

doggy daycare and spa

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Happy New Year!

Please remember that all dogs attending daycare (whether it be for the day or for boarding), must be on YEAR ROUND Flea Preventative and Heartworm Preventative. 2006 was an extremely bad year for fleas and with the delay in winter, fleas can still be thriving. Dogs can pick up these pesky pests from tall grasses, sand, wild animals, and other pets. Some heartworm preventatives also contain medicines to keep your pet from contracting internal parasites and can also include a flea preventative. Doggy Daycare and Spa recommends talking to your veterinarian about which brand of heartworm and flea preventative is most suitable for your dog. We believe that the prescribed preventatives are considerably more effective than an over the counter variety.

Local Therapists

Ingham Regional Medical Center has for sale calendars available at Doggy Daycare and Spa. These calendars feature current local Pet Therapy Dogs and the proceeds benefit the Pet Therapy program at Ingham Regional Medical Center. We think programs such as these are wonderful contributions to the community and it is a proven fact that simply petting a dog can help to relieve stress and help people heal faster (physically and emotionally). If you would like to support this program (and get a super cute calendar), please see one of our team members. Calendars are \$10 each.

SPRING BREAK

Believe it or not, Spring Break is right around the corner and we anticipate filling up fast for boarding during this time. If you will be away over Spring Break, please let us know as soon as possible so we can assure that we will have room for your dog. We had a Cancellation List over the Christmas Holiday and there were some dogs we were unable to accommodate. It broke our hearts to say "N o" to our friends.

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Check out our newly updated website complete with a video of what goes on at Doggy Daycare, past Newsletters and information on our latest venture, **FRANCHISING!**

Good Dog! Training Classes now have semesters beginning every three weeks!
Class Schedules are available in our Reception Area.

Updated Vaccinations

Please be sure to bring in your dog's updated vaccination record after your annual visit to your Veterinarian. We require all dogs to remain updated on vaccinations in order to attend daycare. We would hate to turn someone away because we don't have a current record on them!

Dress Code

Don't forget.. all dogs attending daycare (either for the day or boarding) must wear a snap on collar rather than a buckle collar. This is for the safety of every dog that comes to play!

All Dogged Up

Next time you are surfing the web, check out www.alldoggedup.com. The inspiration behind this Michigan owned company are three local women who design, manufacture and sell "Doggere", "Dogdom", and the very hot "Bitch" line of tee shirts, posters and baubles.

Just for Fun

If you enjoy a good book (like most of our staff), we would like to recommend the following titles for your enjoyment:

Marley and Me by John Grogan

This book will make you laugh out loud. If you haven't already heard about and read this novel about a family's life with and love for a rambunctious yellow lab, we highly recommend doing so. It's 100% enjoyable and hard to put down. Plus, your dog will look like an angel in comparison to the notorious Marley!

A Dog Year by Jon Katz

Jon Katz has written several books featuring his life with his dogs. This particular novel features 4 of the dogs of his life, with one in particular, stealing the spotlight. If you have ever had or known a dog with a mind so in tune with human language that you knew they understood every word you said, you will be able to relate to the ever-ingénues Devon. This book is a fast read and will leave you craving more (which you can get in Jon's next book,

A Good Dog).

Dog Stories by Various Authors

These inspirational stories from Guideposts Magazine will make you laugh and cry. Each story is only a couple to a few pages in length making it a great book to enjoy right before bed or any other time you have just a few minutes to relax.
