

doggy daycare and spa

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November 2010 Newsletter

In order to allow our team to celebrate with their families, we will be observing limited holiday hours on the following days:

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 25*
8am – 11am and 5pm –
7pm

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24,
2010
7am – 6pm

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25*
8am – 11am and 5pm –
7pm

*We will only be open for Boarding arrivals and departures on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. We will not be open for just Daycare.

Although we will be open for Daycare on Christmas Eve, we will not expect our regular attendees unless we hear otherwise from you. If your dog will not be attending Daycare on his/her regular day any other time over the holiday season, please let a team member know so that we can remove him/her from the schedule. We do require that all scheduled days (including Standing Reservations) be cancelled in advance.

We will have normal business hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Don't let your dog get left out! If you plan to travel over the holidays and would like your dog to join the slumber party at Doggy Daycare and Spa, please let us know with as much advance notice as possible. We have limited space available and we want to be able to accommodate our regulars!

Holiday Spa Appointments

We are getting ready to kick off our busiest Spa season of the year! We always recommend scheduling Spa appointments at least one week in advance. However, if you have a thick coated breed or a pup who needs his hair cut, you will want to schedule out at least 2-3 weeks in November and December.

All of our Spa appointments include a really thorough shampooing, customized conditioning treatment based on your dog's skin needs and coat type, blueberry facial, pawdicure, ear cleaning, and any trim work that they need. Plus, we never charge extra for bows or bandanas. At Doggy Daycare and Spa, we only use the very best products on the market. Many of them are even produced right here in Michigan!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FLEAS!

This particular fall has been a tough one when it comes to fleas. All of our Daycare attendees must be on year round flea preventative in order to come to Daycare. Some of the worst flea infestations occur in the cold-weather months. Fleas normally live outside when it is warm, but hop a ride on Fido to spend the winter in the warmth of your home. Contrary to popular belief, fleas do not live on your pet, but use him as a food source for themselves and their larvae as well as transportation. Fleas, flea eggs, and flea larvae actually live in your pet's environment (aka your home, including carpet, pet bedding, furniture, floor cracks and crevices, etc... we know, ICK!)

For years, Frontline and Frontline Plus have been the most popular and trusted flea preventatives on the market. What we have observed at Doggy Daycare and Spa is that if a dog ends up getting fleas while they are on a flea preventative, that preventative is almost always Frontline. We believe that because the product has been around for so long, the fleas are now becoming resilient to it, making it less effective in protecting your pet.

With any preventative, it is important to always make sure you are following the directions for application. When using a topical treatment, you will also want to note when it should be applied in relation to your dog's exposure to bathing or swimming.

We discourage you from applying a preventative the morning your dog will be arriving for Daycare or Boarding. Preventatives should be given at least a few hours to dry, and we would prefer that topical treatments are applied either the day before or after Daycare.

As always, we want you to talk to your Veterinarian about what prescribed preventative is best for your pet. If you are currently using Frontline, we encourage you to have a conversation with your Veterinarian regarding its effectiveness. Perhaps your Vet will prescribe something different. We always recommend purchasing your dog's preventative from a licensed Veterinarian rather than over the counter at a pet store. Most preventatives that are purchased at your Veterinary Clinic are backed by the manufacturer and some will even cover an alternate treatment should your pet get fleas.

Delicious Dangers!

Goody time is here! We feel it is important to remind you of all the Delicious Dangers that may lurk around your home during the holidays. The following includes foods and products that can be not only harmful, but fatal if ingested by your dog.

- Chocolate
- Onions and Garlic
- Madadamia Nuts
- Pear seeds, Plum kernels
- Potato peelings and green potatoes
- Rhubarb leaves
- Xylitol (found in gum)
- Moldy/Spoiled foods
- Raisins and Grapes
- Alcohol
- Yeast Dough
- Coffee grounds, beans, and tea
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Tomato leaves and stems
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Ribbons and Wrappings

If you suspect your pet has ingested any of these items and shows symptoms of being sick (vomiting, lack of appetite, diarrhea, paralysis, etc), please call your Veterinarian immediately.