

doggy daycare and spa

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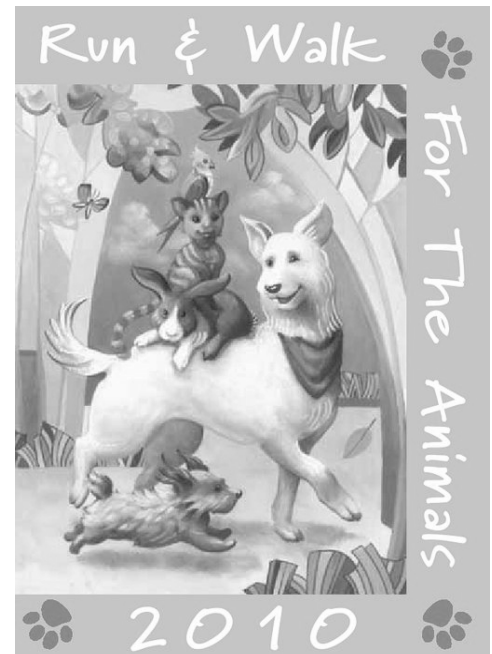
Join us at the 2010 Run and Walk for the Animals!

When: Saturday, September 11, 2010, Rain or Shine

Where: Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge

Time: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Bring your dog and join the fun for 5k Run or Walk through the streets of Grand Ledge, or a 1 mile stroll through the trails of Fitzgerald Park. The event includes a vendor expo, an agility course, K-9 Demonstrations, Doggie Contests, Lunch, and an Awards Ceremony. All dogs must be on leash (no retractable leashes), current on vaccinations, and be comfortable around dogs and children of all ages.



Help us win the Soldan's Cup for a Third year in a row! You can join the Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack online by doing the following:

1. Go to www.caahs-lansing.org
2. Click on "News and Events" (on the top of the page)
3. Click on "Walk for the Animals" (on the left hand side of the page)
4. Scroll halfway down and click on the "Register Now" link
5. Select "Become a Runner/Walker" (towards the top of the page)
6. Fill out the required Registration Information and choose "Doggy Daycare and Spa" as your team! It is that easy!

We will once again be raising money to support the Capital Area Humane Society's mission by selling the much sought after Doggy Daycare and Spa merchandise. We will be offering the usual sweatshirts, t-shirts, personalized tote bags, coffee mugs, and decals, but we will be adding baseball caps and personalized blankets this year! Samples will be displayed through most of August and all merchandise must be pre-ordered. All order forms will need to be turned in no later than Thursday, August 26, 2010. All merchandise must be pre-paid by check or cash only, no credit cards.

In addition to selling merchandise, we will also be raffling off a 10 visit package during the month of August. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each and you are welcome to purchase as many as you would like. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.

Important Health Information Regarding Heat Stroke and Your Pet

With summer right around the corner, we would like to provide you with the following information

regarding Hyperthermia (Heat Stroke).

- The most common cause of Heat Stroke in dogs is from leaving them in a parked vehicle. A vehicle's temperature can rise to 50% warmer than the outside temperature in a matter of minutes. PLEASE do not ever leave your dog in a parked vehicle on a warm day. If it is 60 degrees and sunny, your car will reach 100 degrees before you know it. Other causes include lack of appropriate shelter outdoors (dogs need shade), excessive exercise in hot/humid conditions, underlying ailments (heart and lung disease), and breed dispositions including short nosed breeds (such as bulldogs, boxers, pugs) and heavily coated dogs (such as chows, huskies, and collies) and dark colored dogs.
- Signs of Heat Stroke include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, body temperature of 104 degrees or higher, collapse, bloody diarrhea or vomit, increased heart rate, excessively red mucous membranes (gums and tongue), seizures and stupor.
- Heat Stroke should be treated immediately! Get your dog out of direct heat, check for shock, take your pet's temperature, get them in cool water, place cool water soaked towels on their neck, abdomen, feet and chest, and rub alcohol on the pads of their feet. Get their body temperature down and take them to a veterinarian IMMEDIATELY!!!! Hyperthermia/Heat Stroke can be fatal and signs of fatality may not show up right away.

Tips from the Spa

With the hot, humid weather here, we are finding that many dogs are getting those dreaded "hot spots." A hot spot is a warm, painful, swollen patch of skin that can occur anywhere on a dog's body. Hot spots occur rapidly, usually within a couple of hours. They occur most commonly in thick coated breeds when moist, dead hair is trapped next to the skin. Allergies, ear infections, fleas, and poor grooming can make a dog more prone to hot spots.

Hot spots are very painful for dogs and they try to ease the pain with excessive licking which only irritates the spot more. In severe cases, a dog may even need to be sedated for initial treatment.

Regular professional grooming can lessen your dog's chance of getting a hot spot by removing dead hair and excessive undercoat and cleaning your dog's skin and fur. Our Spa Team (Racheal, Liz, and Natalie) can determine the best shampoo and conditioning treatments for your pet's skin and coat, whether it is an oatmeal treatment, a medicated bath, or a coat releasing conditioner. We only use the best professional products on the market and all of our shampoos and conditioners are soap free and hypoallergenic.

We usually book out about a week in advance for Spa appointments. Many dogs can benefit from being on a regular grooming schedule every 4, 6, or 8 weeks and we can even schedule your dog towards the end of the day while they are at Daycare. If you are interested in scheduling your dog's Day at the Spa, please talk to any of our team members!