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Dear Valued Pet Parents:

Happy Holidays! I write you to reveal exciting events happening at Wakarusa Veterinary Hospital. I am assuming ownership of the practice as of January 1, 2023. I've known Dr. Kristi Rowland, current owner, since I was an eager pre-vet student that walked through her doors in 2006 and have enjoyed working with her as my mentor through the years. I'm honored and delighted for the opportunity to continue serving this community and for Dr. Rowland's time and effort to make this a seamless transition. I know some of you just panicked. No need! Dr. Rowland will continue to work with us as a veterinarian and remains an integral part of our team.

For those of you who may not know me, I've been a part of the Wakarusa Veterinary Hospital family since that previously mentioned day in 2006 when Dr. Mark Marks and Dr. Kristi Rowland welcomed me in as a pre-vet volunteer and began teaching me what it would take to become a veterinarian. Over the years, my status as volunteer worker evolved into my role as a veterinary assistant until my entry into veterinary school at Kansas State University in 2012. I earned my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from KSU in 2016 and returned back to Wakarusa Veterinary Hospital to work as an associate veterinarian in 2018. I have since then been happily caring for our community's pets and their families. Nothing has given me more joy than to pursue this dream and it has been so special to come back home to the place where my dream started.

I would like to announce two new policies that will come into effect in early 2023. Although the decision was a difficult one, we will be discontinuing boarding services as of January 13th, 2023, so we can focus on veterinary medicine. Please see below for a list of highly recommended boarding facilities in our community. I would also like to share with you our new business hours which will be 7:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday and 7:30am - 12:00pm Saturday. We will continue to be closed on Sundays. Our new hours will be in effect starting January 2nd, 2023.

Dr. Rowland, Dr. Gottstein, Dr. Gleeson, support staff, and myself are thrilled to continue providing our patients with compassionate and trustworthy veterinary care. Being a part of the special relationship you have with your pets is our honor and privilege. Thank you for sharing an exam room with us.

If we haven't had the opportunity to meet, I look forward to doing so at your next visit. And if you have any questions, you can contact me at dramend@wakavet.com.

With sincere gratitude,

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The following are boarding and/or day care facilities in the Lawrence and surrounding area. These are in no particular order, but we hope this information helps you.

- Home Sweet Home Dog Resort (Two Locations)
1837 Wakarusa Drive Suite 1 Lawrence, KS 785-856-0903
2140 Haskell Avenue Lawrence, KS
785-832-8100
- Woof's Play & Stay
1519 W. 23rd Street Lawrence, KS
785-371-4132
- Wagmore Canine Enrichment
1735 Haskell Avenue Lawrence, KS
785-550-1427
- Kennel Crest Country Club for Pets
1610 E. 476th Road Lawrence, KS
785-887-6920
- Tender Loving Care Pet Nursing Hotel
(specialize in anxious pets, geriatric pets, pets on medications,
camera surveillance, 24 hour care availability)
2500 SW 17th Street Topeka, KS
785-329-6141
- Captain Creek Ranch
11499 County Line Road Eudora, KS
785-542-1117
- Country Meadow Boarding Kennel
660 E. 1452 Road Baldwin City, KS
785-830-0738
- Happy Trails Kennel Canine Bed & Biscuit
21918 227th Street Tonganoxie, KS
913-633-9240

Ask our staff about recommendations for in-home pet sitters if that is an option for your pet(s).