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It's a Dog's Life

Especially in Knoxville, TN, where a company called PetSafe two years ago built the first public dog park in Knoxville on the grounds of its headquarters. Now, a year later, the firm built the first pet day spa and daycare center in Knoxville, called "The PetSafe Village."

The dog park is state of the art—complete with a pond, set of agility equipment, walking trails, doggie water fountains, picnic tables, etc. The PetSafe Village has some of the first deluxe pet rooms in the country. When you put your pet in daycare at PetSafe, you get a link to its website, where you can check on your pet during the day via a webcam. There are also microphones in

the rooms, so you can talk to your pet during the day. All of the rooms have a television set airing Animal Planet and have an indoor/outdoor door, so your pet can choose to go outside or stay in its room.

You also can sign up your best friend for a massage, grooming or an obedience class. The Village has doggie day camp and an event for singles every month called "Yappy Hour." If you don't live in Knoxville, the combination of the dog park and pet spa make the perfect pit stop for a family or individual traveling with pets. Whether you're going on vacation, visiting a family member, or traveling through Knoxville on business—now you can bring your pet along for the ride, thanks to the first rest stop for pets in the South!

For more information, call (865) 777-DOGS (3647) or visit the website at www.petsafevillage.com.



Philatelic Fanatic

Say that 10 times, if you can. In case you don't know what a philatelist is (not someone resigned to his fate—that's a fatalist), it's a person who collect stamps. Serious stamp collectors will want to make plans to be in Washington, DC, from May 27-June 3 for the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition, or for short, Washington 2006 World Stamp Expo.

The worldwide event will be held at the city's Convention Center under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society with support from the American Stamp Dealers Association and U.S. Postal Service. The show upholds a tradition that began back in 1926 with the first U.S. International Philatelic Exhibition held in New York City and staged about every 10

years. The slogan of this year's convention is "Stamps—and So Much More!" and will feature such themes as The Role of the Post Office in Uniting the Country, Children—They Are The Future, and Moving the Mail in the 21st Century.

Highlights include over \$200 million worth of philatelic items on display and for sale; new U.S. stamp issues and first day of issue ceremonies; foreign government postal stands selling stamps at face value; more than 150 stamp vendors selling stamps for pennies up to millions of dollars, and rarities of the world in hundreds of frames in Court of Honor displays.



For more information on the show, call (585) 586-5757 or visit www.washington2006.org.