

# doggy daycare and spa

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## September 2007 Newsletter

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**The 2007 Walk/Run for the Animals** is on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. If you are interested in registering with the Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack all you have to do is:

1. Go to the following website: [www.caahs-lansing.org/walk.html](http://www.caahs-lansing.org/walk.html)
2. Register to join an existing pack.
3. Choose the Doggy Daycare and Spa pack and complete the required information
4. That's it! You are now officially registered as a Doggy Daycare and Spa Pack Member!

We will plan on meeting at Fitzgerald Park on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> between 8am and 9am. Don't stress if you are running late... the actual Walk isn't until 10:30. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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**A GREAT BIG WOOF!** To all that helped us raise money for the Capital Area Humane Society by purchasing raffle tickets during the month of August. We were able to raise over \$550 all of which will be donated directly to CAHS to help homeless animals. And a huge congratulations to our prize winner, Hagrid Sailor. Hagrid has been attending Daycare every Monday since May of 2006. He is going to have a blast using up his 20 Visit Super Pass!

### Do you think we're the Best?

Now through September 17, Michigan Tails Pet Magazine will be holding a Best of 2007 Reader's Choice Awards. To vote Doggy Daycare and Spa as the best Dog Daycare, Boarding Facility, and/or Groomer simply visit [www.MichiganTails.com](http://www.MichiganTails.com) to vote. Only one ballot per person will be counted so we can't stuff the ballot box. Four lucky voters will be selected at random for cool prizes! You can also vote for other categories, such as Trainer/Training Class (Janet Smith of Good Dog! Training), pet food, dog park, and many others!

### Back to School

With the cooler months comes our busier Daycare season. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are traditionally our busiest days of the week. If your dog is not already on a standing schedule, please see a team member to put him or her on one. Standing Reservations ensure that we will always have space available for your dog, plus he/she will develop relationships with the other dogs coming on his/her day(s). Also, please remember that if your dog will not be attending daycare on his/her reserved day to let us know so that we can open a spot for someone else.

Don't forget... Doggy Daycare and Spa requires that all our attendees be on YEAR ROUND flea and heartworm preventative.

## A Tip from the Spa

As the weather changes from warm to cool, a dog's coat will re-build to prepare for the upcoming winter (which means they will be shedding the old). This is a very important time to keep up with grooming maintenance. Removing the dead summer hair makes room for the new winter coat coming in and your dog will be more comfortable. It will also help to keep them from "blowing their coat" in your house!

Fall is also dry skin and allergy season for many dogs. If your dog seems extra itchy, we can schedule a soothing oatmeal bath and conditioning treatment, a medicated bath or a deep moisture treatment for your pet. Feel free to talk to Racheal to determine which treatment is best suited for your dog. And remember, we never charge extra for specialty spa treatments!

**A Favor?** If anyone has any extra towels (we don't care what color or size) laying around in the bottom of the linen closet and would like to donate them to the Spa, we would very much appreciate it!

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## Did you know?

- 58% of people put pets in family and holiday portraits.
- Humans have kept dogs as pets for over 12,000 years.
- The largest breed of dog is the Irish Wolfhound.
- The smallest breed of dog is the Chihuahua.
- The Saint Bernard is the heaviest dog.
- The oldest known breed of dog is the Saluki-originally trained by Egyptians to help them track game.
- The Basenji is the only dog in the world that cannot bark.
- There are 703 breeds of purebred dogs.
- Dachshunds were originally bred for fighting badgers.
- A dog's sense of smell is 100,000 times stronger than that of a human's.
- Dogs judge objects first by their movement, then by their brightness, and lastly by their shape.
- George Washington had 36 dogs, all foxhounds, with one named Sweetlips.
- All dogs are identical in anatomy – 32 bones and 42 permanent teeth.
- Smaller breeds mature faster than larger breeds.
- Dogs have two times as many muscles to move their ears as people.
- Puppies sleep 90% of the day for their first few weeks of life.
- Rin Tin Tin was the first Canine Hollywood Star!
- The longer a dog's nose, the more effective their internal cooling system.
- An elderly woman was saved by her 12 lb Yorkshire Terrier who fought off an 80 lb Akita and survived with only 9 stitches! Those little ones can be feisty!
- For every new client you refer to Daycare, your dog will receive a Free Visit!

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