



DOG DAYCARE LTD.

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Spot News: October 2009

SPOT'S staff received another certification

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All of the staff at A SPOT For Spot Dog Daycare was recently certified in Operation Find Fido.

At SPOT we have a firm commitment to your dogs safety and have a very high regard for being prepared for any thing! All SPOT staff is highly trained in Canine First Aid, dog behavior and now Operation Find Fido! Just as in taking the Canine First Aid, which you want to be preventative and hopefully not use, the goal of our Operation Find Fido to have an organized action plan and have the training to think and act clearly.

When you first realize that your dog has disappeared, panic can set in and you may not be able to think clearly, so it is essential that you have an effective action plan in place before it happens. At SPOT we now know how we can help! We can think and act like a lost dog investigator to increase the chances of a lost dog being united with their family.

For more information on this workshop and more go to www.dogsafe.ca. Your dog will thank you!

Upcoming Changes

Reservation System: As of **November 1st, 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 filling out the online form on our website or by calling us at 604.990.7768. If you need to cancel your booking please call us at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged in full. Keep an eye out for our new online booking page at www.aspotforspot.ca, until then feel free to call us to reserve your spot!

Price changes: After three successful years, the last two voted favorite dog daycare by readers of Northshore News, we are introducing a modest rate

increase that will take effect on **December 1st, 2009**. To maintain our high staff

increase that will take effect on **December 1st, 2009**. To maintain our 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. Check out our website or drop in for a rate sheet with the new package rates, 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 effect on December 1st, 2009.

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Photography by Kate Morris
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A Natural Approach for Combating Fleas

The last thing we want on our lovable cuddle buddies and in our houses are FLEAS! Although chemical treatments, both topical & ingested, can be very effective and work quickly, there are **other non-toxic ways** to prevent your dog from getting fleas.

Prevention is key. Your dog may not have fleas right now, but you can still do a few things to make sure that even if they tried to get on your **SPOT** to feed on their blood, the fleas won't have a chance to live long and lay eggs in your home.

Around the house, specifically where your dog likes to hang out, frequent cleaning of these areas will help to keep the fleas at bay.

- Washing your dogs' mat or area carpets they lay on at least once a week
- Vacuuming the house at least once a week, especially where your pup likes to lie. Pay special attention to dark, damp areas where the fleas like to lay eggs. Clean out your vacuum bag because flea eggs can hatch in there & make their way back into your life.
- Use borate-type powders on carpets and citronella sprays on baseboards can help keep the fleas out suggests veterinarian Shawn Messonnier, D.V.M.
- Diatomaceous earth is a type of fossilized algae that resembles chalk dust. The fine, sharp-edged particles attach themselves to and penetrate the waxy coating on a flea's shell-like exoskeleton, causing the little bloodsucker (the flea) to dehydrate and die. This product is most likely found at herb shops or lawn & garden shop. Christine Makowski, D.V.M suggests to sprinkle it on clean mats & carpets then work it in with a broom.

For a natural non-chemical solution on your dog:

- Make your own lemon rinse to use on your dog after bathing. It will tone the cleansed skin, leaving a residual citrus odor that will help repel fleas for a while. To make such a rinse, slice one whole lemon and drop the

slices—peeling and all—into a pint of very hot water. Allow the lemon-water to steep overnight, and then remove the pulp by filtering or straining. Sponge the lemon rinse onto your pet's skin and allow it to air-dry (don't towel).

- SHOOTAG are tags that emit an electromagnetic frequency to keep pets away, eliminating the need to use toxic chemicals. www.shootag.com
- Use a flea comb as part of your daily grooming for your dog. You can dip the comb in soapy water to ensure the killing of any flea.
- Pennyroyal, citronella, rosemary, and wormwood can be found at health food stores and lawn-and-garden shops or ask your veterinarian. Any time you use a flea repellent—natural or otherwise—be sure to put the treated pet outside for a few hours so that the fleas won't abandon ship in your home.
- A citronella collar helps to deter fleas.

If you are unsure about any method for dealing with fleas, please consult your veterinarian. The above are suggestions for alternative approaches and not intended to replace advice from your veterinarian.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Angus Duffy, Bella Brown, Casey Carroll, Copper Black Hughes, Dakota Stegeman, Ebb Thomas, Franklin Fitzgerald, George Daisley, Izzy Trainor, Jazz Minnie, Kona Town, Lucas Taake, Mac Trousdale, Marley Isaac, Mele Kelly, Merlin Baile, Mexi Hall, Ruby Killam, Rufus Ingram, Sophie Jennings, Tiko Godfrey, Oscar MacLeod, Chopper Miles, and Kodie Terrillon.

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

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