

# doggy daycare and spa

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## February 2011 Newsletter

### Tatiana Update!

We would like to extend a big loud WOOF to all of our clients who helped raise money for Tatiana. In only one week we raised \$1080... 100% of which went directly to CAHS to help in Tatiana's care and for a special fund for extreme abuse cases. The outpouring of support from the entire Greater Lansing Community has been amazing. Tatiana is still in the custody of CAHS where she will continue to recover while the investigation to find her abuser moves forward. Ingham County Animal Control has been working to find the guilty party and has received many promising leads. In fact, they are confident they will have enough evidence to turn the case over to the Prosecutor's Office very soon.

### Important Information Regarding Daycare Reservations

Please remember that reservations for Daycare, Boarding, and Grooming are **REQUIRED**. These horribly cold winter months are our absolute busiest for Daycare and we do reach capacity most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If your dog does not attend Daycare on a standing reservation, we cannot guarantee that we will have room for your dog. Please always call or email to make your reservation. We recommend a minimum of 24 hours notice.

**Save the Date!** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fur Ball will be on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Eagle Eye Golf Club. For more information, visit [www.cahs-lansing.org](http://www.cahs-lansing.org).

### Preserve your Dog's Paw Print!

For the first time ever, Doggy Daycare and Spa will be offering the exclusive opportunity for our clients to purchase a handmade frame or pendant featuring your dog's very own paw print and name. We will be doing the imprints the week of March 14, 2011. Pre-orders are required in order for your dog to participate and must be turned in no later than Friday, March 11.

### Paw Print Order Form

Frame \$20      Qty \_\_\_\_\_      Plaque \$10      Qty \_\_\_\_\_      Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

What day(s) will your dog be at Daycare the week of March 14? \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks made payable to Tina Martzke only.

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Capital Area Humane Society.

We have had only one reported case of kennel cough this winter. But in order to be proactive, we feel it important to share with you the Questions and Answers regarding Kennel Cough. Our Number One Rule: When in doubt as to whether or not your dog is sick with any sort of communicable ailment, please DO NOT bring him/her to Daycare! You will never be charged for calling your dog in sick.

## Questions and Answers Regarding Kennel Cough

Q: My dog has been vaccinated so I do not have anything to worry about, right?

A: The Bordetella Vaccine (aka the Kennel Cough Vaccine) is about 85% effective, which means it should protect our pet 85% of the time. Think of it like a flu shot for us. We are protected against the flu unless we are exposed to a strain that the vaccine did not cover. The Bordetella vaccine works in much the same way. Just because your dog has been vaccinated does not mean they cannot come down with kennel cough.

Q: Where would a dog pick up Kennel Cough?

A: Kennel Cough is an airborne virus that is passed from dog to dog, just like the common cold between children. Dogs can contract kennel cough and upper respiratory infections at a Kennel, Doggy Daycare, the Dog Park, the Pet Store, your friend's dog... anywhere they are exposed to other canines.

Q: Is Kennel Cough serious?

A: It is serious in the fact that it is contagious and your dog won't feel very good for a few days. Kennel Cough may be treated by antibiotics by some Vets, Benadryl by others, and sometimes it just needs to run its course, just like a cold for us. Dogs will fully recover from Kennel Cough.

Q: What is the difference between Kennel Cough and an Upper Respiratory Infection?

A: The difference is much like the difference between influenza and a common cold for us. One just has more symptoms. Kennel Cough obviously has a cough associated with it. An Upper Respiratory Infection includes sneezing, watery eyes and a runny nose.

Q: Are some dogs more susceptible than others?

A: We find that young dogs or dogs who have just started coming to Daycare are more likely to come down with Kennel Cough and/or an Upper Respiratory Infection. They have not built up the immunity as some of our older, more regular attendees.

Q: How are you making sure that everyone is vaccinated for Kennel Cough?

A: We have our Veterinary form that has to be filled out upon enrollment. In addition, our computer system alerts us when a dog is due for vaccinations. Dogs with expired vaccinations are required to provide proof of current vaccinations on or before their next visit.

Q: What are the symptoms to watch out for?

A: If your dog displays any of the following symptoms:

- Coughing, especially a deep-chested cough that sounds like it has a "honk" in it.
- Sneezing and/or "Reverse" Sneezing
- Runny eyes and Nose
- Coughing up or Vomiting of phlegm

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Dogs displaying any Upper Respiratory or Kennel Cough Symptoms will not be allowed in our play group and will be sent home.