

Atn: The Town Of Port Hedland

Letter of support regarding: The opening of a canine enrichment center in Port Hedland.

My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a resident of Port Hedland since [REDACTED]. Previous to that I resided in [REDACTED].

I currently have two rescue dogs, [REDACTED].

When I used to reside in [REDACTED] I regularly used puppy play centers, canine enrichment centers, pet hotels/dog boarding and dog socializing days to socialize, train and exercise [REDACTED]. During the period of around 3 years I had no issues with [REDACTED]. I was also able to travel and go on holidays leaving my pet at a facility that used to have bedding, socializing, exercise, treatments and even TVs. My dog used to love it so much there she didn't want to go home.

When I moved to Port Hedland in [REDACTED] I went on the search to find myself a place or business where I could exercise my dog and give her the social interaction that she was used to. I could not find this service anywhere. This started to become a stress and problem for myself, my partner and my dog as I would work a week on/week off basis and my dog would have nowhere to go during this time.

The negative impacts started becoming visible when, for the first time in 3 years my dog was digging and escaping the yard. She would always be found at a park or beach around people and animals she wanted to play with. Thankfully she had previously been trained and socialized and she was not a danger to the public when she escaped however she had never done this before. I could tell that my dog was missing the highest value enrichment experiences that she used to get in [REDACTED].

The lack of canine enrichment centers had even further negative impact on my life when, after trying to search for a safe place for my dog to stay while I was on holidays, I resorted to a "House Sitter" that I found on social media. Upon returning from my holiday, my house was in a state of disrepair, my dog had been left days without food and my dog started displaying behaviors of serious concern. Every time I would pack my bag or leave the house my dog would start yelping and weeping, she would try to escape any way possible and chase my car up the road. It was a very distressing time and I was uncertain to how I was going to go away to see my family on the other side of Australia again.

Shortly after I met Karen while she was volunteering helping rescue animals around town. I told her my story and she felt compassion for my dog. Karen spent some time with my dog before offering her walking service. My dog was slowly introduced to other dogs again to play with and enjoyed her daily walks and play time with other dogs. I started to see an instant change in my dog's behavior.

Shortly after I was able to introduce another rescue dog to the family, my [REDACTED]. Together Karen and I, as well as the doggy pack were able to work on her social behaviors as she was very fearful. We would never have been able to add an additional family member if I did not have the services of Karen.

When it come to me having to go home and visit the family when an emergency arrived, Karen offered to come to my house as much as possible to feed the dogs, give them company and walk them as much as possible. Even though this was not the most ideal situation that was the best offer I was able to take. Whilst in holidays I still worried that the dogs were at the house alone and may have escaped or felt lonely. I would still feel the most as ease if I had a center I could drop my dogs to while I was away that they could be monitored 24/7.

I am writing to tell you that I have seen firsthand the benefits of canine enrichment centers and dog socialization. Both my dogs get walked and socialized often by Karen and I have had no behavioral issues or dogs trying to escape. They spend an hour walking and socializing in the morning and they relax for the rest

of the day. Despite their history before being adopted they are happy, well socialized and well-mannered dogs.

While I am at home and on days off, I continue to repay the kindness of Karen by offering my back yard to other friend's dogs who have nowhere to go when their parents are at work or away on holidays. I truly believe that the Port Hedland community would benefit significantly from a canine enrichment/ pet boarding center would open.

From previous experiences, If I was to write the most ideal canine enrichment center it would have the following: A center that could offer packages suitable and personalized for their pet including a "Pamper" pet package, a "Social" pet package, an "Independent" and packages for other pets such as cats ect. As well as single accommodation or shared accommodation with well-matched roommates if your pet requires the company throughout their stay. Bedding, blankets, toys. Off leash exercise area as well as an area for one on one walking. A center suitable for all pets and personalities.

After working with Karen for quite some time now and seeing her with all dog types I truly believe she is the only lady in town passionate and capable of providing a service like this.

I ask that the council see the big picture and the positive affects this kind of center will have in the town, in particular Port Hedland, a mining town where workers spend a lot of time away from home and their pets.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. If you wish to contact me, please refer to the below contact details.

Kind Regards,



Thursday, 8 November 2018

To whom it may concern;

I am writing in support of Karen Parker and her wish to set up a Canine Enrichment Centre.

My dog [REDACTED] and I have known Karen for nearly 2 years.

During this time I have found Karen's knowledge of all dogs and their different behaviours valuable and I trust her whole heartedly with my dog.

As there is nothing like what Karen wants to offer (Canine Enrichment Centre) available in this town I feel the service would not only be beneficial to myself but the community as a whole.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Support

1 message

Thu, Nov 8, 2018 at 6:16 AM

To: "hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com" <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Hi

██████████ have been using Karen and Hedland Doggie Day Time Adventures since we arrived in Port Hedland.

Karen has made our life so much easier and we couldn't live without her. ██████████ loves going on adventure and seeing Karen, it is the highlight of his day when he gets to go day-care and see Karen.

Karen is very kind and loving towards the animals and treats each dog like her own.

Karen is very professional and goes out of her way to assist with ██████████ in anyway and nothing is ever a drama for her. She is amazing.

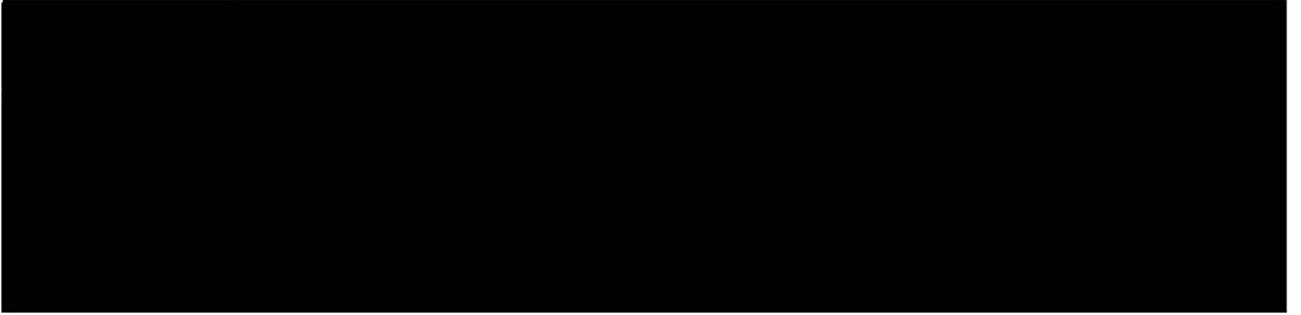
We were very worried about ██████████ in Port Hedland and now we have Karen as part of our family looking after ██████████ we have nothing to worry about.

So many people rely on Karen and Hedland Doggie Day Time Adventures that it would be disastrous if her program was not approved. We personally would love to see her business expand and reach full potential so other families can also have the wonderful experience of their dogs using Karen's business.

We support Karen and her business fully and cannot express enough gratitude for her.

Thank you

Kind Regards



8th November 2018

Letter of Support for a Canine Enrichment Centre for Hedland

I am writing in support of Kaz Parker's Doggie Daytime Adventures proposal to start a Canine Enrichment Centre in Hedland.

I have been using Doggie Daytime Adventures since April 2018 and I cannot speak highly enough of this amazing service. Kaz obviously loves all animals and the love is reciprocal, my dogs are so excited when she arrives. I have even had one of my neighbours comment on how she treats my dogs and how she obviously loves them. Kaz's idea of an enrichment centre would be an extension of the amazing service she is currently able to offer.

Like most people in Hedland, both myself and my husband work long days of 11 hours or more. We have two small dogs who love attention, but unfortunately due to work, they are left by themselves for 12 hours or so on our working days. Now Kaz picks up our dogs five days per week and takes them out for walks at various locations such as the dog park and the beach. She also sends daily videos so we can see the fun our dogs are experiencing. Our dogs obviously love this opportunity to get out for walks but more importantly, to socialise. Both of my dogs are very tiny so to them every other dog is huge and scary. One of my dogs in particular was extremely anxious and overwhelmed whenever another dog would come near her. It is amazing to see the difference in her now that Kaz has been patiently working with her to make her feel comfortable and not threatened when other dogs are nearby. She even socialises with much larger dogs like German Shepherds and Staffordshire Terriers now. Kaz has the unique ability to identify individual dog's personalities and to know which dogs will bond and socialise with which other dogs in groups.

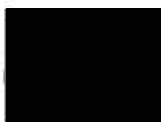
Hedland is a town where most people have moved to for work meaning their dogs can quite often be left alone for long hours, not exercised regularly and not socialised. Unfortunately we had a very unpleasant experience here when our neighbour's dog dug under our fence and killed one of our [REDACTED]. This poor dog never left its concrete pad measuring only a few metres and had no idea how to socialise with other dogs. Had this dog been socialised at an early age and given attention and exercise perhaps it may not have grown to be the aggressive killer dog it turned into. Unfortunately our little dog had no chance once this aggressive large dog dug into our yard.

Kaz's vision to build a canine enrichment centre here in Hedland is desperately needed. Not only for exercise and socialising in a safe environment for our own Hedland canine population, but consider the amount of travellers who visit our town during the tourist season. My husband and I love to travel in our caravan but will only go where we can take our dogs. We research what options are available in pet sitting if we want to visit a national park or tourist site where we cannot take our dogs. Even just to allow us the opportunity to shop or go to a restaurant together. Hedland desperately needs this service so that dogs are not left inside caravans or tied up for long hours whilst their owners shop or visit tourist spots. This pet sitting service is something Kaz would like to offer and I'm sure would be welcomed by travelling pet owners and make our town more appealing to tourists.

I am familiar with the land that Kaz has suggested for this centre and I don't understand why a small number of Councillors have an issue with this. Is it the site they don't approve of or are they just disinterested in the entire centre proposal regardless of its location? The three Councillors who seem adamant that this not go ahead are not even supporting due process.

Hedland needs this service. Have you taken the time to read supportive comments on Doggie Daytime Adventures' Facebook page? Perhaps it's time for Council to make a positive decision which would be welcomed by a large number of its ratepayers and also allow a long time Hedland resident the opportunity to further her home business.

I am very happy to be contacted should you require further information.



8 November 2018

Port Hedland Council
Civic Centre, McGregor Street
Port Hedland WA 6721

Dear Councillors,

Canine Enrichment Centre

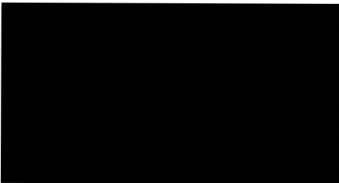
I write to you today in support of Karen Parker's application for the Canine Enrichment Centre in our town.

Port Hedland is a generous and welcoming community that I have lived in for almost 5 years, of this 5 years I have been a dog owner for 3.5 of them and have lamented at the lack of dog minding facilities available for when we are out of town. Considering that a lot of residents travel frequently to visit family and attend medical appointments there really is a need for appropriate dog sitting services, particularly when so many members of the community own dogs.

Problems like excessive barking and escaping yards almost always arise when dogs are bored and as a new mother I am thankful for the service that Karen's Doggy Daytime service provides when I have been unable to adequately entertain our dog.

The establishment of a Canine Enrichment Centre will mean that Karen can provide more services to busy families, shift workers and traveling residents and benefit the town greatly by decreasing doggy boredom.

Yours sincerely,



To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Port Hedland, I do not have a dog here in town due to my working hours being too long. However a lot of others who work my hours do and are unable to exercise their dogs due to those hours. A company like Doggie Daytime Adventures provides this service for them. Because Hedland offers very few safe places for dogs to frolic off lead they have limited places to complete this task.

If they had an open area with doggie playgrounds and activities they would be able to assist more doggies and families.

This could also be used as a boarding area where families could leave their loved ones to be comforted and cared for during their time away which is very hard to find in this area.

This could also benefit our community with travellers heading towards the national parks. If they have a pooch on board they are limited to where they can explore. If they have a well-advertised area to leave dogs for care while they go and see these areas it would benefit everyone in our region. It would benefit us because more and more people are seeing the national parks and telling their friends and also making Hedland the place to stop on the way to those places increasing our economy.

I fully support a Canine enrichment centre for Hedland for all of the above reasons and more.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

pet sitting - letter of support

1 message

Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 2:54 PM

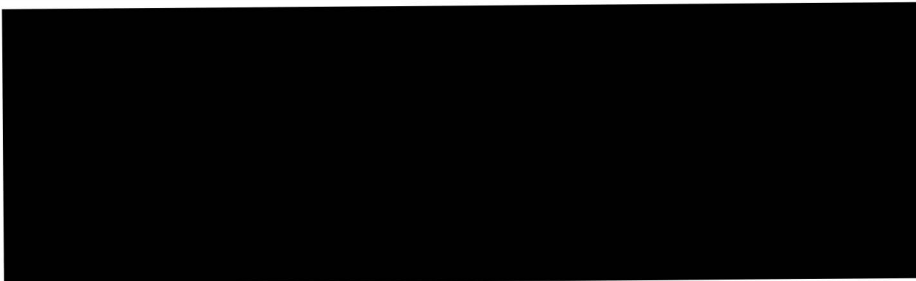
To: "hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com" <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Hey Kaz,

You've had my two [REDACTED] a couple of times, and at late notice. It is the best thing knowing that there is someone who loves dogs as much as we love our animals who is willing and caring to collect them, care for them and play with them if we are away. Whether on an unplanned urgent trip back to Perth, or just if we are both working long hours. I hate my babies being home alone for so long, and you have been so fabulous. I know the dogs love it because when we get back to them they are knackered and sleep all through the night!

This is one of the best and most needed services in Hedland, we would honestly be lost without you!!

Thanks again 😊





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Hedland Doggie Daytime Adventures.

1 message

Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 3:41 PM

To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

Good Afternoon

I'd just like to say what an amazing service Kaz offers with her doggies daytime adventures. Kaz has so much love to give the animals in the Port Hedland community. This town needs the service Kaz offers with so many people working 12+ hours a day and no time to exercise their pets, Kaz is a life saver to so many in that situation. Kaz offers pet sitting, so you know your animal is exercised & fed while on holiday.

With out Kaz & her doggie day time adventures, a lot of animals would be abandoned & left to fend for themselves.

Port Hedland needs this service & needs more people like Kaz.

Kind Regards



[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

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1 message

Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 3:57 PM

[REDACTED]
To: Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern

I as a responsible dog owner and a rate payee would like to ask you

Why are the councillors of The town of Port Hedland against having a canine enrichment center here?

After all there has been a need for this for quite some time now. Not just for the local community but for travelers as well. This would be a local business that would bring money into the community as well as give people who leave their pets there peace of mind. I allow my dog to go every single day with Doggie daytime adventures and have found Karen Parker to be the most responsible person that takes her job very seriously and is very professional in the way she conducts her business. I have no doubt at all that a canine enrichment center run by Karen would be the same and would have no hesitation to leave my dog there while im away. Now the council goes on about supporting small business in our town, yet here you are trying to stop a much need service. Is this not a slap in the face for both the town and small business? And as a rate payer who voted for the town Mayor maybe you should start looking at what your town requires and what the voter's of this town are asking for.

I thank you for your time and hope you will reconsider a canine enrichment center for the town of port Hedland.

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as a show of support for the proposed Canine Enrichment Centre put forward by Doggie Daytime Adventures (DDA).

I am a great believer in the right exercise and enrichment for our canine friends and believe that a venue like this could provide an excellent service to the community by giving not only local dogs but dogs of tourists a safe and enriching environment to be in.

I use Doggie Daytime Adventures to give my dog an enriching play time on days I am unable to do so and find that my dog looks forward to these adventures and enjoys them a lot.

A place like this would definitely put my mind at ease if I want to go away for a few days and needed my dog looked after like I would look after her.

A place like this would also provide a safe and controlled place for our furry friends to do their thing and be themselves with the Doggie Daytime Adventures staff having proven great experience looking after our pets and giving them the great adventures they love so much.

I for one would definitely be using the facility run by DDA for they're great adventure skills.

Thank you





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Letter of support

1 message

Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 4:47 PM

To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

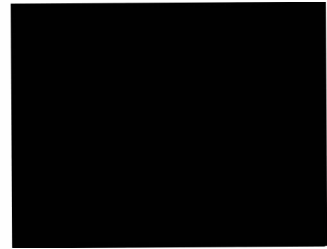
I wish to support Kaz in her endeavor 100%. As responsible pet and dog owners we are desperate for someone as devoted as Kaz to provide these services.

My 4 year old [REDACTED], who was not socialised as a pup due to the risk of Parvo whilst still going through her vaccination process, has just recently started with Kaz and I am thrilled with her progress in particular, her interaction with the other dogs.

As a rate payer who works full-time, earning holiday leave annually, I am reluctant to go anywhere for holidays whether for a short or long time, due to the fact that I have no one to care for my animals. A service that is abundant down south.

To the Councillors that voted against Kaz's application, are you not aware of how many Hedland residents are actually dog and pet owners. Why don't you ask us what we want?

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]



To whom it may concern

Re: Hedland Doggie Day Time Adventures

I am writing this letter to show my support for the above business.

Karen Parker has been helping my family and I look after our dogs on a regular basis for over 12 months.

As you would be aware an important component of responsible animal husbandry is regular physical and mental exercise to keep the animal physically and mentally alert, to stop negative behaviours, especially in dogs, when they are not socialised or stimulated. Karen wants to offer a specialised service to support the families of Port Hedland, that has high demand, and currently does not exist.

The Canine Enrichment Centre that Karen wishes to develop will be a welcome and necessary service in town, that already has a substantial, loyal customer base, from the dog exercise business already offered by Hedland Doggie Day Time Adventures.

Please feel free to contact me at the details above should you wish any further information.

Kind Regards





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Much needed

1 message

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 2:42 PM

To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

I would like to put my support to a much needed facility for this town ,we have to rely on house sitters or take our much loved fur babies with us ,which is not issue but sometimes we just can't take them on holidays and we have nothing available in Porthedland

I do realise we have people like Kaz who do home visits but that still leaves your fur baby home for longer periods by themselves .

I have read the vision that Kaz has proposed and for life of me I can't understand why any council person would not be agreeable to this facility.

It would very well supported by the community and sounds amazing Kaz has really thought of everything.

Cr Deccach

Cr Whitwell

Cr Pitt

What is you problem with this great facility



Sent from my iPad



Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Kaz Doggie Daytime Adventures Canine Enrichment Centre Support

1 message

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 4:11 PM


To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,
I am a client of Kaz's Doggie Daytime Adventures; a long term and experienced dog owner and a resident of Hedland.

Reading and hearing of the Canine Enrichment Centre has been wonderful as it is certainly a service we need in Hedland.

Knowing how Kaz runs her current Doggie Daytime Adventures; how she demands nothing but excellent behaviour from the dogs and ensures they have no doubt of the standard of behaviour she expects assures me that any future business she may establish with dogs will be of nothing but the highest standard.

Any concerned community members with issues regarding the location, social or community impact or any other concerns need only to read her submission (or Facebook page Doggie Daytime Adventures with Kaz) to ensure themselves that all possibilities are met.

I do not believe there will be any impact to the community from her endeavour; indeed if it goes as she plans I expect people to be flying their dogs TO Port Hedland for long term accomodation and enrichment. Surely this would be a good thing?

In support,





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

Kaz Doggie Daytime Adventures Canine Enrichment Centre Support

1 message

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 4:29 PM

To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,
I am a client of Kaz's Doggie Daytime Adventures; a long term and experienced dog owner and a rate paying resident of Hedland. I have worked for Goodline in Hedland for more than 10 years.

Reading and hearing of the Canine Enrichment Centre has been wonderful as it is certainly a service we need in Hedland.

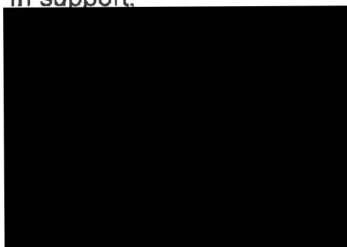
I strongly feel that all of the community should be supporting her business. It is a service the community needs in Hedland. We should support new business and expansion and also support the endeavours of long term community members in town.

Knowing how Kaz runs her current Doggie Daytime Adventures assures me that any future business she may establish with dogs will be of nothing but the highest standard with any issues any concerned community members have addressed and resolved.

Any concerned community members with issues regarding the location, social or community impact or any other concerns need only to read her submission (or Facebook page Doggie Daytime Adventures with Kaz) to ensure themselves that all possibilities are met.

I do not believe there will be any impact to the community from her endeavour; indeed if it goes as she plans I expect people to be flying their dogs TO Port Hedland for long term accomodation and enrichment. Surely this would be a good thing?

In support,

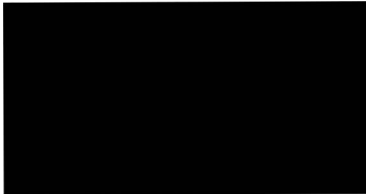


12/11/2018

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to express my support for the Canine Enrichment Centre that Karen Parker has been striving for. I believe that our community needs an educational centre for our canine family members. There are currently no outlets for our furry friends and no other trainers in town that offer socialisation and enrichment activities to stimulate our canine friends both physically and mentally within the South Hedland community, especially for families who are shift workers like ours in a working mining town. There is a great need for this service and I really hope it goes ahead as the community is in need of this service and I know that I will definitely utilise a service like this.

Kind Regards,





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

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1 message

Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 9:32 AM

To: hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to support Hedland doggie daytime adventures with kaz for her extensions business.

Kaz work is already great with dogs because she allows them to play, connect with each other and enjoy couples of hours out the house. She provides them the activities that then lead to a more obedient and calm dog at home.

I think that having a person with an amazing pet friendly environment who's offering overnight stay for pets is a must in Hedland. The amount of people like I who aren't from Hedland will have the chance and opportunity to go for a week end, a week and even go overseas for couples of weeks with the doggie overstay care she is proposing.

It will create a stress free time for the owners knowing that their fur babies are not alone and in good hand while being entertained. I am 100% with this idea and hoping to see it happening soon.

If you may need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,





Kaz Parker <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

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1 message

Thu, Nov 8, 2018 at 9:50 PM

To: "hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com" <hedlanddoggiedaytimeadventures@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

My family & I have 2 dogs who are truly a huge part of our family & our lives.

Our dogs, 3-4 times a week, are collected by Kaz and they love their adventures. We trust Kaz and her ability. Even more so we love the relationship she has with our dogs.

We travel a few times a year as my family are in Scotland and my partners family live in the eastern states. We both also work shifts.

It is NOT an option for us, to have someone come by, check in & feed them. They need interaction and we were so excited to hear about Kaz's new venture! It happens too often that people leave their animals at home while they are away without proper care and attention.

This would be an amazing opportunity for our community. I have read the plans and spoken with Kaz regularly with regards to how the dogs would be housed and looked after.

I've met people new to town who, understandably, don't want strangers house sitting yet have no options other than to do so. It seems ridiculous in our town that we don't have this option for our dogs, our babies.

Ourselves and many of our friends would absolutely love to have this facility and it is with great confidence that I know Kaz is the perfect person to do this.

Kind regards

