

# Business Acton Veterinary Clinic cuts no corners

If you want your cat or dog to sport the 'Best Clips', you may want to see Jane McKay at the Acton Veterinary Clinic who's opened a pet grooming salon

named 'Best Clips'. For nine years, Ms. McKay has been cleaning, brushing and clipping dogs and cats and decided to finally open her own grooming

business in the veterinary clinic because of the convenience it would be to customers. "It's like one-stop shopping," she said. "People can come here

to get their pets looked at by the vet and cleaned up at the same time."

Ms. McKay is a big lover of dogs and animals in general. She has two dogs herself, a 6-month-old Newfoundland and a 13-year-old Lhaso Apso. So after five years working as a secretary in Montreal, she laid down her pen and decided to pick up a brush. She took a one-month grooming course and started travelling door-to-door with her pet grooming skills to get experience.

When she and her family moved to this area, she immediately started building up a clientele in the hopes there would be enough customers in the area to justify opening her own shop.

Though her new shop officially opened on March 1, she's still working part-time at a Mississauga pet grooming business to tide her over this financially restrictive time in the economy.

She hopes by summer she won't need a part-time job.

Getting a dog groomed costs about \$30 to \$35 for a mid-sized dog but prices change according to how large the dog is, how badly matted the dog's coat is and how much the customer wants done to her pet. Cat prices are variable as well.

"My prices are incredibly reasonable compared to city grooming businesses," she said. "I charge less because people have a different attitude here and many dogs are outside dogs. In the city, people have pets in their apartments so they need to get them cleaned and groomed more often."

Anyone interested in getting their dog or cat groomed can call 853-0704 for an appointment.



Judy McKay, the new pet groomer in Acton, has officially opened 'Best Clips,' a pet grooming service inside the Acton Veterinary Clinic. She's seen here grooming her own dog, six-month-old Murphy, a Newfoundland. (Herald photo)

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