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**Advanced Manners
301**

Vaccination Reminder



Just a reminder to make sure all updated vaccine and fecal information gets faxed or emailed to us before your scheduled appointment or visit. Whiskers requires all of our guests to be up to date on certain vaccines. Whether your pet is only in for a few hours to get groomed, an extended boarding stay, or even a short training session these updates are still needed. The vaccine requirements are for the safety and health of all our guests.

Dogs: Bordetella (1 Year) - Distemper & Rabies (1 or 3 year) - Negative Fecal Exam (1 year)

Cats: Feline Distemper & Rabies (1 or 3 year)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's vaccines, feel free to contact us and we are happy to help.

March Daycare Calendar

Please don't forget to fill out and submit your Daycare March Calendar!



[Click this link for the 2016 Calendar](#)

Spring Break Daycare & Boarding 2016

April 1-April 10

Are you ready to take your dog to the next level? Advanced Manners 301 continues to shape your dog into a well-rounded canine, while preparing him/her for the A.K.C. Canine Good Citizen Test. Skills such as greeting a stranger, meeting another dog, and walking through a crowd are the focus of this class. Previous training experience is required. AKC Canine Good Citizen skills taught and tested.

As of right now our Patios and Suites are all reserved for Boarding & Daycare, but we do still have a few Penthouse rooms available for boarding. We require a \$50.00 deposit to hold the reservation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call anytime. If you do end up on our wait list, don't be discouraged. We will complete confirmation calls early March and tend to see some changes after that.



[For more information, start dates/times or to register for Adv Manners 301 - Click here!](#)

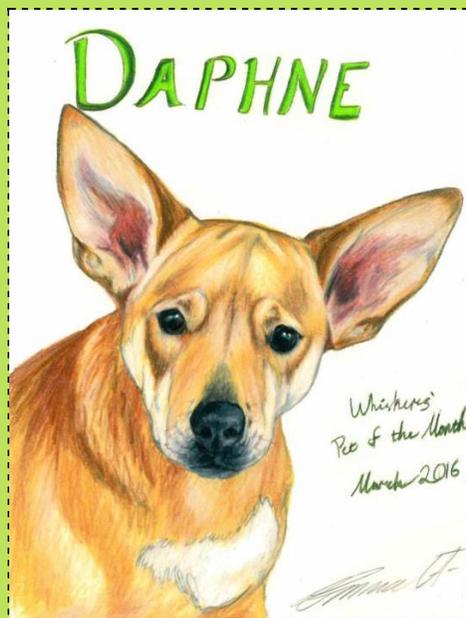
Meet Daphne!

Pet of the Month

Agility



Agility is the most popular canine sport for the dog and handler. The handler guides the dog through a variety of obstacles. Tunnels, jumps, teeter-totter, ramps as well as



Look at the cute face on the March Pet of the Month! Introducing, Daphne, a 1-year-old Terrier Mix who loves to be the center of attention! She always comes in to Whiskers with a happy face and wagging tail! She really enjoys playing with her puppy pals out in the play yards and getting as much snuggles from the staff as possible!

Congratulations, Daphne!

Thank you so much for being such an amazing part of our family! We love you!

other obstacles make up an agility course. This sport is a great bonding experience for dog and handler while providing a workout for both!

[For more information, start dates/times or to register for Agility - Click here!](#)

P.R.E.P. School



P.R.E.P. School is a fantastic way to fit training into your busy schedule. By combining Training services offered from Whiskers University and Daycare / Boarding at Whiskers Resort and Pet Spa, your puppy or new rescue dog will get the optimum educational experience.

[For more information, start dates/times or to register for PREP - Click here!](#)

More About Whiskers

Whiskers
Resort & Pet Spa
Luxury Boarding, Grooming & Daycare

Whiskers Resort & Pet Spa

is a luxury pet care center for overnight boarding, grooming, training and daycare. Our goal is to recreate a home environment for our four

Employee of the Month

Brenda Randall

Brenda grew up in Comstock Park, MI and graduated in 2005. She has her associate degree from GRCC and studied psychology at GVSU. At one point, she wanted to become a marine biologist. She has always had a love for animals. Growing up she had two beagles named Lucky and Sparky, along with fish, a mouse named Mabel, and now has an adopted cat named Ralph. In her spare time she



likes to relax, watch movies, read, go fishing and spend time with her family and friends. Brenda and her husband, Brandon welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Brayden in December 2015.

Notes from the Trainer

Kristie Swan, CPDT



One of the most common and difficult situations I deal with in training is off leash dogs. With spring coming I am reminded of how often this happens as weather improves.

Many people work hard to achieve solid leash manners with their dog. They're that team you admire walking in sync, leash loose, dog

attentive to owner. Sometimes they have worked through some serious issues with their dog to get to that point. Some dogs have been rescued and came with leash issues, others may have had a bad experience that led to a long recovery on leash.

This brings me back to off leash dogs. I meet clients who say a neighbor's dog walks off leash or they go to a park where dogs run off leash even though it's not a dog park. They'll name the park or neighborhood and I'll remind them that allowing a dog off leash there is actually against the law. Those that allow their dog to run off leash thinking "Oh,

legged guests while offering high caliber pet grooming and styling services. At Whiskers Resort, every pet is treated like the cherished family member.

Hours:

Monday - Friday
6:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Daycare & Grooming
offered 7 Days a Week!**

**Evening Grooming Available
Tuesday-Wednesday!**

Whiskers Grooming Spa

Our services are targeted for pets who are ready to update their looks. We specialize in transforming dull lifeless coats into styles that will make you stand out from the pack! Many of our canine stylists are Certified Master Groomers and award winning stylists. Call to book an appointment or schedule a free styling consultation for your pet.

Overnight Lodging

We offer a variety of unique room options that are sure to fit your needs. Whether you choose the Suite, Patio, or Deluxe accommodations, your pet's room will be furnished with a bed, blankets, dishes, and pillows. The love and attention are complementary!

Lodging Prices:

Patio: \$42/night

she/he is friendly" ruin a great walking area or park for those whose dogs are on leash. Not to mention the risk of injury to the handler and dogs. Once a "friendly" off leash dog meets an on leash fearful or protective dog it can go bad quickly.

Obey local laws, teach appropriate leash manners and, truly, if you love it put a leash on it.

Notes from the Groomer

Misty Fowler, CMG

Puppies are wonderful. There are so many things to think about when adding a new furry friend to the family. One very important thing to remember in all of the excitement is that it is very beneficial to start your puppy's grooming at a very young age. Whether you do the grooming and bathing yourself or have a professional do it, the sooner you start the easier it will be for your puppy to get used to the process.



Many times young puppies are very dramatic even for a simple bath because they have no idea what is happening to them. However, if you start them young and groom them at regular intervals they tend to accept it faster than if you wait until they are older for their first grooming. It is also helpful to get big dogs used to the process before they get big. This way if they protest they are still easy to handle safely. If they are big and protesting it can be a challenge to keep them from hurting themselves especially if they are jumping around because they are scared and unsure of what is happening.

If you are not sure what age to begin grooming your puppy you can consult your groomer for recommendations. We typically suggest starting them as young as possible as long as they have started their vaccine series and your veterinarian says it is ok. The groomer can also help you determine the frequency for grooming based on the breed of puppy that you have. Working together you can develop a plan for a happy puppy that enjoys going to the spa.

From all of your friends at Whiskers,

Suite: \$49/night
Terrace Suite: \$49/night
Penthouse: \$95/night

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sincerely,

Rebecca Valiska

Whiskers Resort and Pet Spa

Spa Upgrade for \$5

Our featured scent this month is

Aloe Premium

When your dog visits the spa, upgrade the shampoo and s/he will leave here smelling delicious!