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Hi, my name is Sara and I am the proud owner of Wagg Inn Pet Hotel, LLC. I'll tell you a little bit about myself and answer one of the most asked questions ... Why/How did you decided to open a Pet Hotel?

I was born and raised here in Green Bay, WI. From little on I have always had this passion for pets. My parents have always been so gracious in allowing pets into our family (probably for my well being☺). Growing up we have always had pets - dogs ranging from a St. Bernard to a lab to a Dalmatian. I've also had my fair share of lizards, hamsters, hermit crabs ... and cats were a must in the family. I remember when I was about 5 years old my sister and I had gotten kittens for Christmas from mom and dad and it was the most EXCITING gift ever!! My cat was white with gray spots who I named Lucky (after the cat from the TV show ALF) and my sister named here pure white cat Snowball (very clever Jennifer☺).

I have ALWAYS had a wonderful and very supportive family of my passion for animals and my business dreams! My parents, Mike and

Sandy, live in Little Suamico and are successful entrepreneurs of about 25 years. I have one sister, Jennifer who lives in Milwaukee with her family - my brother in law, Sean, and nephew, Noah (there is also one more nephew/niece on the way that will arrive around May 15th, 2007). And of course, I have my little Italian Greyhound, Weagan. Weagan is generally the meeter and greeter at Waggin Inn! He is the best dressed dog in the area so if you'd ever like to stop out and see one of his many designer outfit, he'd love to show them off to you ☺

So, how/why did I decided to open up a PET HOTEL???

I have always had a NEED and a WANT for dogs to somehow be a part of my everyday life. Having a dog and/or cat as a pet was just not enough. When I was a little girl deciding what I wanted to be when I was older, the only thing that was an option was something animal related. I knew that if I were going to be happy with one life-long career, it had to be doing something with cats and/or dogs. First off I was considering veterinary medicine ... that was before I know a whole lot about the profession. When I was about 8 years old (and like most 8 year old girls, I thought it was all glory given the opportunity to work with animals in any environment). That was when I found out I was very phobic of needles and blood. I had come to conclusion, veterinary medicine is a wonderful profession and there are many bonuses that come along with the job, yet it was not the best profession considering my phobia.

Well, there I sat watching 20/20 with my father and there was a portion of the show about a luxury boarding facility in the western Unites States. This facility was very nice with upscale accommodations for their pets staying the night. There were big group playareas so the dog got to play for the day while they were there, versus staying in kennels alone during the day. I thought to myself, what a better profession then to work with dogs all day in a fun environment where they get to run and play all day in a FUN environment and then go to their nice suites for rest time and feeding. I loved the concept of no cages or kennels for the dogs in an upscale environment with large playareas for the dogs to unleash themselves during the day!!

Throughout my high school and college years I have had numerous pet related jobs where I gained hands-on experience in the pet care industry. I was employed at a Green Bay pet boarding facility for about 4 years during high school. Much of my summers off of school included learning animal behavior, how pets adjust to different environments, grooming tactics, training procedures, feeding and administering medications to pets, etc. After high school, I went off to

college at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. There I studied for about four years and received a double-major business degree in Humane Resource Management and specializing in Entrepreneurship. On top of attaining my two degrees through UW OSHKOSH, I was also studying to attain a Veterinary Technician degree from home. Allowing myself to attain this degree gave me the knowledge and background in animal healthcare. When I had free time from school work, I had tried to squeeze time in to make some much needed cash by working in yet another boarding facility in Oshkosh. Working at this facility was fun, yet interesting to see the differences in the boarding facilities and the pets. Both jobs were very rewarding to me as I learned a lot about my dream profession. I also volunteered at the Oshkosh Humane Society. This was one of the most difficult "jobs" I've had, yet it was very rewarding. I had learned so much on animal behavior and care for homeless pets, as there was an extreme variety of dogs and cats!!

It's been a picture perfect dream since I was about 8 years old, so after my four years of college, I was set to endure in my dream of opening up my own luxury boarding facility and doggie daycare!! So here I am today, the proud owner of Wagg Inn Pet Hotel, LLC and I couldn't be happier with my choice in a career. I want to thank my parents for letting me fulfill my dreams, all my customers for their continued business/support and of course ALL of my staff, as we would not be the wonderful business we are without them☺