

The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa is bow-wow-wonderful!

The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa, the luxury-style vacation resort for dogs, cats, birds and exotics, announces the acquisition of The Barkley "VIP Pet" Limo.

The 2005 Lincoln stretch comfortably seats eight and is certain to be the "bark and call" of every pet guest. The limousine service is yet another way in which The Barkley goes above and beyond the call of duty to accentuate a pet's boarding experience.

Besides door-to-door pick-up and delivery service (from the South Bay to Santa Barbara), owners can schedule "rides" for their furry friends to investigate the sights and smells of the day or even to stop and order a quick burger from the drive-thru at McDonald's. And the interior workings of this "poochmobile" come complete with leather seats, fresh cold drinking water and even a Muttni Bar (with Kennel One and Arf-solut) for those pups who simply cannot control their licker!

The Barkley's exclusive limousine service is a one-

of-a-kind experience, guaranteed to accommodate even the snootiest Schnauzer or the most apprehensive Affenpinscher.

The Pet Limo is just one of the many services provided at the soon to open Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa. Located in Westlake Village, directly across from the Four Seasons Hotel, the upscale boarding, grooming and Day Camp facility will feature a variety of amenities unavailable elsewhere. "There is nothing like this in the entire world!" says Howard Perlmutter, General Manager and creator of The Barkley concept.

From luxury suites along Rodeo Drive and Hollywood Boulevard to serenity suites for the little ones, The Barkley provides the ultimate in comfort and safety, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. It is truly a pet's paradise for relaxation, exercise or just to enjoy a day outside at Barkley Beach (a heated swimming pool and drying cabana) or, if they prefer, "mutt"-rossexuals can be spoiled in the day spa with a pawdicure,

facial, mud mask or massage.

Not to leave other species out in the cold, felines, birds and exotics will also find The Barkley a great place to hang out while their parents are on vacation.

Kitty City is designed to be one of the country's finest, providing each cat with a tri-

level condo (private restroom, living area and bedroom) plus amazing views of a salt-water aquarium, bird feeders and flat-screen television entertainment. Regardless of the time and day, pet owners can watch all the excitement via webcam technology.

And for owners who may be uneasy about leaving their precious family members in hands of others, The Barkley is located adjacent to West-

lake Village Animal Hospital, an award-winning veterinary practice with veterinarians on staff and available to provide an extra level of safety, security and comfort.

Even though The Barkley has been dubbed the Ritz-Carlton for pets, don't think that one needs to be from

Suites start at just \$45 per night with themed suites running \$65 and up. At these prices, any pet can be a VIP at The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa!

The Barkley concept was created after five years of international research and development by Beverly Hills

Pet Hotels, Inc., a specialized pet hotel management firm. Since the flagship facility opened in Orange Village (Cleveland), Ohio, the award-winning concept has quickly become an industry leader in the national luxury pet board-

ing and grooming business. This advancement has made The Barkley one of America's premier pet care facilities. Visit us at www.thebarkleypethotel.com for more information, or call (818) 889-BARK.



high society in order to visit. The Barkley has been designed to provide both daytime and overnight care in a safe and comfortable environment while offering a wide variety of accommodations at affordable prices. Leisure

It's not a good idea to act appalled or shocked when your child undresses themselves. In most cases, it's also not a good idea to punish them either. Punishment will only give negative attention

for something you will want your child to do one day, anyway. It will make them feel shameful for something they should feel confident about: being able to do something on their own.

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Mommy & Me

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Why does my child love to be naked?

It starts with a sock. Then the other sock. Then the pants, shirt and finally the diaper. Why, after all the work to get them dressed, do our young ones love to get naked?

Fear not, new and experienced parents. Believe it or not this is your child showing off their ability to multitask. A child uses many skills all at once in order to take their clothes off. Gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and hand eye coordination all come together at once. Young children love to be able to assert themselves and take control. Although this may be

old news to you, undressing is one way your child accomplishes that control. Your child is making sure you understand that they are independent beings and have their own thoughts, ideas, and opinions. They may just be trying to tell you, "Look, I'm a big kid!"

Now that you know why, what do you do about it? Everyone has their own opinion about hanging out in their birthday suit. Some are ok with it and others, not so much. Just keep a few points in mind when deciding how to approach this topic.

First, remember this may be a way for your child to

test boundaries. They may be seeking a negative response from you. If so, don't give it to them. You may want to consider allowing them to be in the buff for a few minutes before letting them choose what clothes to put on. Letting them pick their own outfit may reduce the struggle of getting dressed and will also help your child stay clothed.

Be patient. As we've all heard as parents before, this too will pass. It's okay to just let them be naked at home. It is summer after all. (If you do, don't forget sunscreen on those sun deprived cheeks!) For a child, being naked just feels good.

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