

# Business Profile:

## Your Pet Butler Caters to the modern pet

**P**et lovers in Shreveport-Bossier City now have a new friend: Your Pet Butler on Benton Road in Bossier City.

Your Pet Butler promotes itself as “The Pet Hotel and Spa for the Modern Paw.”

Look up “pet lover” in the dictionary, and they probably have the photograph of Paige Treadwell, owner of Your Pet Butler.

Treadwell opened the physical space of Your Pet Butler in July 2010 but had begun offering pet-sitting services for at least a year prior to that official opening.

“I worked at a veterinarian’s office for seven months,” Treadwell said, “before going into banking and finance in 1997.”

When Treadwell’s 13-year-old Dalmatian, Pearl, passed away in 2009, she decided the time was right to pursue her dream of having a business that would help animals.

“As it turned out,” Treadwell said, “the building where I had worked for the veterinarian was available, so I decided immediately that this was the place to open Your Pet Butler. I felt it was divine intervention the way everything fell into place. It is a real blessing to be able to do what you want with your life, and this is certainly my calling.”

At Your Pet Butler, Treadwell has 18 climate-controlled bungalows and five suites dedicated to home-like environments where the dogs can find their own space and have socialization as well. Though Treadwell adores and accepts cats, dogs have been the primary customers so far.

Guests in the suites will enjoy dining while they watch their favorite nature program on their private television, and suites are furnished with specially designed furniture and softly dimmed lights at night. All boarded dogs will receive a special bedtime treat from Your Pet Butler.

In addition to the indoor accommodations, Treadwell has two fenced yards behind the facility where the animals are free to roam. A third yard soon will open as well as a swimming pool for dogs.

“Dogs are, by nature, pack animals,” Treadwell said. “It is us who make them antisocial. At Your Pet Butler, we allow them to be true dogs as they were meant to be.”

Another innovation the facility is about to begin is the installation of Web cams in all the rooms where clients can log in and see what the pets – and staff – are doing.

In addition to on-site pet sitting, Your Pet Butler can also do sitting at your home if needed. Regular dog-walking services are also available, ensuring the animal’s physical and mental health, important socialization and activity that can tire a dog so they are less likely to misbehave. “If they are ‘dog tired,’” said Treadwell, “your pet will be less stressed, relaxed and sleep better.”

Doggie Day Care is yet another service available from open to close with hourly, three-day and weekly rates available. Day-care guests must have updated vaccination records and must be at least 4 months old, spayed or neutered, and present social, non-aggressive behavior.

Treadwell would eventually like to develop a no-kill animal shelter and would like to see all the area’s animal welfare services work together in a spirit of cooperation instead of competition. “I want to be a beacon to network with other organizations,” Treadwell said, “as allies rather than competitors.”

Even if your pet does not need overnight accommodations, Your Pet Butler also does grooming. Your pet will be brushed out to prepare for their bath. Then he or she will be bathed with an all-natural organic shampoo while they receive an overall body massage. They will then be rinsed and hand-dried and receive a good ear cleaning as well.

Your Pet Butler will love your pet almost as much as you do.

Visit [www.yourpetbutler.com](http://www.yourpetbutler.com) or their Facebook page, which is updated daily, for more information. Phone is 759-7387.

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