

# doggy daycare and spa

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## September 2009 Newsletter

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### CAHS 2009 Run & Walk for the Animals

It is that time of year again! The 2009 Run & Walk for the Animals will be held on Saturday, September 26 (rain or shine) at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. This year's event features a 5k walk and running trail, dog agility courses, a live band, free lunch, and prizes for registered participants. Registration is from 8:30am-10:30am, the Run begins at 10:45, and the Walk begins at 11am. The event usually wraps up around 1pm. Dogs are welcome and encouraged to attend, and need to be up to date on all vaccinations and on leash (sorry... no retractable leashes permitted).

Last year, Doggy Daycare and Spa was the Top Fundraising Pack won the coveted "Soldan's Cup" and our own private tent at this year's event. Join us this year and have fun raising money for a great cause, homeless animals!

### It is not too Late to Join the Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack!

We would love for you to join our pack this year. All you need to do is fill out and submit your registration form by going online to [www.caHS-lansing.org](http://www.caHS-lansing.org). Simply click on the "Run/Walk for the Animals" link, choose "Register", choose "Join an Existing Pack", and then choose "Doggy Daycare and Spa." It is that easy!

### 2009 Fundraising was a Huge Success!

Congratulations to Harriett Korth for winning the 10 visit Daycare Package in this year's Raffle! Harriett is a 5 year old Scottish Terrier and has been attending Daycare regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays since June of this year. Harriett's favorite thing about Daycare is playing in the pool with her friends.

A Big Loud "WOOF" to all that purchased raffle tickets and merchandise for this year's fundraiser. We raised nearly \$1000 for the Capital Area Humane Society! We still have mugs for \$10 and window decals for \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing either or both, please see a team member. The window decal looks great on the outside of your car window and is a very cool way to let everyone know that your dog is one of Lansing's "Hip Hounds"!

Due to lower than expected sales, we pulled our Cones and Bones freezer case. But don't worry, you can still spoil your dog with an ice cream treat at the actual "Cones and Bones" store located on Elmwood Blvd. across the street from Meijer! Tell them that Doggy Daycare and Spa sent you!

### Featured Employee of the Month

Natalie Juarez walked into Doggy Daycare and Spa in May of 2008 and knew immediately she wanted to work here. Within a few weeks she was hired, and over a year later, Natalie continues to charm clients, dogs, and team members alike with her positive attitude, bubbly personality, and a genuine heart of gold.

Natalie is a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and is currently training with Racheal in the Spa. Her favorite things about working at Doggy Daycare and Spa include learning to groom as well as interacting, cuddling, and spoiling the dogs. She has wanted to work with dogs her entire life and has never met one that scared her. Natalie's favorite activity outside of work is spending time with her two German Shepherds, Max and Veda. She also enjoys roller blading, riding her bike, and watching movies.

## Referrals and Testimonials

The best compliment you can give us is the referral of a friend or relative. During these hard economic times, we have been rather fortunate. While our daycare attendance and boarding reservations are down over last year, we are still doing fine and appreciate everyone's continued support and patronage. But we are always looking for new clients. Please remember to have the person you refer mention you to receive your free Daycare visit! It is just our way of saying "Thanks!"

If you haven't checked out our newly added "Testimonial Page" on our website, go to [www.doggydaycareandspa.com](http://www.doggydaycareandspa.com) to check it out. If you would like to submit a Testimonial for inclusion on the page, please feel free to do so. Testimonials can be submitted in person or through email to either [Janice@doggydaycareandspa.com](mailto:Janice@doggydaycareandspa.com) or [info@doggydaycareandspa.com](mailto:info@doggydaycareandspa.com). When you submit a testimonial, we will take a picture of your dog and display it alongside of it on our website with the others!

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Are we still looking for your dog's picture on our wall of fame? We would love to display a favorite photo of your four-legged friend. Simply bring in a framed picture and we will take care of the rest!

### 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 dirt" 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 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.

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