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Cascade Pawprints

Voted Best of Grand Rapids- Again!

Cascade Hospital for Animals was informed that it has won the distinction of best veterinarian in Grand Rapids for the sixth time in a row.

The voting takes place with an annual readers poll of Grand Rapids Magazine, and the results will be published in their January edition.

GRAND RAPIDS MAGAZINE

We would like to say thank you to our clients and readers for taking the time to recognize us. We are truly honored to have earned this award again.

A Special Thanks to all our HEROES!

On behalf of the staff of Cascade Hospital for Animals we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in our First Annual canine blood drive. We would also like to thank the incredible staff of Animal Blood Resources International for helping us to make this happen. A big thanks also to the many CHFA staff volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help make this event such a great success!

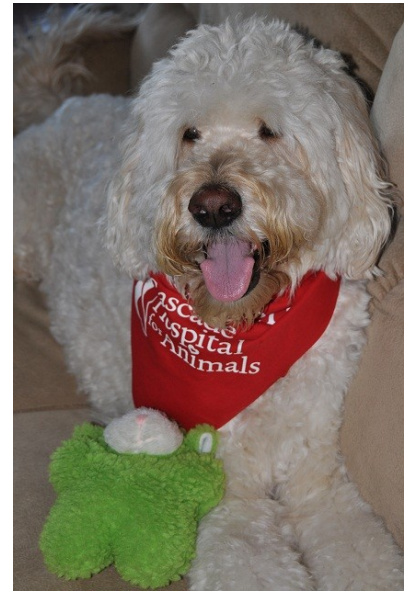
The response we have had has surpassed our expectations! Final numbers are not yet available, however, at least 61 dogs participated, and 53 units of blood were taken. Since each unit of blood can potentially help up to 3 dogs, we helped 159 dogs! A huge thanks to all of the brave and giving dogs who gave up some time on a beautiful Saturday to help their fellow canines! We will be posting photos of all the canine "Super-Heroes" on our website (www.chfa.net) so be sure to check it out.

We would like to convey our thanks to Rachel Ruiz and Terri DeBoer of Wood TV for highlighting our event on their show eightWest Friday morning. Mary Ullmer of The Grand Rapids Press, was also kind enough to write an article about our event for her blog "Unleashed". Thank you!

If you would like to be updated on future CHFA events, please send us your email address, or you can check out our calendar on our website.

Thank you all again for your part in helping our canine community!

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Cascade Hospital for Animals (616) 949-0960

Do you want direct access to manage your pet's health 24/7 from the comfort and privacy of your own home? We are happy to provide Pet Portals free of charge to all clients who have an active e-mail address. Sign up for it today at [www.chfa.net!](http://www.chfa.net)



Be Aware of Dangerous Holiday Plants



Holiday flowers and plants add beauty to our homes during the holidays, and make wonderful gifts. However, many of these plants can be a life-threatening danger to your pet if ingested. Here are a few that you should be cautious with:

Ivy—all parts are moderately to very toxic.

Holly—All parts, especially the berries and leaves are moderately to very toxic

Mistletoe—all parts, especially the berries, are very toxic.

Hibiscus—may cause vomiting or diarrhea if ingested.

Lilies, all types—all parts are highly toxic, even fatal, even if a small amount is ingested.

Halloween costume contest WINNERS!

We had 22 participants with 93 votes received! A special thanks to everyone that participated. We hope our winners liked their \$50 gift cards!



Stargazer Lily



Mistletoe



For a more comprehensive list of toxic plants, we invite you to look at our "Toxic Plant List" under "Hot Topics" on our website at www.chfa.net.



Calendar of Events



Date	Event
Saturday, November 21 1:00-5:00PM	"PET FIRST AID CLASS" BY THE RED CROSS \$35.00 fee www.greatergrandrapids.redcross.org or (616) 456-8661 to reserve. Class held at CHFA
Saturday, December 5 4:00PM	Cascade Business Association's 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SANTA STROLL Bring your family & pet and stroll with Santa! Begins at Cascade's Family fare at 4:00PM Stroll proceeds East on the sidewalk to Thornapple River Drive's NE corner park

\$5.00 Off Grooming



Call 949-0960 for your appointment today!

Limit one coupon per pet

Valid Now through March 12th, 2010

At Cascade Hospital for Animals

All vaccines, including semi-annual Bordetella (kennel cough-dogs), and semi-annual fecal results must be current.

