

## SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING!

I knew this would happen some day, and now it has. I did not get the newsletter out for March in time. I'm so sorry about that. This is the first ever (and hopefully last, but you never know) combined newsletter for March **and** April. It seems February got away from me and before I knew it, the Ides of March were upon us. We have been very busy around here prepping for our doggy friends for our second spring break. We are ready and waiting! See you then!

## MARCH DOG OF THE MONTH

This month we would like to feature Ms. Margaret Elizabeth Stime (she is known as "Maggie" to her family). We refer to her quite formally around here since she is a Pembroke Welsh Corgi and the Queen of England has Corgis, so we feel she should go by a proper name!!! We love Maggie to death. She has come to play with us since she was just a wee little puppy. Maggie is small, but boy can she pack a punch just like a big dog. She doesn't take any business from any other dog, big or small. In fact, she is quite likely the one to deal some attitude to the bigger dogs as she gets them running around the building. Maggie is a great little ballplayer and can certainly run all day. Please say hi to Maggie when you see her on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her poster is a spring break theme, which "suits" her perfectly. Enjoy!!



MAGGIE

## BROCHURE CHANGES

There are some new packages added to the brochure, so be sure and check them out. Due to strong requests, I have added a 30 day package for both full and half day day care, as well as repackaged shuttle rides to match day care. Please grab a new brochure and check out the new packages.

Just so you know, in accordance with the animal welfare act, **NO prices were injured** in the changing of this brochure. (What we mean is that there were no price changes, just added packages.)

## CANINE GOOD CITIZEN RECIPIENTS

On March 8th we had three clients and their dogs take and pass the American Kennel Club's Good Citizen test. I am pleased to announce the following new recipients for this Canine Good Citizen Award: Mike Kostecki and Kate, Carol Scapin and Brandy, and Jason Walsh and Blu. I am very proud of all three teams, as it takes a lot of work and determination to make it all happen. As we all know, even dogs have good and bad days, so it is nice when it all comes together when it counts. Congratulations to you all!



## RED CROSS CERTIFIED

On Sunday, February 25th, amid a fresh snowstorm, a large group of the dedicated Paws In Time employees came together for a pet first aid and CPR certification course from a Red Cross representative. Everyone received their certification, which means that your day care providers are now even more aware and alert in recognizing signs of stress, when immediate first aid is needed and what should be done. We have a well-stocked first aid kit for both humans and dogs and have all been trained to perform CPR on our doggy friends. Of course we all hope this will never be necessary, but it never hurts to be prepared.



## LOTS OF CHANGES

There have been quite a few changes around here and all for the better! Lyn is back. Lyn worked for me for almost three years and took a short sabbatical to get some things worked out in her life. She is now back and working three days a week in front helping Jo out (which is very much needed!) and spends the other two days of the week helping out on the floor playing with the dogs, which she dearly loves. We are very happy to have Lyn back with us.

In other news, the grooming room has officially been relocated to the rear of the building, which seems to be working out wonderfully. Catherine and I like working in our new space with the outside windows, which brings in lots of sunshine and fresh air. The dogs really seem to like it too. They seem more relaxed and happy being able to look outside while they are in the spa. It is also very nice not to have to walk through the entire building with a wet dog, since the room is now located right next to the bathing room.

The better news is that what was once our spa has now been converted to additional boarding space, which was desperately needed. The smaller condos located in our penthouse (former spa) are 4'x4' enclosures and are intended for smaller dogs up to about 40-45 pounds. There are a total of 14 enclosures in the room and the feel of the room is nice and comfortable. We will be requiring all dogs in the penthouse to be in full daycare as we do with the kennels. As with anyone boarding with us, we encourage you to bring your dogs bedding and toys to make sure they feel comfortable while they are here with us.

## NEW PUPPY CLASS

Thursday, April 5th, will see the beginning of our next puppy/beginner class. At present, Our current class is so full, we will be graduating a large number of well educated young dogs in about 6 weeks. I am always happy to see so many young dogs get started and for families to get involved in the proper education for the young dogs. Watch for their graduation announcement in the May newsletter.

## ADULT OBEDIENCE CLASS

On May 24th we will begin our next advanced obedience class. (this would be **dog** obedience, not spouses or kids. Sorry, you are on your own with that!)

Class size is limited to 10 teams of handler/dogs, so please call early to sign up. This class focuses on the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen criteria, which I have taken and turned into an 8 week class session. This class requires one adult handler, preferably the same person each week in order to maintain continuity in the class. Your dog should be fairly proficient at sit, down, stay, heel and come. We work extensively on what is expected of your dog when meeting someone else with their dog or just meeting someone out on a walk. This is one of the hardest elements of the class, so we do focus on it every week. The classes meet every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. here in our building and we work the entire hour. There is no play time for the dogs, as this hour is devoted 100% to learning. The cost of the class is \$100 and we meet for 8 sessions. Please give us a call to make your reservations for this class.

## APRIL DOG OF THE MONTH

For the month of April, we are pleased to showcase one of our fabulous Beagles, Sophie McNelly. Sophie lives with her mom and dad, John and Kerry, in Batavia. She is a really fun girl who loves to come and play with her friends. She is a bit of an elitist in that she really likes to play with other Beagles, so on the days her Beagle friends are here, we really see the player come out in Sophie. Sophie is one of those dogs who prefers to play with other dogs as opposed to toys or people. Thus, she really benefits from the all day running around she does here. When you are here and see Sophie, please say hi to her and enjoy her poster starting April 1st.



SOPHIE

From all of us at  
Paws In Time,  
have a fun and  
safe spring  
break!