

Business Showcase

FEATURING A DISTINCT BUSINESS WEEKLY



Affordable Pet Services specializes in helping people take care of their pets when they're not able to. In addition to offering pet boarding in a new facility (above), Affordable Pet Services also offers in-home pet sitting and pet taxi services. Cindee Kakac (left) emphasized that one of her favorite parts of each day is spending lots of one-on-one time with each pet.



Affordable Pet Services

Pet Sitting ~ Kenneling ~ Pet Taxi



Mat and Cindee Kakac

Affordable Pet Services gives pet owners an affordable way to take care of their pet while they are at work or away from home.

Located about seven miles southwest of Alexandria (just off of County Road 4 on the south side of Lake Mary), Affordable Pet Services offers pet boarding, pet sitting and pet taxi services, all of which are tailored to the well-being of animals.

Ten years ago, the idea of owning their own kennel was just a dream for Cindee and Mathew Kakac, owners of Affordable Pet Services. However, two years ago they began to realize their dream was going to become reality.

Cindee started pet sitting for a friend who wasn't able to secure a reservation to board her dog over the weekend. After some research, Cindee started a professional pet sitting service in November of 2005. Soon after, Mat decided to remodel a portion of their barn and turn it into kennels. Affordable Pet Services cared for its first dog in May 2006. Pet taxi services naturally grew out of the pet sitting services when a customer was unable to take her pet to the vet and asked Cindee to do it.

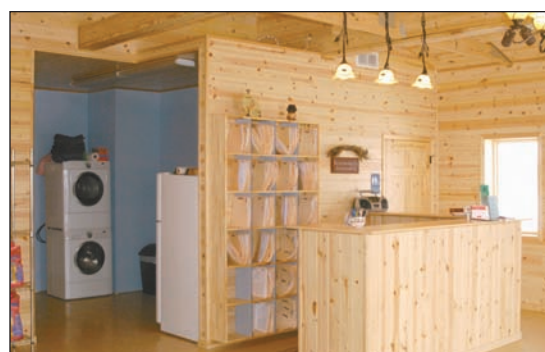
Now, about three years later, the Kakacs have a new pet boarding facility which was just completed this winter. The new building includes expanded kennel space for dogs, as well as a room for cats and other small animals. It also includes eight separate fenced-in, outside exercise areas.

Cindee explained that a person must truly have a passion for this work to dedicate them self to the long hours. However, Cindee noted that most days it doesn't seem like work at all – it's just one big play date.

"The time of day I look forward to the most is the evenings when I am able to spend one-on-one time with each pet," she said. "It's like a mini vacation every night of the week. The rest of the world melts away and it's just me and the ani-



Affordable Pet Services now has a new pet boarding facility with expanded kennel space and several outdoor exercise areas.



The goal of Affordable Pet Services is to offer unmatched pet care by giving dogs plenty of exercise and one-on-one time. Pets are also bathed and their bedding is washed before they are picked up by their owners.



mals spending quiet time together and bonding."

Cindee's dad instilled in her at an early age, that when you borrow something you should always return it in as good or better shape as when you borrowed it. One of the ways she does this is by bathing the animals and washing their bedding before the pets are returned to their owners.

"I feel lucky to be able to borrow people's pets, play with them, love them and then return them to their owners," she added.

Both Cindee and Mat believe exercise is very important to a well-adjusted dog. On average, dogs in their care are outside for exercise five times a day, including once when the dog is walked.

For the safety of the pets, Cindee and Mat have installed a security system in the building. For the comfort of each pet, relaxing music is played during the day. Fresh filtered water is offered a minimum of two times a day and more when needed.

In addition to convenient drop-off and pick-up times (by appointment), Affordable Pet Services also offers a limited retail line of Bil Jac dog and cat food and treats, as well as handmade pet supplies.

For more information about Affordable Pet Services, or to get specific directions and schedule an appointment to view their new facility, call (320) 766-2237. References are available upon request.

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