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My Job at Chenal Pet Palace

I work at Chenal Pet Palace. The Pet Palace is a place where people can send their dog when they go out of town. It also provides a grooming center. The sound of barking dogs would be deafening to most, but I love working at Chenal Pet Palace because of the responsibilities involved, the many breaks, and the differences from day to day.

The first thing I like about the Pet Palace is the responsibility. It is my responsibility to make sure everything gets done right and to pick up dogs in the pet taxi. When a new dog comes to board, I have the responsibility of showing everyone how to feed the dog, give the dog its medications, and follow any other special instructions. For example, a dog named Benji, who boards fairly often, has diabetes and has very specific instructions on what he can and cannot eat and when he needs his insulin shot. It is my responsibility to make sure all these things are done and that they are done right. I also have the responsibility of picking up dogs for grooming in the pet taxi. I have to call the owners ahead of time and figure out where they live and make sure that the dog makes it to the Pet Palace on time. Many times the responsibilities can be challenging, but that is what makes them fun.

As well as having lots of responsibilities, I enjoy the many breaks that I get. I love the breaks because they give me a nice energy boost from the hard work. For example, one day this summer when the temperature was well above 100 degrees, I was outside all afternoon and was exhausted from the heat. When I finally got to take a break, I just collapsed on the breakroom

couch and took a nap. After my break I felt recharged and ready to go back outside.

Along with the breaks I get, I also enjoy the differences from day to day. Each day there are new dogs for me to learn about and play with. One day there was a dog named Athena that bit and attacked unfamiliar people, so I had to work all day to make myself familiar to her. Then the next day there was a dog that loved people, so I had to adjust my day so that I could spend more time with that dog.

I love my job at the Pet Palace because of the challenging responsibilities and the rewarding breaks. I also love the surprising differences from day to day.