

doggy daycare and spa

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March 2009 Newsletter

Uh-oh! That wasn't a KITTY!

With the temperatures rising bit by bit and the days getting longer, many wildlife creatures are venturing out of their warm winter dens into our backyards, driveways, fields, and crawl spaces. If you have not already experienced it, you will find there is nothing worse than having your dog welcome a visiting skunk when they are simply supposed to be going outside to potty! The most likely time for your dog to encounter a skunk is in the evening at dusk or after dark, in the middle of the night, or early, early morning. Please save this homemade recipe for emergency use if your four legged friend mistakes a skunk for a kitty.

- 1 quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide
- 1 cup Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap (something like Dawn)

Mix in a bowl or bucket until it is a paste-like substance.

Spread on your dog's fur, but be careful not to get any in his eyes.

Use a sponge or cloth to clean off his head and around his eyes.

Knead solution into the fur and be sure to get every part of him with it.

Rinse thoroughly. Do NOT repeat.

The skunky smell will wear off with time, but you will notice it for quite a while every time your four legged friend gets wet or damp.

Note: Please use care when washing your dog's face. These ingredients all have acidic properties and can cause painful eye irritation. If your dog's eyes are red and swollen, he may have been sprayed directly in the face, please contact your veterinarian about soothing eye drops. Also be aware that the hydrogen peroxide can have bleaching properties and lightening of fur has been reported.

Heartworm, Flea, and Tick Season is right around the corner! Don't forget that all Daycare attendees are **REQUIRED** to be on **YEAR ROUND** flea preventative and heartworm preventative. Please talk to your Veterinarian about which prescribed preventatives are suitable for your pet.

We have limited space left for Spring Break (the first two weeks of April). If you are planning a get away and would like your dog to spend the night with us, please make your boarding reservation as soon as possible. We want to make sure to have plenty of room for our Regulars!

Introducing Pawsh Dog Bakery... Homemade!

You may have noticed that we are passing out new treats at "Going Home Time." These 100% natural, hand pressed and rolled treats are from Pawsh Dog Bakery in Portland, Michigan. We decided to begin offering these treats as a way to introduce you to this wonderful local business and to also provide our dogs with healthy, homemade treats free of preservatives, colors, salt, and sweeteners. All of the dogs that initially sampled the Pawsh Dog Bakery treats deemed them delicious! Sarah (Janice's husky) even licked the floor where the treat had been... something we have never seen her do before! Pawsh Dog Bakery can fill custom orders for those dogs with sensitivities or food allergies. For more information on ordering these scrumptious goodies for your four-legged family member, visit www.treatsfurdogs.com or simply pick up a brochure or card in our reception area.

*Pawsh Dog Bakery is licensed by the Michigan Dept of Agriculture

Check out our updated website at www.doggydaycareandspa.com!

The Event of the Season...

The Sixth Annual Fur Ball to benefit the Capital Area Humane Society will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Eagle Eye Golf club on Chandler Rd. The event begins at 5:30pm and lasts until nearly midnight. Evening Highlights include Hors D'oeuvres & Champagne, Silent Auction, Dog Spa, Dinner, Pampered Pooch Parade & Feline Friends Photos, Live Auction, and Dancing to the music of *Life Support*. Black tie is suggested. The cost is \$100* per person, \$50 per canine, and \$25 per feline friend photo. The Fur Ball benefits the 6,000 animals that CAHS cares for every year. For more information, including photos of last year's event, please go to www.caHS-lansing.org.



*(Please note that \$60 of each individual's ticket is considered a tax deductible donation to CAHS.)