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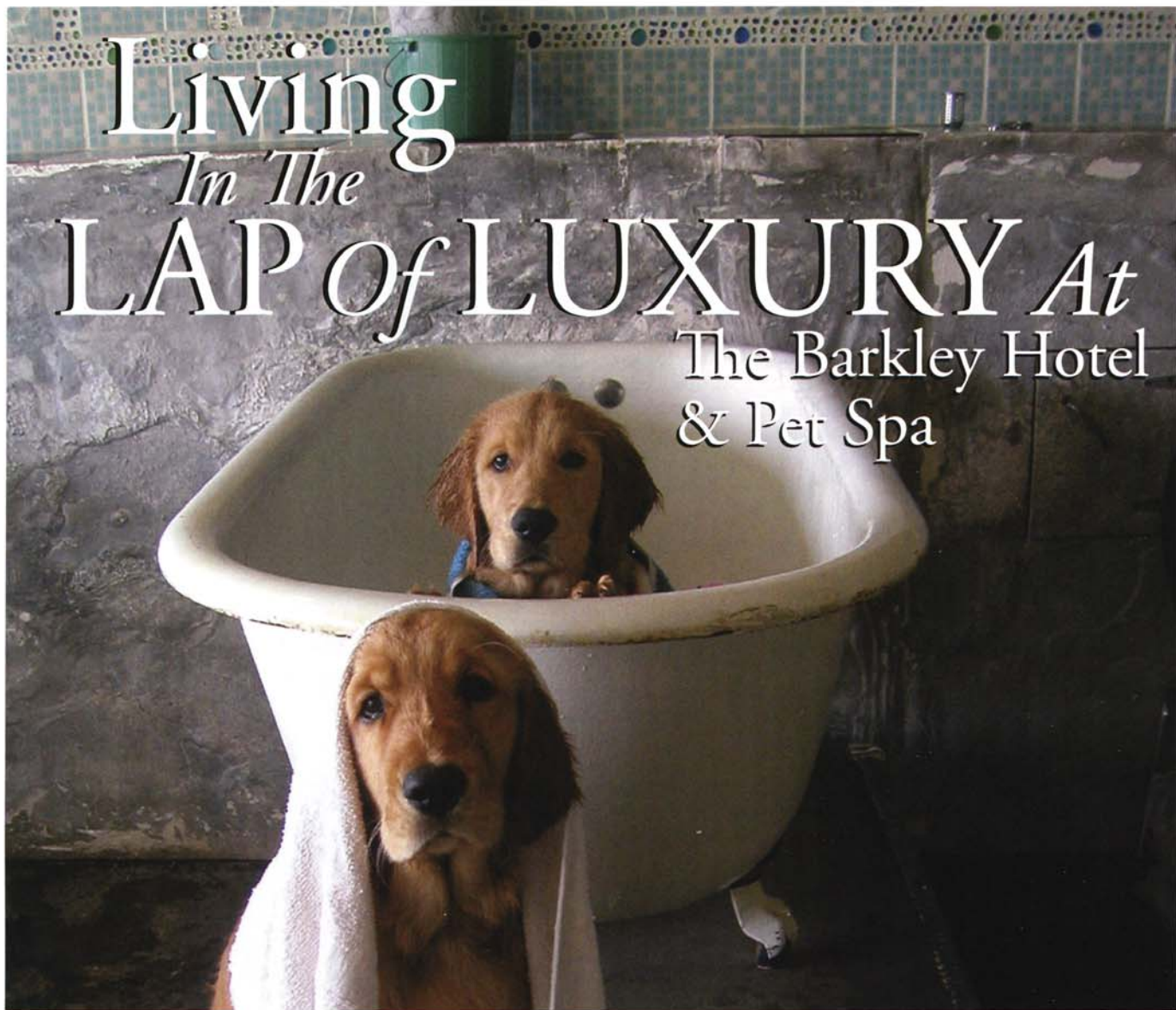
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Living In The LAP of LUXURY At The Barkley Hotel & Pet Spa

Who says you can't have your biscuit and eat it too? For animal lovers everywhere the decision to take a much needed vacation and leave a loved one behind is always a ruff one. Feeling guilty about how your pet will be cared for while you're gone is a natural instinct, but remorse no more; introducing The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa. Chances are your pet will have a more luxurious vacation than you do!

Before finalizing your pet's reservation at your local boarding facility check out The Barkley and see if your choice measures up. This spot is so dog-gone good we couldn't resist barking about it. The Barkley boasts on what sets them apart from other facilities, "being nationally recognized for changing the way pet owners view servicing their dogs and cats." Howard Perlmutter walks us through his luxury pet resort and throws us all the right bones.

The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa located in Cleveland, Ohio is the ultimate home away from home for your pet. The Barkley is a \$4.5 million dollar pet paradise spread over 3-acres of urban real estate, purrrfect for prime pet care. The goal of this hotel is to be one

of the best pet care facilities in the world and they are doing just that. A true "pet hotel", not kennel, offering animal guests services beyond your pet's wildest dreams.

This state-of-the-art facility provides boarding, grooming, doggie day care, and even a "Barkley Webcams" so that you can share in your pet's excitement and joy online. As described by Perlmutter, "The Barkley is a lifestyle, not just a facility. We have flea funerals daily in our grooming department, muttrimonies for dogs looking to get married, bar(k) mitzvahs for Kosher dogs, and we even cater to muttosexual dogs in our salon. Yes, even dogs get pawlished." The level of care at The Barkley is second to none. Owners have the freedom to choose from a variety of accommodations such as doggie boot camp and obedience training (report cards provided after completion, of course) to grooming services and spa extras like milk baths, pawdicures and facials. This hotel and spa even offers relaxation massages and trans "paw"tation; assuring that your pet rides in style.

In addition to the amazing amenities offered, Mr. Perlmutter tells us about how his staff goes above and beyond the bark of duty to keep



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include laser therapy, joint mobilization, acupuncture, canine hydrotherapy, weight management programs, and thermal therapy; treatment even a human can be comfortable with. The Health & Wellness Center is ideal for supporting your pet's highest quality of life.

If you aren't sold by now, you should be! To ensure that a room is reserved for your pet, Perlmutter suggests that all customers book in advance. Early booking will assure that your pet gets the specific type of room they want. Perlmutter also clues us in on how to save some money while staying at The Barkley, “Unlike a human hotel, guests cannot just go get coffee or hang around town waiting for early check-in. In order for housekeeping to have ample time to prepare the suite for its next guest, check out time is 12 noon.” Like any hotel, guests can save money by avoiding late check-out fees and departing before noon. Ready yet to book your pet's stay at The Barkley?

For more information visit: thebarkleypethotel.com.

— Elizabeth Baker

their guests happy; “Our staff provides 24 hour care and supervision. They undergo constant training and certification sessions and they are all loving animal care owners that understand the importance of their job – to take care of someone else's best friend.” The staff at The Barkley is there to provide your pet with clean, high-quality bedding, daily maid and linen service, continuous fresh water, multiple daily walks and feedings, soothing music, customized climate control, and plenty of TLC. Clearly a 5-star resort for your pets.

When asked about the public's reaction to The Barkley Mr. Perlmutter says, “Customers are amazed that something like this was developed. They are extremely loyal.” The Barkley strives for incredible customer service. With a system of checks & balances and activity records customers can call and check on the status of their four-legged friend at any time during their stay; just one more measure to make sure that you as a parent has a relaxing and stress-free vacation.

Should your pet require a little extra attention for special medical reasons, The Barkley is home to a one-of-a-kind Health & Wellness Center. The Health & Wellness Center offers a variety of services provided by experienced in-house licensed veterinarians. Services



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