

Pets Get Love and Attention at Resort, Spa

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MIAMI TWP., Montgomery County—Entrusting the care of your pet to others can be unsettling.

That's why the owners of the new PETSuites Resort & Spa in Miami Twp. Say their cat and dog boarding facilities and services are unlike an other and provide a loving, stress-free and attentive environment for pets.

"It's the same psychology in leaving your child at day care or camp," said Joe Mason, founder, owner and chief operating officer of the new PETSuites at 3773 Summit Glen Drive.

"You need to have a very high level of comfort that your loved one will be safe, cared for and entertained."

The 20,000-square-foot white building with a green roof and shutters is filled with natural sunlight to create a welcoming tone. Referred to as a high-end hotel for cats and dogs, ranging in size and amenities and all visible to owners.

For cats, owners may choose a cat condo or villa, which can hold as many as six cats from the same household. Each condo and villa has a separate air purification system to ensure a virtually viral-free environment.

For dogs, boarding areas range from small dog suites for dogs less than 35 pounds, to what's called a penthouse for dogs 60 pounds or more.

Each cat room has either a view of an aquarium or window to view birds at feeders, while dogs have views of a waterfall or park and a television tuned to their owner's choice.

"There's a lot of natural light everywhere, too," said general resort manager Shannon Sullenburger, noting the skylights and windows that run through the facility.

The daily schedule for dogs and cats includes feedings, cleanings of quarters, personal time and play time. An evening tuck-in with treat is even included.

Owners can tailor pet activities and treat times, said Sullenburger, who has a degree in animal science and oversees the 15-member staff, many of whom have American Red Cross training and are professional pet handlers and groomers.

Staff will administer medications as directed by the owner.

PETSuites is open every day. Depending on the size of the boarding room and amenities, cat rooms start at \$18.50 per day, while dog rooms start at \$22.50 per day.