

doggy daycare and spa

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Happy Howl-a-ween!

Goody time is just around the corner! We always find it helpful to remind our clients of the Delicious Dangers lurking in our homes... the following list includes a variety of human foods and products that can be very harmful and even fatal if ingested by your dog:

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

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.

Please remember that our hours of business are:

Monday-Friday 7am-7pm
Saturday 7am-12noon & 4pm-7pm
Sunday 7am-4pm

Dogs must be dropped off for Daycare before 9:30am and picked up from Daycare before our closing time. We hold classes in the evenings and employee shifts end at closing time making it difficult to have dogs picked up after hours. Dogs who are not picked up before closing may be required to spend the night. We also reserve the right to implement a \$1 per minute late pick up fee.

We strive to maintain hours that are convenient for all of our clients and appreciate your understanding and continued business. If you have any questions regarding our hours of operation, please do not hesitate to contact Janice directly.

Don't forget to schedule your dog's holiday boarding stay at Doggy Daycare and Spa as soon as possible! We are anticipating filling up fast!

Celebrating 8 Years this Month!

On October 18, 2000, Doggy Daycare and Spa opened its doors for the first time ever. We've come a long way since that first day with one dog and one staff member. We would like to extend a special

thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support and patronage. It is because of clients like you that Doggy Daycare and Spa celebrates 8 years of being the place “Where Lansing’s Hip Hounds Hang Out!”

We would love to showcase a framed photo of your best friend on our wall! Please feel free to bring in a framed 3x5 or 4x6 photo of your dog. Our guests always enjoy looking at all of the cute faces! And it is fun to show other parents who their dog plays with!

On October 1, 2008, we implemented a slight price increase for all of Doggy Daycare and Spa services to help cover our increased cost of doing business. We have not raised prices for Daycare Packages since the fall of 2002 and even *lowered* prices for Daycare and Boarding back in December of 2005. The following will be our new price list effective October 1st, 2008.

Daycare Packages

1 visit: \$28
5 Visits: \$125 (\$25/visit)
10 Visits: \$225 (\$22.50/visit)
20 Visits: \$380 (\$19/visit)

Boarding

\$33 per night
Multiple dog families staying together receive a \$5 discount per dog, per night
Pick up before noon on departure day: No Charge
Pick up after noon on departure day: \$22

Packages purchased prior to October 1st will not be affected by the price increase. You may also notice Spa prices increasing anywhere from \$2-\$5 per service. If you have any questions regarding the price increase, please see a team member.

Helpful Hints regarding Digestive Upset

- Pumpkin is a natural fiber and can be given to your dog if he shows signs of diarrhea and/or constipation. Be sure to only use the 100% Pure Pumpkin... not pumpkin pie mix. A heaping spoonful or 2 mixed in with kibble is all they usually need to help regulate their system. You can also try taking food away for 12 hours and replacing kibble with a bland diet, such as boiled chicken and rice.
- Probiotics (liquid or capsules) can also be used for dogs with digestive sensitivities. Probiotics contain good digestive enzymes and can help keep your pet “regular” when given “regularly.”
- If your dog has chronic diarrhea, please make an appointment with your Veterinarian to have him seen. There are many causes for diarrhea: Giardia, parasites, stress, blockages, toxins, or eating something they didn’t agree with, just to name a few. We always think it is better to be safe than sorry. If your dog shows any symptoms of being ill, we prefer you not bring him to Daycare than risk the spread of any type of contagious ailment. The safety and health of all the dogs attending is so important to us.

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