

doggy daycare and spa

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October 2009 Newsletter

A huge thanks to all of those who joined us at this year's Run and Walk for the Animals. This event is the Capital Area Humane Society's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year, the total amount raised was over \$75,000!

We did it again!

For the second year in a row, the Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack won the coveted "Soldan's Cup" at this year's Run and Walk for the Animals! Our Pack brought in over \$3500 this year (that's nearly \$1000 more than last year!) Join us next year and hang out in our own Private Tent, enjoy good human and dog company, and a free lunch!



Howl-o-ween Activities for you and 4-Legged Family Member

Dog Trick or Treating in Old Town!

When: Friday, October 23, 2009

Time: 4:30pm - ?

Where: Old Town!

What: Costume Contest, Dog Treats, and other fun activities.

Hosted by: Gone 2 the Dogs

Halloween Costume Contest for the Dogs!

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 3:00pm (Registrations Begins)

Where: the Gazebo across from the Power Park Ball Field in
Portland, MI

What: Costume Contest with several categories, prizes, and treats
for all!

Hosted by: Pawsh Dog Bakery

*****LOOK ON THE BACK OF OUR NEWSLETTER FOR EXCITING NEWS REGARDING ONE OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS!*****

Featured Team Member of the Month... Racheal Hrydziuszko!

Racheal joined our team in May 2006 after graduating from the Lansing School of Canine Cosmetology. Racheal's favorite thing about working at Doggy Daycare and Spa is definitely the people... fellow team members and clients alike, which makes her daily 1+ hour commute each way worth it. Racheal's passion not only includes her cats (she has 4 of them), her 2 whippets-Wren and Quinn, but also her horse, Minnie, who she boards and trains at Rowe's Stables in Okemos.



And before we forget... Racheal and her husband, Damon, are expecting their first child at the beginning of April 2010. Please join us in congratulating her when you have an opportunity!

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.

Friendly Reminders

- 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!
- We require YEAR ROUND heartworm and flea prevention for all dogs attending daycare.
- We also require proof of vaccinations for all pets entering our facility. When your dog is sent home with a Vaccination Note Reminder, please provide us with documentation at or before your dog's next appointment.
- For every new client you refer for daycare, your dog will receive a free visit as our way of saying thanks!

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!

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