow dry by hand (no cage dryers here!), nail trim, ear cleaning, and haircut or trim work.

It is a misconception that shaving down your long haired, double coated dog will keep them cooler in the summer. A dog's coat acts as insulation (similar to that in our homes) and protects their body and

skin from the sun and heat as well as the cold in the winter. Rather than shaving off the top hair, we remove the thick undercoat to bring them relief in warmer weather. Short coated dogs such as labs, shepherds, and pointers should also never be shaved. Repeated shaving of double coated dogs will kill the shiny guard hair layer of your dog's coat. What you will end up with is an all-over fuzzy appearance as their fur grows back in. If you have questions about what type of grooming is best suited for your pet, please see Racheal, Natalie, or Janice.

Speaking of Spring...

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.

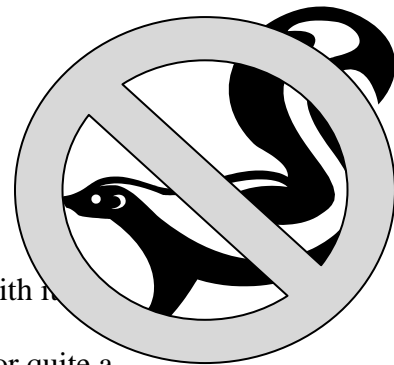
Spread on your dog's fur, but be careful not to get any in his eyes.

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.

Important Reminders

- Don't forget to join us on Facebook! You can fan us through our website or search for us on Facebook under www.doggydaycareandspa.com. As a "fan" you will enjoy pictures and videos of your dog and others hanging out, playing, and relaxing. It's kind of like being a "fly on the wall!"
- Flea and Heartworm season is fast approaching! Please remember that your dog is required to be on YEAR ROUND preventative for Daycare attendance. We recommend talking to your Veterinarian about which preventatives are best suited for your dog. We do prefer prescribed preventatives purchased from your Veterinary Clinic rather than over the counter brands, and we do not accept flea collars as a suitable option.

- We also require that all dogs attending Daycare be current on all of their vaccinations. With kennel cough season fast approaching, it is especially important that everyone is getting their Bordetella vaccine on time. When we send your dog home with a vaccination reminder note, please be sure to either provide us with a copy of your dog's current records on or before his next scheduled visit. You can also have your Veterinarian fax it directly to us at (517) 322-3002.