

doggy daycare and spa

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April/May 2006 Newsletter

Boarding Reservations have been filling up fast! If you will need your dog to stay at Doggy Daycare and Spa, please reserve your dog's space as far in advance as possible. We will always do our best to accommodate our clients. During the first week of April, we have actually had to turn dogs away because we did not have a room available!

We are sorry to announce that Rachelle Anthony has decided to leave Doggy Daycare and Spa, effective April 10th, in order to pursue self employment. Her departure has left us without a Groomer. We will miss her talent and do wish her well. **Lindsay Fisher, who is currently an employee of Doggy Daycare and Spa, will be taking over Spa Services in early June upon graduation from the Lansing School of Canine Cosmetology.** In addition to Lindsay, we also hope to add another Spa Specialist to our team as soon as possible.

The Play Ground has been resurfaced! No more dirty dogs (or dirty employees or building!) Not only will our new play ground help to keep your dog cleaner while at Daycare, but it will also allow us to more properly disinfect our outdoor area. We are very excited about this improvement and hope you, too, will see a difference!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Greg and Mary Guggemos (Effie's Mom and Dad) for providing us with our new digital camera! Now we can take photos of all the dogs again! Thank you so much!

IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDERS

1. Bordatella (also known as kennel cough) is a dog's version of respiratory flu or the common cold. While the Bordatella vaccine helps to protect your dog, it is not always effective against all strands of the virus (very similar to the flu shot in humans). If you notice your dog has a cough that sounds like he/she has something caught in their throat or may sound like a goose honking, PLEASE keep him or her home from daycare, make an appointment with your veterinarian and inform us of the diagnosis. You WILL NOT be charged for calling your dog in sick. It is our mission to provide a fun, safe and healthy place for dogs to come and play.
2. **All dogs attending Doggy Daycare and Spa, whether for Daycare or Boarding, MUST be on YEAR ROUND flea and heartworm preventative.** If any dog is found to have fleas while at Daycare, they will be immediately sent home and not allowed to return until we are provided with documentation from your veterinarian that they are on a prescribed flea preventative.
3. Fleas are an integral part of the life cycle for a tapeworm. While flea preventative helps keep fleas off your pet and out of your home, your dog may still ingest a flea that "catches a ride" and come down with tapeworm. Please get your dogs stool checked annually by your veterinarian as well as routinely at home and make sure he or she comes to Daycare "Parasite Free"!

Our Staff

Janice Milligan took over ownership of Doggy Daycare and Spa in December of 2005 after a year and a half hiatus from the company. Being able to combine a business background with a love for dogs has provided her with the most fulfilling career she could have ever hoped for!

Lindsey Potterpin is a Doggy Daycare and Spa veteran of 5+ years and the Manager of our team. Lindsey has always had an innate passion for animals and plans to stay in the pet industry after graduating from MSU. Lindsey is also fostering a young female Doberman Pinscher named Fiona who is still looking for her forever home. If you are interested in meeting Fiona to see if she would be a good fit in your family, please let Lindsey know.

Annah Maris, another Daycare verteran with 4+ years, will be taking the summer off to intern in Connecticut at a Sea Aquarium to work with amazing underwater animals (we wonder how a group of sea lions will compare to a pack of dogs!) We will all see her smiling face again this fall as she returns for another semester at MSU!

Sarah Dobbrastine is not only an avid dog lover and works here 4 days a week...she also goes to LCC, gives snow boarding lessons, coaches hurdles for a local track team, hangs out with her family's foreign exchange student and is working on training her 4 husky/malamutes how to pull a sled!

Lindsay Fisher is currently finishing her classes at Lansing School of Canine Cosmetology and will be ready to pamper your dog at the beginning of June. Her gentle manner and exceptional skills with handling dogs are going to make her a natural at Pet Grooming! We are excited for her to begin her new role!

Laura King began this winter with Doggy Daycare and Spa as a business intern from LCC. She quickly proved her worth as not only a natural with the dogs, but also as a master fix-it gal! Laura dreams of opening a private animal shelter in the future.

Shelly Winger is a certified Veterinary Technician at Caring Animal Hospital in Holt. Her animal skills and knowledge of a dog's health and wellness are invaluable us. She has already provided us with a wealth of information...we are lucky to have her on our team.

Beth Ewing came to us as a Co-op student from Grand Ledge High School. Her passion for animals was instantly apparent after joining Doggy Daycare and Spa team this spring. Her future plans include attending college to pursue a career working with animals.

Don't forget...for every new client you refer to Doggy Daycare and Spa for Daycare, your dog will receive one free day! You are our best advertising...Thank you!

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