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Dear Grayson,

Welcome to the Winter, 2008 edition of **Tailwaggers**, a quarterly newsletter for pet owners from Karing by Kristina Complete Pet Care Professionals!

Tailwaggers is designed to bring you, the committed pet lover, a variety of helpful information including articles on caring for your pets, tips and tidbits, information about our pet care service and even a listing of local events for you and your pets.

We hope you enjoy **Tailwaggers** as much as we enjoy bringing it to you! **Please forward this to friends and family who love canines as much as you do!**

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City Revises Dangerous and Vicious Dog Law!

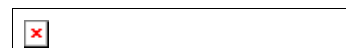
Current News Topics of Interest to Pet Owners

On February 23rd, City Council unanimously voted to revise the City's regulations concerning Dangerous and Vicious Dogs to conform to changes in State law. There are several advantages to this revision. Dangerous Dogs in Virginia are entered and maintained on a state registry, provided that they are appointed by a court, which will now be a part of the City process. In addition, adapting to State law provides a uniform definition throughout the state, meaning that the Dangerous Dog designation and requirements will apply wherever the owner and dog reside within the state.

[Click here to read more about Alexandria's new dog law!](#)

Get Your Hyperdog Launcher from Barkley Square!

Treats and Other Goodies from Barkley Square



A Few Words from Kristina

News & Views from KbK's Founder!

I want to express a hearty "thank you" to all of our clients for voting us the Best Pet Care Provider in Alexandria through the Alexandria Times newspaper!



That's right, Karing by Kristina was voted the best in Alexandria! My staff and I are very proud of this accomplishment and we want you to know that we would not have this honor without the loyalty and trust that you place in us each and every day!

Don't forget that Karing by Kristina is continuing its Sweet 16th Birthday Celebration all throughout 2008 with monthly coupons for savings with KbK and our partner, Barkley Square! Keep looking for those coupons in your email!

With Spring finally here, your pups are going to be demanding outdoor time with you. Barkley Square has the perfect toy for you and your pup.

The HyperDog Ball Launchers, Dog Toys designed for owners and dogs who love to fetch balls. This Dog Ball Launcher is constructed with strong surgical grade tube that can shoot tennis balls up to 220 feet and keeps your hands clean and dry using its patented hands free pick-up design. Hyper Dog ball launchers are made of durable steel baked with coating for rust and chip resistance, and can hold up to 4 tennis balls that can be used for multiple dogs. It gives easy and fun way to train and play retrieving balls and giving enough needed exercise.

[Click here to order a Hyperdog Launcher for your buddy!](#)

Help Us Help You!

KbK Policy Corner

Just a reminder to call Shelly at the office when making new appointments or changes to existing appointments! We think it is great that so many of you have such a close relationship with their pet care provider that you feel comfortable and in good hands making your appointments directly with your sitter. However, to provide you with the best possible service, avoiding mixups, we ask that you contact Shelly directly at (703) 329-1043 to make appointments and changes. Additionally, we think you will have a greater sense of security receiving appointment confirmations via email through our new state-of-the-art reservation system and that can only happen when Shelly knows about your appointment!

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our V.I.P. (monthly) clients for your trust in providing pet care to your precious pets! We also want to remind you of our cancellation policy. We gladly accept cancellations of service for V.I.P. service; however, we must have notice of cancellations two weeks prior to the dates requested and the dates requested must be 5 consecutive days of service. We work hard to get you scheduled with the pet care provider and time that you request, so we need a little time to make adjustments when those are requested!

[Please click here to see our FAQ and to download our Policy Guide!](#)

Events to Howl About!

Community and Canine-Related Event Calendar

April 18-24, 2008 is National Pet ID Week! Millions of companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide



Don't Skimp on Pet Care Planning During Spring Travel Season!

With the kickoff of the travel season quickly approaching, Pet Sitters International (PSI), the world's leading educational association for professional pet sitters, reminds pet owners to be mindful of their pets when making travel plans.

[Click here to read more about pet care planning!](#)

Shelly's Corner

KbK staff are here to serve you!



Welcome to the inaugural "Shelly's Corner"! In this area, I will personally address issues of interest to you, my clients! I am excited to have this opportunity to "talk" to you one-on-one!

In future newsletters, I will be writing the topics below in addition to other areas of interest to you! Please feel free to suggest topics for discussion for future newsletters!

- I will be hosting a refresher course on pet first aid through the American Red Cross
- KbK was the only Virginia pet care company to attend the recent NAPPS convention in Orlando, FL - I will be writing about some of the topics covered there
- Benefits of a raw food diet versus dry food
- Disadvantages of multi-pet walking (pack walking)
- Sensitivity of cats
- How to handle and "read a pet" that is aggressive

Petsitter of the Quarter

Each quarter we honor a KbK petsitter who has gone above and beyond for our clients!

This quarter we honor Lindsey Benton for her dedication to her clients that goes above and beyond the call of duty! Here is a little about Lindsey:



Lindsey was born and raised in the Northern VA area. She's a proud mother of 3 girls- 2 yr old, Sierra and 1 yr old twins, Hayley & Gabriella! She also loves her two Shelties, Phoenix and Sully as well as her Pomeranian, Sugarbear. Despite an MA in Forensic Psych, she prefers spending time with family & pets. Also has had lot of experience caring for various exotic

every year. Of these, only two percent of cats and 15- 20% of dogs are reunited with their owners. For this reason, the American Humane Association (AHA) has designated April 18-24, 2008 as National Pet ID Week.

[Click here to see our full events calendar!](#)

animals & reptiles. One day dreams of living on a ranch with a bunch of horses.

[Read about some of our other wonderful sitters!](#)

Matilda the Algonquin Cat

Just for fun...

A fabulous location. Superb service. Elegant accommodations. These are some of the hallmarks of the finest hotels in the world. How many, however, can boast of having a famous resident feline and a legacy of providing a loving home for cats?

[Click here to read more about Matilda!](#)

We hope you enjoyed the Winter 2008 edition of Tailwaggers! If you have any suggestions for articles or are interested in certain topics, please let us know!

Sincerely,



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