



HIGH-STONE PET LODGE

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Located two blocks south of Brookhollow Country Club
and two blocks north of Mockingbird Lane

News By Charles

Greetings from the newly expanded Pet Lodge. It's me again, Charles, writing with big, big news. I'm so excited that I can't stop wiggling. Come visit me soon for a cool drink and complimentary biscuit, and of course, a tour of the new lodge. You'll love what you see.



FRENCH QUARTER SUITES NOW OPEN

Just last month we opened our new French Quarter Village. The Village contains over 2000 square feet of climate-controlled condos with cool, antibacterial floors. Each condo includes custom wrought-iron gating and a new 6-inch orthopedic mattresses or luxurious new daybed. It's a private bedroom for your best friend,



where soothing music creates a relaxing environment during your pet's visit. Our new Village is reminiscent of New Orleans' French Quarter creating the intimate feeling of a tranquil courtyard. Condo sizes begin with our 4 x 8 spaces. Our 4 x 12 condos offer your pet an oasis of calm with large daybeds. And for special and larger guests, our luxurious Presidential Suite exceeds 8 x 12 feet. Regardless of the accommodations you select for your best friend, every guest is offered nutritional Bil-Jac at mealtime, plenty of cool sanitary water, and ample outdoor time in our weather-protected dog runs.

TRAINING TIP FROM THE RETRIEVER JOURNAL: A SENSE OF PLACE, BY STEVE SMITH

One of the hardest things for those training their first dog to comprehend is that many dogs are extremely "place-specific" in the way they learn. For example, if you were in your kitchen and your kid asked you the capital of South Dakota, you'd say "Pierre." And if you walked into the living room and he again asked you the capital of South Dakota, you'd give him the same answer. Not your dog. Your dog would say, "Pierre" in the kitchen and, "Frankfort" in the living room. Actually, in the living room, he wouldn't say anything – he'd act like he'd never heard of state capitals before. Plus, he's a dog and is highly unlikely to say anything anyway, but that's another matter. A dog that heels perfectly well in the backyard may get amnesia when he's asked to heel for the first time in the field, an action often mistaken for disobedience. It's not; in the backyard, "heel" means "heel." In the field – at first – "heel" means "*hdyefgwlsicp*." Only after he's re-taught heeling in the field will he do it there as well, though he'll learn it faster. It works that way with all the dog's skills – they are not always transportable until they've been used in a fairly wide variety of places and circumstances. He's not being disobedient – he just really doesn't understand yet. Have patience.

CHAT WITH CHARLES

Time for talk with Jill the Pill, my Lakeland pal. Let's ask Jill about boarding at HighStone's new luxurious French Quarter.

CHARLES: Jill, I've seen a lot of you lately at the pet lodge. I suppose your family was away on vacation. Did they go some place exciting?

JILL: I have no idea, Charles. Geography isn't my strongest subject. I only know that while they were away, I was at HighStone, playing ahaving fun.

CHARLES: So you've seen the new suites then, eh, Jill?

JILL: Oh yeah. I blush when I think of the royal treatment I received. The suites are magnificent. Fit for a king . . . or for a princess like myself. You know my favorite part, Charles . . . do you know what I love the best?

CHARLES: Is it the soothing music . . . selected to tame the savage terrier? Is that what you love best, Jill?

JILL: No, Charles. And you know that we Lakelands aren't savage in the least. However, the music is indeed especially fine. All of us in the new large space, *le quartier*, as I call it, were *tres tranquil*.

CHARLES: I'm glad you were relaxed. So, that must mean your favorite part was the extra large condos, with enough space to really stretch out . . . lazy naps on the cool, clean floor?

JILL: No, Charles, it's not even the over-sized suites and all the space.

CHARLES: Well tell me, Jill, what's your favorite part?

JILL: It's the bedding, Charles . . . the custom, orthopedic bedding. I had to be roused every morning.

CHARLES: Oh, I hear you, Jill. Six full inches of the finest orthopedic mattress that any dog might desire.

JILL: It's like I've never left home. I have a confession, Charles, I didn't even miss my family -- not much, anyway. It was as fine as sleeping on the big bed at home.

CHARLES: Better, because it's all yours, Jill. No people pushing you to the side. No sharing of the covers. No one keeping you up too late. It's your own private retreat. With room service!

JILL: Indeed it is. And it doesn't hurt that my private boudoir was colorful, clean, safe, and cozy. I like the French Quarter theme. *Tres chic!*



CHARLES: Have you been to the French Quarter, Jill? Are you familiar with New Orleans?

JILL: No, Charles. I was once in France at the French Quarter of the Left Bank. That's in Paris, Charles.

CHARLES: And you said you weren't good with geography. Truly, Jill. I'm impressed.

JILL: Well, Charles, let me be candid. High-Stone's new French Quarter suites are far better than the Left Bank. No plane ride necessary . . . simply a call to HighStone for a suite reservation.

CHARLES: What a deal, Jill. So, do you have plans to return?

JILL: I do; and perhaps we can share one of the large suites. But first, Charles, I have an question: What does *orthopedic* mean?

CHARLES: In dog language, Jill, it means comfy cozy . . . and that's all that we dogs need to know.

JILL: Oh, Charles. You'll always be the smartlest Lakeland in the world [winks].

SUMMERTIME HOLIDAYS

With all the new luxury suites at HighStone, there's still time to make your end-of-summer boarding reservation. Call now for Labor Day reservations and take advantage of daycare and grooming specials while your pet is boarding. Whether or not you're going out of town, please stop by to tour our new French Quarter suites.

Remember, we're closed on Monday, September 1.

