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## Spot News: November 2009

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Its time to vote for your **Favorite Pet Daycare** in the North Shore News Readers Choice Awards. [A Spot For Spot Dog Daycare](#) has been a favorite for three years running now, thanks to all you who have voted in previous years for us, and Spot really hopes to win again. Check out the North Shore News on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for ballot forms to **vote for Spot in the Readers Choice Awards 2010.**

Thanks everyone!!

### **HEALTH AND EDUCATION** Antifreeze Poisoning

With the temperatures dropping outside we are all getting our cars winterized, but you should know that antifreeze products containing **ethylene glycol** are highly toxic, and can produce life-threatening kidney damage in pets, even in small amounts. Even a few licks of this liquid can be fatal to a dog or cat. For a medium sized dog, ingestions of about 2 ounces (3-4 tablespoons) are toxic and as little as ¼ ounce (1-2 teaspoons) can be fatal to a cat. Both dogs and cats are attracted to the smell and sweet taste of ethylene glycol.

**Signs include:** drunken appearance, staggering, lack of coordination, apparent disorientation, lightheadedness, and vomiting. Getting your pet to the vet right away is critical to increase the chances of recovery. Within hours the liver will have already started to metabolize the ethylene glycol into substances that cause kidney failure and ultimately death.

#### **Prevention & Precaution:**

- **use the less toxic *propylene glycol* based antifreeze.**
- collect and dispose of all waste coolant and properly dispose of it.
- never leave a bucket of coolant unattended – even for a moment.
- clean up spills immediately.
- be alert for leaks and spills from neighborhood vehicles when walking your dog

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- if you see a puddle of greenish-coloured liquid in your driveway or on the street, flush the area with plenty of water and fix the leak.

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## DOES YOUR SPOT HAVE A RESERVATION?

**Reservation System:** As of **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009** we are pleased to announce that we will be accepting reservations for daycare. Now that we are consistently reaching capacity, the benefit of making a reservation is to guarantee your dog's **SPOT** and to avoid disappointment if we are full on any given day. We will continue to offer a limited number of drop in **SPOTS** each day, however if we are full and you don't have a reservation we may have to turn you away. Reservations are available to all of our prepaid clients and can be made by calling us at 604.990.7768, emailing us at [info@aspotforspot.ca](mailto:info@aspotforspot.ca) or by filling out the online form on our website [www.aspotforspot.ca](http://www.aspotforspot.ca) (coming soon). If you need to cancel your booking please call us at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged in full.

**Price changes:** After three successful years in business with zero rate increases we will be introducing a modest rate increase that will take effect on **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**. To maintain **SPOTS** high staff to dog ratio as well as the excellent level of care you've come to expect from us we will be increasing our full day rate to \$29/day. (day rates apply to a stay of 5 hours or more). Our hourly rate will remain the same at \$5/hour. Everyone will have two months to take advantage of our current full day rates before the increase takes affect on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Give us a call or check out our website for the package rates as well. All rates are subject to GST.



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### **Palo: Good Bye to a great friend.**

Last weekend we lost a very special dog that had been with Spot since we opened, his name was Palo. Palo came to us for a few hours of play and socializing every single day. He was a young at heart Golden Retriever who died of fibrosarcoma cancer at age nine. Palo underwent three surgeries to rid his body of the tumours which kept coming back on his front leg. After a long battle the cancer spread to his liver and other organs and he died Saturday, October 31st.

We all loved Palo and will greatly miss him and his smiley face. He was treated like a rock-star among all the dogs here. Everyday he entered the playroom and all the dogs would run up to him so excited to see him. He would say his hellos then get all sassy and do a big roll around on his back. He was also one of the dogs we knew we could introduce to any new dog coming into Spot and Palo would either play right away or put them at ease if need be. Palo was a great leader and lover of all. We really miss him!

Fibrosarcoma is a type of cancer that arises from the fibrous connective tissues of the skull, spine, pelvis and ribs but can arise from any bone. The cause of fibrosarcoma is largely unknown. It is a rare cancer that is seen most commonly in older male dogs. It is most commonly effects the bones of the spine, pelvis and skull but can less commonly effect the legs.

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**November Birthdays:** Charlie Martens, Charlie Martens, Cleo Castellano, Cleo Sharp, Cody Wraith, Cookie Marsh, Cooper Jeans, Decker Dickson, Duke Schreiten, Elmo Fazli, Gem Armstrong, Hannah Sharp, Henna Bissell, Howard Inouye, Kingston Webster, Lulu Sabiston, Manu Gurney, Marley Woolford, Max Darguzas, Molly May Shaffer, Oliver Tasa, Oscar ZierVogel, Reggie Savage, Riley Freyvogel, Riley Lambert, Ruby Robinson, Ruby Taylor, Rufus Farkas, Sadie Duhamel, Sasha Palin, Sammy Knorr, Sanja Wilson, Scout Bilodeau, Taz Low and Ziggy Tarmohamed.

Come see us on your birthday for a free day of daycare. Happy Birthday!!

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Just a reminder we will be closed for **Remembrance Day** November 11<sup>th</sup>. Also a heads up for this **December's holiday closure** - **Spot** will be closed from 6:30pm December 23<sup>rd</sup> and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7am.

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