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## June 2007 Newsletter

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### **The day is fast approaching...**

Racheal Darge (our Master Groomer) will become Mrs. Damon Hrydziusko on July 7, 2007. We want to remind everyone once again that she will be taking 2 weeks off for wedding preparation and recovery beginning July 1 and returning to take scheduled appointments on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Melanie Wyman, Racheal's Apprentice, will be taking care of routine bathing duties and nail trims during Racheal's absence. If your dog needs a haircut soon, you will want to make sure to schedule his/her appointment before July 1st or after July 15th.

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### **In Case of an Emergency**

We are now including Caring Animal Hospital in Holt, Michigan as one of the Veterinary Hospitals we would take your dog to be treated, in case of an emergency. Shelly Winger (who works on Saturday mornings at Doggy Daycare and Spa) is a Veterinary Technician at Caring Animal Hospital and Janice has a long standing relationship with Dr. Bethany Steele, DVM. Dr. Steele has treated Vince (Janice's naughty Schnorkie) since he was 6 weeks old! We will also use Miller Animal Clinic or MSU Veterinary Hospital if needed. Keeping your pet safe is our priority and having an emergency plan in place is extremely important to us. We would take care of any emergency situation as if we were taking care of our own dog(s). If you have any questions regarding the new addition to our Emergency Medical Plan, please see Janice.

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### **Good Dog! Training Updates**

We have new obedience classes beginning on Thursday, June 21 at 7:15 and 8:15 pm. The classes offered are Good Dog! Level One and Good Puppy! Socialization. In addition, a new semester will also begin on Monday, July 9, Tuesday, July 10, Wednesday July 11 and Sunday, July 29. All classes are six weeks in length. Janet Smith of Good Dog! Training holds the classes in our facility and offers everything from basic obedience, tricks, Canine Good Citizenship Certification, introduction to agility and specialty classes for small dogs and highly reactive dogs. If you are interested in taking one of Janet's classes, please help yourself to a class flyer in our reception area or ask any of the Doggy Daycare and Spa team members.

Janet will be launching a new and improved website in mid-June. This new site will include her class schedules and literature available for purchase addressing common training issues. You will also be able to email Janet directly with behavior questions from the site as well as view funny dog photos and review Janet's list of credentials. Go to [www.janetasmith.com](http://www.janetasmith.com) to check out all of the new information she will be offering!

## Good Bye, Miss Annah ☹️

We are sorry to announce that long-time team member, Annah Maris, has left Doggy Daycare and Spa. Annah has been with us since September 2002 and will be dearly missed. We wish her the best and hope to see her smiling face around from time to time!

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## New Team Members!

We have two fresh faces on our team!

Mat Hunter is an Okemos High School alumni and came to us with experience working at Loose Pooch Social Club in Santa Barbara, California! Mat has a golden retriever named Cooper who loves joining his “Dad” for a day of Doggy Daycare!

Valerie Malivuk has several years experience working in a more traditional dog kennel setting and has found our cageless environment to be a wonderful change. She just can’t wipe the smile off her face while she’s hanging out with the dogs!

Please join us in welcoming both Mat and Valerie to our team!

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## Just for Fun!

Did you know that...

- Dogs and cats contract heartworm from being bitten by a mosquito?
  - Pure pumpkin, fresh or canned, (not pumpkin pie mix) is a natural anti-diarrheal?
  - Dry dog food should be stored in its original bag to keep it fresh? Fats from dry food will coat the inside of a container and will eventually go rancid, contaminating new food poured into the dirty container. If you really like the convenience of emptying a bag of dry food into a container, please be sure to wash it thoroughly with hot soapy water and dry it completely before adding new food.
  - Shaving a dog’s coat will not keep him or her cooler in the summer? A dog’s fur acts as insulation and actually protects them from the heat of the summer (just like the insulation in your house!)
  - Dogs release heat by panting and only have sweat glands in their feet and nose?
  - For every new client you refer (whose dog is able to enroll in daycare), your dog will receive one free day of daycare?
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## What’s up with the Poodle ‘Do’?

Poodles are typically thought of as “Poofy Princes or Princesses”, strutting around with their puffs of hair here and there. But did you know that the Poodle Poofy cuts were developed for a very practical reason? Poodles are water dogs, bred for swimming and retrieving. The heavy curly hair repels water wonderfully; however it can weigh a poodle down when swimming making it very difficult for a full coated Poodle to perform their “job.” In order to make it easier for the Poodle, as much coat as possible was removed and pom-poms were left around vital organs and joints to help keep them warm in cold water. Hence, the poofs on the head, heart, ankles and kidneys!

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