

doggy daycare and spa

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May 2011 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS!

It is expected that 2011 will be the worst flea season in years. With April being so wet, Mother Nature provided an especially perfect environment for fleas to thrive and reproduce. We are also finding that some of the most tried and true flea preventatives may not be as effective as they have been in the past. With “survival of the fittest” keeping fleas around for over 100 million years, it is easy to believe that these nasty parasites are beginning to develop a resistance to commonly used flea preventatives.

If you have ever experienced a flea infestation on your pet and in your home, you know it is something that you never want to experience again. Fleas use your pet as a food source for themselves and their larvae. Fleas reproduce so efficiently that they begin laying 40-50 eggs per day the moment they begin feeding on your dog. One female flea can become 1,000 fleas in just 21 days.

Don't wait until you see fleas on your pet to begin treatment. With so many effective preventatives on the market, you should have no problem keeping your pet and home flea-free. In fact, Doggy Daycare and Spa **requires** that your dog be on year round prescribed flea preventative in order to attend. Flea collars are never an appropriate flea preventative and will be removed and discarded if found on your pet while at Daycare. If a dog is found to have fleas while at DD&S, they will be treated at the owner's expense and unable to return until we are provided proof that the dog is flea free and on a prescribed preventative.

Facts about Fleas:

- A single flea can bite up to 400 times and consume 15 times its own body weight in blood every day.
- Flea fossils date all the way back to the Crestaceous Period.
- If you find fleas on your pet, they account for only 5% of the flea population in your home.
- Fleas can spread tapeworm and cause anemia in your pet.
- The approximate life span of a flea is 2 months.
- Each female flea can produce approximately 2,000 offspring in its lifetime.
- Fleas can jump up to 30,000 times in a row without stopping.

New Team Members!

Please join us in welcoming our two newest additions to our team, Claire Bennett and Cam Colson. Claire is a recent graduate of the Lansing School of Canine Cosmetology and joined our Spa team in April. Cam is currently attending KCC and joined our team just this month!

Join us on facebook to see the latest pictures of our Daycare Dogs and keep up to date with our latest news!

3 Things!

We hope you enjoy learning 3 interesting facts about each of our Team Members!

Jennifer Atwood

1. Jennifer is a double major a WMU... one in psychology and one in biology.
2. She has also been to Costa Rica and seen a Sloth in person.
3. She likes to play (or tries to play) the piano and guitar.

Mat Hunter

1. Mat's first job was at a Dog Daycare in Santa Barbara, CA in 2002.
2. He is getting married on September 17 to the love of his life and best friend.
3. Mat went alligator hunting last fall and caught 2 gators on his expedition.

Racheal Hrydziusko

1. Racheal is a graduate of MSU with a degree in Forestry.
2. When she's not working, Racheal is refurbishing her 135 year old farm house in Beverly Hills, MI and chasing after her 1 year old daughter.
3. In High School, she was a total "car-head" and has rebuilt the engines of 3 different makes of cars... a Monte Carlo, a Cougar, and a Malibu.

Jackie Gulick

1. Jackie is left handed.
2. She also LOVES Cheez-Its and eats them quite often for breakfast.
3. While in High School, Jackie was a 3 sport athlete. She is currently coaches softball and basketball.

Natalie Gardner

1. Natalie can eat an onion like an apple.
2. At age 11, she recorded a song for a kid with cancer called "With your Hugs".
3. In High School, Natalie picked up a bass guitar and learned how play by ear.

Matt Harris

1. Matt graduated from MSU on Saturday, May 7th!
2. He really enjoys building and fixing things.
3. Matt can cook a "mean" Chicken Marsala (we are waiting for him to bring some in!)

Claire Bennett

1. Claire enjoys musicals.
2. Claire has been to over 20 different countries.
3. Her favorite band is KISS.

Natalie Colson

1. Natalie was born with hip displaysia and had to wear a cast from the waist down until she was 2 years old.
2. She is a three stripe white belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.
3. Natalie took over 15 years of Ballet classes including Pointe.

Cam Colson

1. Cam enjoys playing video games in his spare time.
2. In High School, Cam was All-State in football and captain of his football and soccer teams.
3. He has had 3 surgeries on his scalp when he was a child to remove potential cancer.

Rachael Smith

1. Rachael is studying international relations and environmental policy at MSU.
2. Racheal describes her hair as "naturally out of control."
3. From ages 5-18, she competitively rode horses.

Sarah Griffin

1. Sarah has a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from MSU.
2. While growing up on a farm, she helped raise Blank Angus Cattle.
3. Sarah has been to England six times.

Jordan Davis

1. Jordan is a certified Canine Massage Therapist.
2. Jordan is a terrible swimmer.
3. She is also an aspiring Roller Derby Girl!

Janice Milligan

1. Janice changed her major 4 times before graduating from MSU with a degree in Advertising.
2. Before she wielded a pooper scooper, Janice's first career was as in billboard sales.

3. If she didn't already have the best career in the world, Janice would love to go back to school for interior design.