



PAVLOV'S CONDITIONING

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I could not be a true "PAVLOV" without 2 dogs of my own. Although, I love these canines, they are seldom welcome on my trips to the Caribbean. More importantly, I feel guilty when I leave them at home for any protracted period of time. Fortunately, we have several excellent DOG CARE facilities in the west-end. This month I will feature one of them.

"HOME BUDDIES", is located at 377 Munster Avenue (416-207-0977), just west of Islington and South of Bloor. It is owned and operated by Larissa Novak. The premises are approximately 3000 square feet, and are divided into several sections. The most striking aspect of the space is the outdoor space that is covered with specially designed Astroturf that provides comfort and safety for the dogs. There is also a large roll-up door that allows them to expand the outdoors, quite easily in the warmer months.

They offer a full array of services. Everything from basic dog walking, grooming, boarding and a pet taxi service. When I left one of my German Sheppards there a few months ago, Larissa took him home for the night. The environment is sanitized daily and they also use a modern air cleaner to ensure both pets and visitors are breathing clean air.

Larissa has loved pets her whole life, and started looking after pets when she was much younger, and gradually her hobby ballooned into a full-time business. In keeping with her engaging and relaxed personality, pets are treated with intimacy and attention.

At the front of the facility, Larissa created a dog lounge complete with chairs, television and fireplace. Who says dogs don't enjoy the high life?



If you ever worried about your pet, or needed to take a break. Relief in this case, is just a phone call away.