

doggy daycare and spa

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October 2007 Newsletter

Happy Howl-oween!



Old Town will be hosting the annual Dog Trick or Treating and Costume contest on Friday, October 26. The Treating begins at 5pm and the costume contest commences at 6pm in the Sir Pizza Parking Lot on Grand River Avenue in Old Towne. For more information on this fun event, please visit www.gone2thedogs.biz or stop by Gone 2 the Dogs in Old Towne.

On Halloween night, Red Cedar Animal Hospital in Okemos will be x-raying children's candy free of charge. In addition, the clinic will be hosting a person and pets costume contest with prizes awarded. Candy x-rays are from 5-9pm and the costume contest judging will be at 7pm. Complimentary donuts and cider will be provided. For more information, call Red Cedar Animal Hospital at (517) 347-0711 or visit www.redcedarvet.com.

Please note that the following rules and requirements are for your dog's safety while attending daycare:

1. All dogs must be brought in and out of Daycare on leash and under the control of their "Parent."
2. Only one dog family is permitted in the Reception Area at a time.
3. All dogs must abide by our dress code and wear a snap on collar while playing.

Is your dog current on his/her fecal test? Many intestinal parasites can be easily transmissible from one dog to another. Because of this, we require a minimum of yearly fecal testing for all of our Daycare participants. Yearly checks will help ensure that your pet stays parasite free and we are able to keep all of the dogs attending daycare healthy. For more information regarding fecal testing, intestinal parasites or any other health issues, please contact your dog's veterinarian.

Just because the weather is getting colder does not mean you should stop giving your dog his/her monthly heartworm and flea preventative. Doggy Daycare and Spa requires that all of our participants receive monthly preventatives to ensure we keep our pack flea free and healthy. We prefer prescribed flea preventatives to over the counter varieties as they are more effective.



Petlane Holiday Open House

Doris Mann of PetLane will be hosting a holiday open house at Doggy Daycare and Spa on Wednesday, October 24th from 7:15pm – 9:00pm. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and stop in to check out the newest “must haves” for spoiled pups and kitties.

For more information on Petlane, please visit www.petlane.com/whiskerstowings.

Janet Smith is now offering 4 week crash courses for Good Dog! Training beginning in October. The classes are one hour per week and cover such topics as Shy Dog Basics, Dog Basics (sit, down, stay), Puppy Basics and Small Dog Basics. For more information, please pick up a Good Dog! Training schedule in our reception area or go online to www.janetasmith.com.

Delicious Dangers

With the holidays right around the corner, many have extra snacks, goodies and other tasty treats around the house. Please keep in mind the following list that includes a variety of human foods that can be very harmful and even fatal if ingested by your dog:

- Chocolate
- Onions and Garlic
- Macadamia Nuts
- Pear pips, Plum kernels
- Peaches & Apricots
- Apple Core Pips
- Potato peelings & green looking potatoes
- Rhubarb leaves
- Moldy/Spoiled foods
- Alcohol
- Yeast dough
- Coffee grounds, beans & tea
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Raisins & grapes
- Cigarettes and Tabacco

Of course, always keep wrapping and ribbons away from your dog. Ingested ribbon can wind around the dogs' intestines causing blockages and even fatality. If your dog shows any symptoms of blockages (excessive vomiting, lack of appetite, diarrhea), please call your veterinarian immediately.

As the temperatures cool and the days get shorter, we tend to get busier during the week with Daycare, and at times even reach our capacity meaning we may have to put last minute calls for daycare on a waiting list. If your dog is not already on a standing reservation and you would like to assure that we always have room for him/her, please see a team member to set up a standing reservation for your dog. In addition, if your dog will not be attending on his/her reserved day, we do require a cancellation notice. No shows will be charged for the day of daycare that they missed.

Our busy holiday boarding season is just around the corner. Please be sure to make your dog's reservation as far in advance as possible so that we can ensure we will have a place for your dog to stay.

For past newsletters, please visit our website at www.doggydaycareandspa.com.