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DOGGIE MANSIONS DEBUTS "REAL ESTATES" FOR MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Palm Beach broker launches real estate firm catering to the needs of the pampered pet

August 15, 2006 – WEST PALM BEACH, FL – You live in a beautiful home, shouldn't your dog? That's the idea behind **Doggie Mansions**, Palm Beach's newest real estate firm specializing in the creation of custom luxury dog homes. In an era where dogs travel via private jet in Louis Vuitton carry-ons, dine on gourmet cuisine and spend weekends at posh camps in the countryside, it only makes sense that these pampered pups have their very own mansion that mirrors the sophisticated taste and style of their owners.

The brainchild of veteran real estate broker Donald Gorbach, Doggie Mansions custom designs and builds each luxury dog home to order based on the owners' preferences. Says Gorbach, the company's "Top Dog," "If you live in a Mediterranean-style estate with stone columns, marble floors, a barrel tile roof, air-conditioning, plasma TVs, decorator furnishings, faux finished interiors and beautiful landscaping, that is what we can recreate for your dog. If you prefer a beach house with white-washed shutters or a pastel blue Bermuda cottage, that is what we will build. The whole idea is to integrate your taste and style into the home we create especially for your pooch."

Additional models offered include Key West-style cottages, Hamptons-style beach houses, urban brownstones, New England-style colonial homes and country estates. Doggie Mansions can be customized to match any style home, and they can be built in various sizes depending on the size of the dog. Families with multiple pets can opt for a "Doggie Duplex" or two-room estates with separate entrances for each pet.

Doggie Mansion clients work directly with Gorbach, the team of talented home builders and "Doggie Designer" Kari Roundy, owner of Boca Raton-based interior design firm Atmospheres, to



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determine which style they prefer. Additional custom options discussed with the client include the exterior colors, the interior paint style (faux finishing, high gloss, Venetian plaster), the furnishings and decor style (modern and hip or more traditional), the flooring (marble, stone, tile or wood), window treatments and whether they'd like to add flat-screen TVs and DVD players continuously running Benji. Of course, the walls are adorned with pet-friendly artwork, the doormat says "Wipe Your Paws", silk plants ensure no messy spills, carpets are treated for easy clean-ups and each home comes with a custom basket of toys and stylish food, water and treat dishes.

Clients who would prefer a combo Doggie Mansion/Child's Playhouse or a "Kiddie Mansion" decorated specifically with kids in mind can opt for this dual-purpose estate. The homes are built using the finest materials, for either indoor or outdoor use, and are priced based on the size of the mansion and the options chosen (just like with real homes).

Homes take about six to eight weeks to build, and delivery is available for an additional fee. Resales are available, as is a redesign of the interiors for a nominal fee.

For more information, and to see examples of Doggie Mansion "spec" and model homes, visit www.doggiemansions.com or call (877) MY-DOGGIE.