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Bed & Biscuit offers royal treatment

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A new dog grooming and boarding facility in Montmorenci has opened just off Old Dibble Road.

Wyatt's Bed & Biscuit broke ground in May in a quiet, country setting, just a few yards from the house of the owners, Lori and Jene Jenkins. When Lori told her husband she wanted to undertake the project, he obliged her by sketching a design on a paper bag.

"It is amazing to see just an idea turned into this," Lori said. "We did everything the way we wanted to."

Named for a beloved Boston Terrier Lori once had, Wyatt's features central heat and air conditioning for premium ventilation, a large tub for bathing, a full-service grooming station, 42 kennels and two double-run kennels. Light construction is still ongoing and the enormous side yard will soon be converted into a fenced play area for the dogs. The front office area is comfortable and painted a bright, fresh yellow.

Tacked up on a corkboard near the front desk are before and after pictures of a dog Lori groomed. It was a poodle that looked more like a sheepdog before Lori worked with it.

Lori trained at the Southern Institute of Pet Grooming and is now a professional pet stylist. She worked at a grooming and boarding facility in New York and owned one in Greenville. She has also been breeding Boston Terriers for many years.

"I have been in the atmosphere where you get ideas and want to do it your way," she said. "Animals are my passion. This was a dream and now I wake up and it's there."

Not only is she living her dream, she's living right next door to it. Lori only has to walk across her yard to go to work. When she purchased her house, she realized then what a great piece of property it was. Everything fell into place when she learned the area was zoned rural development.

Boarding is \$15 a day for small- to average-sized dogs. Baths will be given to all boarded dogs at no charge. Prices on grooming vary.

Since Wyatt's is still in the early stages, there are no set business hours yet. Lori said she will be flexible to a customer's needs.

"I think it's a nice, clean place for dogs to stay," she said.

For more information on grooming or boarding, call (803) 335-2828. For more information on Boston Terrier breeding, visit www.wyattshowbostons.com.



Posted inside Wyatt's Bed & Biscuit is an example of the work Jenkins can do.

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