

# doggy daycare and spa

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## October 2010 Newsletter

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A big, loud WOOF to all of those who joined us at this year's CAHS Run and Walk for the Animals. This event is the Capital Area Humane Society's biggest fundraiser of the year and they met their goal of over \$75,000!

And for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row...

Doggy Daycare and Spa has yet again, laid claim to the Soldan's Cup (the trophy for the top fundraising pack) at the 2010 Run and Walk for the Animals. Our Pack brought in over \$5,800 at this year's event. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in our 2010 fundraising. We sold more merchandise and raffle tickets than ever before! The addition of the fleeces and the blankets were a big hit! If anyone has any ideas of products we can showcase with our trademarked logo, please let Janice know. And don't forget to join us next year at Fitzgerald Park for the 2011 Run and Walk for the Animals! We will once again have our own private tent and lunch will be provided.

### HOWL-a-ween Fun for our Furry Kids!

Don't let your four-legged kid miss out on the seasonal fun! Old Town's Annual Dog Trick or Treating and Costume Contest will be taking place on Friday, October 22, 2010.



#### Schedule of Events...

2 pm – 5 pm: Photo Session at Perspective 2

4 pm – 6 pm: Dog Trick or Treating

5 pm: Dog Costume Contest Registration

6 pm: Dog Costume Contest

8 pm: Yappy Hour at Preuss Pets

10 Years Ago this Month...

October 18, 2010 marks the ten year anniversary of Doggy Daycare and Spa opening its doors for business at our original location in Okemos, Michigan. Doggy Daycare and Spa can proudly lay claim to the title of the very first Dog Daycare Center in the mid-Michigan area! We have seen many changes since that very first day, but even after 10 years, one thing remains the same... it is our privilege to provide you and your dog the very best in Daycare, Boarding, and Grooming. Thank you so much for your past and future patronage. Without wonderful dog loving people like you, where would we be?

### **Featured Team Member of the Month... Natalie Colson!**

After spending several years working retail and retail management, Natalie joined the Doggy Daycare and Spa team in March 2010. Natalie wasn't even aware of the hidden passion she possessed for canines until she adopted Zoey (a yellow lab) and Hobo (a large mixed breed). She credits her four legged children to "changing her life." Natalie found her job in retail unsatisfying and decided to pursue a career in animal care, thus joining the DD&S team in early spring. Natalie's favorite thing about working at Doggy Daycare and Spa is learning all of the dogs' unique personalities and nurturing the bonds she makes with our Daycare "regulars." Along with working at DD&S, Natalie devotes time as a dog foster "mom" through Animal Placement Bureau. She is currently fostering her 3<sup>rd</sup> dog, Murphy, a german shepherd mix. In August, Natalie was promoted to a management position with Doggy Daycare and Spa. Please join us in congratulating her!

### **A Special Note regarding Fleas**

Please remember, as the weather turns colder (especially at night), fleas are more likely to hop a ride on your furry friend to find cozier living quarters inside your home. All dogs attending Daycare are required to be on YEAR ROUND flea preventative. Dogs who are found to have fleas while attending Daycare will not be able to return until they are flea free. Dogs who are being groomed and are found to have fleas will be treated and charged accordingly. Signs of fleas on your pet include excessive itching and biting at the skin, traces of black "flea dirt" in the fur or on pet bedding (it turns red when wet because it is actually dried blood from flea bites), and actual fleas running along skin. If you suspect your pet has fleas, look in the following places on your pet: private areas, arm pits, and around ears and eyes. Fleas like warm moist places on your dog and have a tendency to linger in these areas. If you do find fleas, please call your Veterinarian and find out the best course for treatment. Many products are guaranteed so extra treatment may be covered. Don't forget to vacuum with moth balls in your vacuum bag and treat heavily frequented areas with an IGR (insect growth regulator) spray.

### **Delicious Dangers!**

Goody time is just around the corner! We always find it a good idea to remind our clients of the Delicious Dangers lurking in our homes. The following list includes a variety of human foods and products that can be very harmful and even fatal if ingested by your dog:

- Chocolate
- Onions and Garlic
- Macadamia Nuts
- Pear pips, Plum kernels
- Potato peelings & green looking potatoes
- Rhubarb leaves
- Moldy/Spoiled foods
- Xylitol (found in gum)
- Raisins & grapes
- Alcohol
- Yeast dough
- Coffee grounds, beans, & tea

- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Cigarettes and Tobacco

Of course, always keep wrapping and ribbons away from your dog. Ingested ribbon can wind around the dogs' intestines causing blockages and even fatality. If your dog shows any symptoms of blockages (excessive vomiting, lack of appetite, diarrhea), please call your Veterinarian immediately.

### **Updated Information?**

If you have you moved, gotten a new phone number, switched jobs, or need to update your emergency contact information, please let one of our team members know so we can update our records. Accurate information is very important to us. We would hate to not be able to reach you if there was an emergency with your dog.

We would love to showcase a framed photo of your best friend on our wall! Please feel free to bring in a framed 3x5 or 4x6 photo of your dog. Our guests always enjoy looking at all of the cute faces! And it is fun to show other parents who their dog plays with!

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