



Special points of interest:

- Winding Road Kennel won the Reader's Choice Awards the 8th year in a row for BEST KENNEL! And, this year, we also won for BEST GROOMER!
- Ron and Denise will celebrate 25 years in business in 2018!

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Looking Back at 2017

Happy New Year! We wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2018! As we prepare for the new year, we'd like to take a moment to look back at 2017 and acknowledge some of the year's finest moments.

2017 was a pretty busy year for us here at the kennel. We've had some of our busiest months ever this year! We have met a lot of new customers and for that, we are very grateful. We started our year partnering up with FaithLink to create a volunteer program called Paws to Help. This program's goal is to help the senior citizens of our area to keep their pets at home with them for as long as possible. Our volunteers (many of whom are Winding Road Kennel staff members) walk dogs, scoop yards, clean litter boxes and provide support for seniors that are having a hard time caring for their pets. Throughout the year, we have participated in fundraisers for FaithLink, attended dinners and trade shows, and met some really wonderful people along the way. We've helped out several of our local seniors, which has proved to be such a fulfilling and wonderful experience.

Over the past year, we have par-

ticipated in many events in our community—Woof Fest, Walk Your Paws, and a Back to School Bash just to name a few. We hosted several events that have become annual events for us—the Pet Celebration Day at Jackson Dog Parks in the spring, our Easter egg hunt for our doggie campers in the spring and the Parkersburg Homecoming Dog show in August. Our favorite event of the year, our Trick or Treat for Dogs in October, was cancelled this year due to a fire that caused some safety concerns for our area. As sad as we were to have our event cancelled, we certainly understand the City of Vienna's decision.

We took matters into our own hands and helped a neighborhood lab find a loving home. This journey was a tear jerker for our staff but we decided as a team to do what was best for our furry friend and we got her involved with a lab rescue group that took her to Maryland and placed her with a family that loves her and gives her the care and attention that she deserved.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our favorite campers—dogs like Roscoe, Sam, Finnegan,

Gage and Duncan (just to name a few), who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. We've met some puppies who over the past year we've had the pleasure of watching grow up —Dasher, Smokey, Bandit, and Willie (again, just to name a few!).

We are constantly making improvements in the kennel—painting, installing new fences, and building new porches and decks for the kennel office. In 2018 we plan to add some fun yard play equipment for our doggie camper's entertainment.

This year we welcomed many new campers, dogs and cats, but for the first time, we housed a pig overnight. That's right, a pig! We've also been visited by a ferret, rabbits and some birds.

We won the Reader's Choice Award for the Best Kennel for the 8th year in a row and this year we also won Best Groomer! We are very proud of our staff and all the hard work they put in to accomplish this great honor.

2018 will be our 25th year in business here at Winding Road Kennel. We look forward to many more years serving our customers and our community!



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Meet Our Staff



Our Marketing Director, Angie, has worked at Winding Road Kennel for six years. She began as our receptionist. Angie has three grown daughters and two dogs, a lab named Bo and a Chihuahua named Lilly. For Angie, the best part of working here at the kennel is all the great dogs she gets to meet and our wonderful customers. Her co-workers refer to her as the “Chihuahua Whisperer” because she has a soft spot for those little dogs! Before starting at the kennel, Angie has worked for a motorcoach company and the local newspaper office. You may see her out at local events and on WTAP from time to time as she coordinates all of our special events.



Crystal is our receptionist and has worked at the kennel since August 2014. Her favorite things about her job is our office cats, Angie’s cookies, and all the dogs that she comes in contact with every day. Crystal has three daughters and one beautiful grand daughter, Ivy. She has six dogs: Diego, a black lab; Murphy, a beagle/basset mix; Willow, a catahoula/aussie mix; Jake, an aussie/lab mix; Callie, a beagle/coonhound mix, and Otis, a basset hound. Prior to coming to the kennel, Crystal has worked retail and as a victim advocate with the local prosecutor’s office. Crystal is the person you will usually speak with when you call in to make a boarding reservation or groom appointment.



Erica began working at Winding Road Kennel almost 15 years ago. She began as a bather and loved it so much, our owner and Master Groomer Denise trained her to be a dog groomer. After many years of grooming, Erica transitioned to the kennel where she is now one of our Head Kennel Techs. Erica has four children and two dogs, Sally and Louie. Although she technically isn’t grooming anymore due to carpal tunnel in her wrists, we do have a few customers that insist that she is the only one that can groom their dogs. Erica occasionally covers the desk on Crystal’s days off or during her lunch breaks, so sometimes you will find her in the office, but most of her day is spent in the kennel, caring for your pets.



Cassie began working at Winding Road Kennel almost three years ago and was at first trained as a dog bather. She quickly transitioned down to the kennel where she is now one of our Head Kennel Techs. Cassie has two dogs of her own—Max, a boxer who sadly passed away in 2017, and Buddy, a golden retriever mix. She also has a couple of cats and is an animal lover in general. Cassie is also an outdoor lover—if she’s not at work, you might find her at North Bend camping or on a nature hike somewhere. Cassie is also a photography enthusiast. If you come out for a visit, you will more than likely find Cassie out in the kennel or in the yard playing with the dogs.



Tiffany began working at the kennel in June 2016. She loves the people and the animals that she works with. Tiffany has two dogs of her own, Jazzy and Clyde. She is the new mother of a beautiful baby boy she named Legend. Before coming to the kennel, Tiffany worked at the Marietta animal shelter, so she has years of experience working with animals. Tiffany mainly works in the kennel, but has also been trained as a bather and often helps out in the groom shop on the busy days.



Jonna is one of our Kennel Techs and came to work here at the kennel in April 2012. She has three handsome sons, a dog named Kodah and six cats, Bobbi, Bella, Jakey, Bonnie, Mama, and Katydid. She enjoys working at the kennel because of all of the animals and the love they have for us. No matter what kind of day she is having, our furry campers always make her happy! Before coming to work at the kennel, Jonna has worked at a golf course and in retail, but finds her work here at the kennel very rewarding. Jonna helps cover the front desk on Crystal’s days off but mainly works in the kennel.



Gillian began working at the kennel in April 2017. Gillian is a senior at PHS. Her favorite thing about working at the kennel is the dogs! She has several dogs and cats of her own and has a fondness of pitbulls and reptiles. Her plans after graduating this year are to continue her education and aspires to be a veterinarian one day. Before working at the kennel, Gillian worked at her family's diner and a local pizza shop. Gillian is one of our Kennel Techs.



Amber loves the animals and all the people that work here. Amber started here at the kennel in the summer of 2017. She has a teenage daughter and younger twin boys. Before working at the kennel, Amber worked at Cold Water Creek and at a local RV sales store. Amber is planning on working on obtaining her GED soon. Amber is one of our Kennel Techs, but has also been trained in the groom shop as a bather.



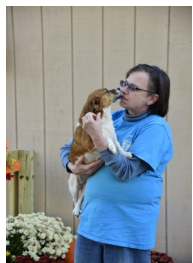
Cassidy is a senior at PHS this year. She began working here at the kennel in July of 2017 and is planning on working here until she leaves for college this summer. Cassidy's favorite part of working here at the kennel is being outside, and of course, she loves all of the animals! At home, Cassidy has a mini poodle, a corn snake, and a veiled chameleon. Before working at the kennel, Cassidy worked in the mall at JC Penney's. In the summer, Cassidy plans to attend college in North Carolina.



Micheal is our bather, but is often found helping out in the kennel, too. Micheal's favorite part of working at the kennel is being able to make the dogs feel at home and loved. Micheal has three dogs at home: Lucy, a JRT, Coco LaRue, a chi-weenie, and Lokey, a Chinese crested/schnauzer mix. Before working at the kennel, Micheal worked for many years with the physically and mentally challenged. Micheal is always the first one to volunteer to stay over and goes out of her way to help her co-workers.



Tim is one of our awesome groomers. Tim can often be found in the show ring—he is very active in local dog shows and is often the handler of dogs that are participating in the shows. He has been showing dogs since 1986, and has also worked as a baker at a local grocery store. Tim has six dogs of his own: Shye, a Irish red and white setter; Bubby, a shihtzu; Tess, a min pin; Cher, a min pin; Bella, a min pin; and Enzo, a wirehaired Dotson. Tim is also very crafty—he makes wreaths and other crafts and can often be found at local craft venues, peddling his goods.



Meg began working at the kennel several years ago as a bather/kennel tech. She loved it so much she went to grooming school in Michigan and became a certified dog groomer! Meg has three dogs of her own—Misty, Cinnamon and Baxter. Meg is very active in her church and community. Meg has a way with dogs and is often found in the kennel, having her lunch in a run with a scared dog. Meg is a very compassionate soul and volunteers with our Paws to Help program as much as she can.



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Last, but certainly not least, meet our handy dandy maintenance man, Scott. Scott has been at the kennel for almost two years now. He has helped build our new boarding office, the Cat House, put up a new fence, and basically fixes everything we break. Scott has two dogs, a cocker spaniel named Daisy and a little yorkie named Holly. In the summer, you will often find Scott outside on the mower, or helping our boss build or fix things.



Funny Stories

Over the years, some funny things have happened here at the kennel. Some of them just are too....well, inappropriate to write about (fatigue makes you do crazy things), and some of them might not even seem funny to someone that doesn't work at a kennel, but here are some random "memories" of our staff that have given us all a chuckle over the last several months.

- One of our staffers went to open the door and the door knob fell off!
- Once, our grumpy office cat Bad Bob got stuck in a Halloween clown costume, to

be found by the tuck in staff later that evening.

- There was this one time that a bernadoodle took one of our staffers "ice skating" in the front yard when she was trying to load him up so he could go home.
- Once, this little doxie with a lot of attitude bit one of our staffers on the behind!
- A new staffer spent over 20 minutes trying to catch a dog in the yard that wasn't quite ready to go inside yet.
- We once had a very young

"maintenance" man. Our boss sent him to do a chore in the cat house and he let a cat out to play with it, not knowing it was an angry cat and he had to call for help because the cat attacked him. (Ok, he didn't think this story was funny, but the rest of us did!)

- We have a pitbull named Coco that comes to visit and when she gets a bath, she will only allow the bather to dry her if she is sitting on the bather's lap....she's a pit bull! So it makes it funny!!