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Dear Grayson,

Welcome to the February, 2009 edition of **Tailwaggers**, a quarterly newsletter for pet owners from Karing by Kristina Complete Pet Care Professionals and Barkley Square Gourmet Dog Bakery & Boutique!

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 bakery 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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Vote for the Best of Northern Virginia!

There's still time to cast your vote!

Please vote Karing by Kristina for Best Dog Walking and Barkley Square for Best Retail Boutique. Bring a copy of your confirmation you voted and receive 10% off at Barkley Square.



[Click here to vote!](#)

Fleur de Lis Cookie to Benefit WHS

\$1 from every cookie will go to WHS!

On March 28, 2009 from 8PM to 1AM, the 3rd annual Fashion for Paws event will be held at



Karing by Kristina Client Highlight

Phillee & Georgia Thompson (Matt & Christa Thompson, Alexandria VA)

How long have you been a client of Karing by Kristina? "The Thompson Family has enjoyed being a client of Karing by Kristina since Summer 2008."



If your pet could talk, what would they say about their most memorable pet sitting experience? "Our two cairn terriers, Georgia and Phillee love being taken care of by Michelle and look forward to her visits. Phillee is very shy and likes to be at home, that's why Karing by Kristina works well for our pups. Phillee looks forward to Michelle's visits because Michelle gives her lots of love and often brings along some of the pretty treats she makes to share with her, boy does Phillee love a tasty treat. Georgia loves that Michelle takes her on lots of walks and plays fetch with her favorite

the Embassy of Italy to benefit the Washington Humane Society (WHS). Tickets are \$75 per person (standing), VIP \$150 per person (seated) and VIP tables will be \$2,000.

[Click here to purchase the Fleur de Lis cookie!](#)

Karing by Kristina Referral Program

Refer a friend who becomes a VIP monthly client during the month of February and receive a \$50 Karing by Kristina Gift Certificate!



[Click here to read more about our VIP program!](#)

Connect with Us!

KbK & BS YouTube, Facebook Pages, Twitter and Blog!

Check out our new [YouTube](#) page where we will post fun pet-related general and instructional videos!



Join us on Facebook! [KbK Facebook Page!](#) [Barkley Square Facebook Page!](#)

Please also check out our [Karing by Kristina blog](#) where we will be waxing eloquently on the happenings of the day! You can also sign up at our blog and join the conversation!

Follow us on [Twitter!](#)

Events to Howl About!

Community and Canine-Related Event Calendar

- March 7: Fun Dog Show
- March 28: Fashion for Paws



You can purchase tickets to Fashion for Paws [here](#).

[Click here to see details for these two great events!](#)

squeaky pig! Georgia could play with her pig for hours. "

What makes your pet unique? "Phillee and Georgia have very different personalities but are each other's best friends."

[To see more client stories and testimonials, check out Look Who's Talking!](#)

Cocoa's Chopps!

Four-Legged Clovers!



AS I was rooting around my mommy's office I found this funny looking green flower? Pretty and shiny I tried to eat it, of course, but YACKKK, it was awful. My mommy started to laugh and told me that was a 4-leaf clover. Not knowing what that I was I gave her, "the look." You know, the one we give when are humans expect us to know what they are saying - yeah, that one.

My mommy told me that the leaves symbolize faith, hope, love and luck. Each leaf has its own meaning. Who knew that I was getting ready to gulp down such an important leaf?

Well then my mom told me that this leaf, along with bunches more that I found and rolled in, were in the office because she is planning a big event for us doggies. It is called the Fun Dog Show. Mommy puts it on every year to raise money for the animals at the Animal Welfare league of Alexandria. She also told me they are raising money for the animals at the Washington Humane Society by collecting donations and selling tickets to the Fashion for Paws event. There is more information on this in the event section of the newsletter, so read on.

Isn't if funny how something like a 4 leaf clover can give humans a reason to drink and be merry. I just don't get them sometimes.

Karing by Kristina Staff Highlight

Ellen Szelesi

What is your favorite thing about pet sitting? "The fact that this is a stress free career, the dogs love seeing you and they don't talk back!"



How long have you been a Professional Pet Sitter? "I have almost completed my first year."

What is the most memorable experience you have had while pet sitting? "I have been able to take care of

a new litter of puppies!"

Read about some of our other fantastic sitters!

Karing by Kristina Obedience Training!

My name is Sandy Modell, the leader of the pack at Wholistic Hound. I deliver family dog training and behavior solutions that are both dog and people friendly. My clients achieve excellent results in a short time by learning better ways to integrating effective dog training techniques into their daily lives and learning to communicate with their canine companions. I use positive methods based on the science of animal learning and behavior as the basis of my training programs. I ask my clients to think of what they want their dog to do, not what they want them not to do, and focus on training the good behaviors that are necessary to have a well-mannered canine family member.



Click here to read more about our new obedience offering!

St. Patrick's Day!

Bring your dog into Barkley Square between now and St. Patrick's day wearing green to receive a free treat!

We hope you enjoyed the February, 2009 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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