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Cascade Pawprints

Our 3rd Annual Healthy Paws Healthy Cause Fun Run Walk was a HUGE success!

A big thank you to the nearly 100 participants who braved the weather and made this another successful event. Please visit our website at www.chfa.net and look under the **Events** tab for more pictures of the event.



We now offer Doggie Daycare 7 Days a Week!



Imagine an alternative to leaving your dog home alone during the day! Imagine your dog playing happily and safely with other dogs of similar temperament, getting hands-on attention, and healthy exercise under staff supervision!

We have recently opened our new Daycare Center, "The Crate Escape" for the dog that would normally stay home alone. At "The Crate Escape" we will give your dog hands-on attention, companionship and healthy exercise when you can't. Your pet will play with friends of similar temperament to assure that they all have a day of fun in our indoor and outdoor play areas.

Each pet is temperament tested free of charge by our staff prior to being admitted into daycare. If all goes well, your pet is invited to remain with us for the rest of the day at no cost to you.



Biscuits, Balls & Bellyrubs

That's What Our Care Is Made Of!

Bring in this coupon for a Free day of doggie daycare at "The Crate Escape"

Expires September 30th 2009 requirements and conditions apply, One per family pet. We cannot accept copies. Proof of current vaccinations (Rabies, Distemper, semi-annual Bordetella (kennel cough) and a semi-annual fecal test.

Daycare Pricing

\$17.00 daily

\$75.00 for a 5 day package

\$135.00 for a 10 day package



Stay and Play Pricing

Add only \$10.00 per day for doggie daycare while your pet is boarding with us!

A Fast Spreading Threat

**Great News!
We have extended
the Advantix
Promotion!**



**Kills Ticks and
Repels Mosquitoes**

**"Buy Six, Get 2
Free" until
September 30th**

Lyme Disease

- Lyme disease is a tick-borne bacterial disease that can cause arthritis, kidney damage and death in people and dogs.
- Since its discovery in Lyme, Conn., in 1975, Lyme disease has spread rapidly. It has become more prevalent in Western Michigan over the last few years.

Your Dog May Be At Risk If:

- You live near woods or tall brush?
- You bring your dog along while walking, hiking, camping, picnicking, hunting or fishing?
- You travel with your dog to areas with a higher risk of Lyme disease?

Steps To Protect Your Pet:

- Use monthly topical products such as Advantix or Frontline for protection.
- Brush your dog after each outing and use tweezers to remove any ticks you find.
- Do daily "tick checks" whenever the temperature rises above 40° F.
- Ask your veterinarian about annual vaccination with LymeVax®.

Cascade Hospital for Animals

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Orphan Kitten Care: Things to Know

Often, orphan kittens are found during this time of year. The following “do’s & don’t’s” can give a little orphan the best chance at life:

Warmth: Very young kittens cannot generate their own heat. Wrap them in warm (not hot!) towels to warm them quickly. Keep them warm with tightly capped bottles of water heated in the microwave, and wrapped in towels to make a “nest”.

Hydration/nourishment: Never feed cow’s milk to a kitten-it can cause diarrhea, and compromise his health. Use KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) available at most pet stores, heated to wrist temperature. Kitten feeding bottles are best.

Parasite removal: Fleas or ticks must be removed immediately to keep your orphan healthy.

Elimination: Kittens must be stimulated to be able to eliminate. Using a soft cloth, massage abdomen and genital areas briefly 20 minutes after eating until they urinate and/or defecate.

Summer Tips for Pet Health & Safety

- 1) NEVER leave your pet in the car in the summer for any reason. Even on cooler, overcast days, the metal shell of a car acts as a convection oven and in a matter of minutes will become hot enough to be life-threatening for your pet. Every year, animals left in parked vehicles suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke.
- 2) Fireworks and thunderstorms can be terrifying for your pet! Try to keep your pet inside with the radio or TV on to distract them and reduce their stress during these events. If your pet has a lot of difficulty with stress during fireworks or thunderstorms, talk to your veterinarian. Depending on your pet’s health and medical history, he may be able to prescribe medication to make your pet more comfortable and relaxed when these activities occur.
- 3) Make sure your pet is current on Heartworm medication. Heartworm disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, is a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs and cats (there is no treatment for heartworm disease in cats—only preventative is available). Keep your pet current on their heartworm test as well as their heartworm preventative.



CHFA 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00PM	“Your Senior Dog: How to Find His Inner Puppy” Presented by Dr. Laura Sullivan (Free Seminar)
Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00PM	“Pawsitive Weight Loss for Your Pet” Presented by Emily Harkness, L.V.T. (Free Seminar)
Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00PM	“Pets with Cancer: What to Expect & Home Care” Presented by Dr. Lynn Happel (Free Seminar)
Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00PM	“Joint Disease and Arthritis in Cats and Dogs ” Presented by Dr. Steve McBride (Free Seminar)

Thank you!



Thank you to the nearly one thousand people who attended our Open House on May 31. All of us at Cascade Hospital for Animals enjoyed seeing all of you! We appreciate your support and patronage, and look forward to serving you and your pets for many years to come.



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