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PDX Closed Memorial Day

Since most folks do not work on Memorial Day, we will be closed so you can enjoy one-on-one time with your dogs. Just for your planning information, we will also be closed July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day, as well as New years Day. We'll miss your dogs, but hope that you have boatloads of fun together on these holidays.



Time for Flea & Tick Prevention

Now that spring has sprung, it's extremely important to stay current on your flea & tick prevention. There are many excellent topical and oral products like Frontline Plus and K9 Advantix. In addition, you should use a flea comb, vacuum frequently and dispose of the bags, mow areas of the lawn where your dog spends time, and wash your dog's bedding weekly. Remember to check with your vet before using any flea control product.

Protect against worms

Worms can make your dog miserable with symptoms like diarrhea and vomiting. To make matters worse, several worms that infect dogs can also infect humans (YIKES!), so

it's important to treat and eradicate worms. Remove dog feces from your yard often, have your dog's stools tested at your vet, and use a good preventative like Heartguard, Interceptor, or Sentinal, as your vet recommends.

New prices for half days

For simplicity's sake, we're standandardizing our half day rate to \$10 effective June 1, 2005. The times for half day students are 7:30 to 11:30am or 2pm to 6:00. Of course, we are always willing, and usually able to accommodate special requests.

Reservations

Although we do not require reservations, it is a big help if we know in advance who to expect for the day. Whenever possible, please let us know when your dog is coming for a visit, via phone at 423-870-7740 or via email to mail@playdogexcellent.com.

Tiny dogs rule!

We have opened a small dog play room, posh accommodations for dogs under 10 pounds who want to get in on the fun. We have Poodle tea parties, Yorkie doga, Shih Tzu Feng Shui classes, Maltese massage therapy, Chihuahua past life regressions, and the requisite fashion shows from time to time. If you have a small dog who would enjoy being with other like-minded spirits, we will welcome them with open arms.



New class session begins June 13

If you're looking to spend some quality time with your dog, learn many new things, and do some creative problem solving, consider taking one of our group training classes. We offer obedience classes for puppies as well as older dogs. Once your dog has the basics down, you can REALLY have fun with any of several performance classes including Rally, Agility, Freestyle, Canine Good Citizen, and Flyball. Please check our web site for updates: <http://www.playdogexcellent.com/Training.htm>.

Notes from our Relationship Manager – Be Hudson



Since we opened the doors to PDX on the 28th of December, 2005, we have been in the process of discovering the many ins and outs of operating a dog day care business. Fortunately for us, there are many more ins than outs, and we feel as if we are just about to hit our stride now with four months of intense learning under our belts.

This facility was dreamed by Bev Eitner, who enlisted the expertise of a fabulous trainer, Nancy Miller, and the willingness of her mother, that would be me, who knew nothing about dogs or business, but was happy to help. We are a woman owned and operated business, and very grateful to all the men who have helped us get up and running. We have taken a huge ex-skating rink and made it into a haven for all kinds of dogs, who come to kibitz and play with new friends and old. The renovations have been extensive, and will continue as the need arises for more services; we have ceilinged and floored and fenced and plumbed, and believe this facility will develop and grow as we see more needs.

For me, the best part has been about relationships; meeting and connecting with wonderful folks who care deeply about animals. And meeting their dogs, who have their own personalities and characteristics, and bring them into the amazing pack mentality that they create here. Mornings are great; we get to see happy dogs who rush in the door ready to sniff and smell and run and play, dragging their owners behind them. Working with women who are really happy to come to work is a joy, and if the picking up of poop and pee gets too onerous, we can laugh about how great it is to be able to do what one loves.

This is the first of a journal that will come out from time to time, or as the spirit leads; we hope you enjoy catching up with us as we attempt to keep you informed about what is happening at PDX, YOUR dog day care choice.

!! THANK YOU FOR LETTING US PLAY WITH YOUR DOG !!

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