



## 2012...

We've left 2012 behind us and what a year it was! The Dutch cabinet fell and was reelected, Barack Obama won the elections for another four-year term, economic crisis in the EU, the Mayan calendar got people scared/excited, lots of turmoil again in the Middle-East and Egypt, Project X in the Dutch village Haren, shootings in Denver and Newtown...

2012 was also the year of the Olympics, Lionel Messi, Gangnam Style, Kony, Honey Boo Boo, Pussy Riot, Apple & Samsung, Felix Baumgartner and Hurricane Sandy. Oh and almost forgot, Lindsay Lohan was doing crazy stuff again!

Even though the world had its ups and downs, hopefully we all can look back on 2012 with a satisfied feeling and a smile. And now the crazy December month is over and we've all eaten and drank more than we should and enjoyed time with our loved ones, it is time to start a new year. We wish everyone to have their dreams come true this year and accomplish their goals, but most of all, we wish everyone to be happy. **Welcome 2013!**

-Didem & Can



## A new dogwalker - Part 2

Our new dogwalker Can started about three weeks ago and it has been going very well. We are able to cover more ground and feel we are providing a better service. However, Can is leaving tomorrow for a family emergency and will be in Turkey between till the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. If it wasn't this sudden we would have communicated this in advance and are sorry for the short notice. Thank you all for understanding.

But the good news is that Can leaving does not mean walks will be cancelled. Instead of cancelling we've decided to look for a reliable dog walker who would be able to assist Didem on the days Can is gone, which is a total of 7 days. We are very glad to have found one who is very professional, trustworthy and loving and we are sure you will love her too!



So welcome **Tessa**! Tessa is a student from Australia who has helped us in the past and will assist Didem with picking up, dropping off and walking dogs. We are also planning to work together with Tessa after Can's return and are hoping to introduce her to you all whenever this is possible. Here's Tessa in her own words.

*"Hello, my name is Tessa Van Bommel – Faulkner, I've been living in Amsterdam for 4 months now. After traveling for 8 months and finally deciding to settle in Amsterdam, I realized that I longed to have some animal company. I started by looking at volunteering, but nothing was available at the time, eventually I found a beautiful Jack Russell to walk 3 times daily and it became my favorite part of the day.*

*Ever since I can remember I've loved animals, especially dogs. My mother said when I was younger I used to love going to the park and running around playing with all the animals. As time went by and I gradually got older I started to volunteer at the Shenton Park dog refuge home in Perth Australia, discovering that walking, playing and talking to the dogs was one of my greatest passions.*

*To have the opportunity of walking the dogs of Amsterdam is a dream come true, it is such an amazing city to own a dog in and I'm enjoying every second of walking and exploring the beautiful green parkland Amsterdam has to offer with your friendly Canines.*



***Dogwalkingservice.nl** is a great company that puts extra effort, love and care into your dogs, it's not just a dog walking service it's a personal connection with your animal."* -Tess

Tessa has been given all the necessary information to be able to take care of your most beloved and has been around with Can last couple of days. We are certain she will do a great job and will be of huge help to us. Tessa can be reached directly at 0684462370 or through Didem.



## Change of prices - Part 2

Last month we adjusted our pricelist and as announced, the new prices will be in effect as of the 7<sup>th</sup> of January for all dog owners. Please take a look on our website(s) or the Newsletter of November for the new prices and see if there are changes for your own situation. Thank you all in advance and as always please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

## Dog Hotel - Part 2

Since we opened our Dog Hotel we've had little guests almost every day (and sometimes not so little!). We can't explain how much joy it brings us to be able to spend time with the most funny and loyal creatures we know. Although it is hard to say goodbye every time they leave even though we know that day will come, it is priceless to see them shake their tails when they see us and cuddle them when sitting on the couch or lying in bed.

**We want to thank all of you for trusting us with your most beloved dogs and giving us the opportunity to take care of them!**

