

doggy daycare and spa

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September 2008 Newsletter

Don't forget to mark your calendars! This year's Run/Walk for the Animals will be held on Saturday, September 27th at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. It is not too late to join the Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack at this year's event!

Because of your generosity, we were able to raise over \$1,200 for the Capital Area Humane Society through Raffle Ticket and Merchandise Sales! Just think of how many animals we will be able to help with that kind of money! Thank you all so much!

Congratulations to Murphy Hanna, the winner of the 10 Visit Package in our Raffle Drawing. Murphy is a 10 year old Lab + Collie mix and has been attending Daycare regularly for nearly a year. He loves to play with the hose, lay in the pools, nap on the patio, and chase the lawn mower ☺.

New Prices effective October 1, 2008

On October 1, 2008, we will be implementing 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 2003 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 are welcome to purchase as many visits as you like before October 1st, however, please remember that packages are valid for 6 months so all visits would need to be used by April 2009. Boarding with arrivals before October 1st, but with departures after October 1st will be charged the old rate of \$30 per night. Boarding with arrivals after October 1st will be charged the new rate of \$33 per night. If you have any questions regarding the price increase, please see Janice.

The Benefits of Microchipping your Pet

It is our worst nightmare... the dog is missing. You don't know which way he went, north, south, across the street, or across town. You are panicked. What if he gets hit by a car, what if he gets dog-napped,

what if! At Doggy Daycare and Spa, we recommend micro-chipping your pet to help ensure his safe return. Your Veterinarian will insert the microchip under your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. The chip itself is no bigger than a grain of rice. You then activate your pet's chip with a one-time fee to a Pet Recovery Company... it is that easy. Once your pet's chip has been activated and the Company has your contact information, they will be able to notify you if your pet is found. Most Veterinary Clinics, Humane Societies, and Animal Control Offices can check lost pets for a microchip. Talk to your Veterinarian about having your pet micro-chipped at his/her next Veterinary Appointment.

A Special Note regarding Fleas

Please remember, as the weather turns colder (especially at night), fleas are more likely to hop a ride on your furry friend to find cozier living quarters inside your home. All dogs attending Daycare are required to be on YEAR ROUND flea preventative. Dogs who are found to have fleas while attending Daycare will not be able to return until they are flea free. Dogs who are being groomed and are found to have fleas will be treated and charged accordingly. Signs of fleas on your pet include excessive itching and biting at the skin, traces of black "flea poop" in the fur or on pet bedding (it turns red when wet because it is actually dried blood from flea bites), and actual fleas running along skin. If you suspect your pet has fleas, look in the following places on your pet: private areas, arm pits, and around ears and eyes. Fleas like warm moist places on your dog and have a tendency to linger in these areas. If you do find fleas, please call your Veterinarian and find out the best re-course for treatment. Many products are guaranteed so extra treatment may be covered. Don't forget to vacuum with moth balls in your vacuum bag and treat heavily frequented areas with an IGR (insect growth regulator) spray.

Reminders!

- It is never too late to teach an old dog a new trick! The September Training Schedule is out and available in our reception area or online at www.janetasmith.com.
- The Holiday Season will be here before we know it! Don't forget to make your dog's boarding reservation as far in advance as possible to ensure we have room for him or her.
- Immortalize your dog on the walls of Doggy Daycare and Spa by bringing in a 4x6 framed photo of your pet. We will proudly display it for all to enjoy! It is also fun to show the other dog "Moms and Dads" who their dog played with that day!
- Please be sure to call and cancel your dog's Daycare or Boarding Reservation if he/she will not be attending. It is important that we have an accurate count
- If your phone number, address, veterinarian, or any other pertinent information has changed, please make sure we have the correct information on file. It is important that we be able to reach you if an emergency were to arise while your dog was in our care.
- Refer a new client and earn free Daycare!