

Area Pets Are In Good Hands At All Breed Kennels

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After moving locations six months ago and serving Maumee for a decade, All Breed Kennels owner Rick Pallatt is pleased with business.

May 1 marked the 10th anniversary of Pallatt's ownership of the dog daycare and boarding service. He said business has been great since the facility moved to its new location at 1225 Ford St. in Maumee, closer to the turnpike and expressway.

Pallatt said some owners bring dogs there for an hour while they go shopping and others leave them all day while they are at work.

"We see anything from four-pound Yorkies to 160-pound Great Danes and everything in between," he said. "It changes from day to day."

The boarding services for

both dogs and cats are unlimited. Pallatt said some owners leave their dogs there for up to three months. The boarding dogs are taken outside at least four or five times a day. Daycare dogs have outside access all day.

He said it's a compliment to him when he starts seeing repeat customers. Pallatt said he's had a good reputation among local veterinarians and within the community for the past 10 years.

"Some of the dogs pull their owners into the building," Pallatt said.

Walls lined with pictures Pallatt has taken of each dog, tires for the dogs to climb on, small pools for the dogs to dip in and steps shaped as paw prints leading outside are among the sights visitors see at All Breed Kennels.

Each boarding dog has its own run inside a unit that has air conditioning or heat-

ing, depending on the season.

The cat condos consist of a separate unit for each cat with windows to look outside. The television in the room plays the "Cat Channel," which shows birds, frogs and chipmunks on the screen.

"Some cats don't realize it's on and some lay there and watch it intently," Pallatt said.

Pallatt said there are between 15 and 30 dogs that come in for daycare each day. Prior to sticking the dogs in a room together, interviews are done with the owner and the dogs.

Dogs are put together in a room to judge interaction, and then more and more are added to see how they get along with one another. No aggressive dogs are accepted.

"It's like putting 20 people in a room together," Pallatt said. "We just want to make sure all the dogs are happy."

Some of the dogs even play hide and seek with each other, hiding in the little houses in the play area, Pallatt said. The workers encourage physical and mental exercise, keeping the dogs happy and active.

All Breed Kennels has 10 workers who take care of the dogs and cats. They work with each dog, some already trained and some that could use some training. The workers supervise them, play fetch with them, blow bubbles that the dogs like to chase around and brush them.

Pallatt said each worker owns pets and loves pets. The workers look forward to certain dogs coming in.

"I don't hire anybody that doesn't like to get down and get their face licked by a dog," Pallatt said.

Assistant manager John Wolfenbarger said he wanted a job where he could work with dogs. He has four dogs of his own.

Wolfenbarger sometimes has trouble getting the dogs to go into their cages. He has to bribe them with food or get in the cage himself to lure them in.

"It definitely takes someone who likes dogs a lot to work here," he said.

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Pet boarding hours at All Breed Kennels are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Dog daycare is available Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. For an obedience class schedule, call (419) 893-7218.

Pets are required to be vaccinated before arrival.

Day care is \$3.00 an hour. Boarding rates are as follows: small dogs are \$17.00, medium dogs are \$18.00 and big dogs are \$19.00 per night. No credit cards are accepted.



Since All Breed Kennels moved to its new location at 1225 Ford St., Rick Pallatt said it has attracted more business.

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All Breed Kennels owner Rick Pallatt supervises the dogs as they play outside. The dog daycare unit offers a playground area for the dogs to stay active and interact with other dogs.

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