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John Mottram is the new manager at Stella Ruffington's Doggy Playcare on California Ave. Under new ownership the business is now offering optional shuttle service for dogs between Stella Ruffington's and Camano Island Kennels, a popular professional training and boarding kennel on Camano Island.

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**press release:**

Jason and Dianna Young of Camano Island, Wash., have purchased Stella Ruffington's Doggy Playcare, 7003 California Ave SW in West Seattle.

"We plan to continue to operate Stella's in the same manner that its former owner, Shane Tracy, employed so successfully," Dianna Young said.

The business provides canine day care and overnight boarding for dogs of all breeds and all sizes. The Youngs also will offer dog training and canine behavioral problem-solving through Stella Ruffington's. In addition to local classes, the Youngs will provide optional shuttle service for dogs between Stella Ruffington's and Camano Island Kennels, a popular professional training and boarding kennel on Camano Island, northwest of Everett, where the training schedule embraces a range of opportunities that span standard obedience training to correction of the toughest problematic behavior, including aggression.

The Youngs founded Camano Island Kennels in 1997. Dog owners of Stanwood, Wash., and Camano Island have voted Camano Island Kennels best kennel in the area three times in the last three years in balloting conducted by the Stanwood/Camano Chamber of Commerce.

"We are thrilled to have been able to acquire Stella Ruffington's," Dianna Young said. "We have wanted to enter the Seattle market for quite some time, and Stella Ruffington's provides us with an opportunity to take the reins of a service that has earned the widespread respect and support of dog owners in West Seattle."

Dianna Young is a certified professional trainer and canine behaviorist with more than 20 years of experience who combines the best of European and American traditions in her programs. Jason Young is a lead trainer at Camano Island, providing group lessons, private lessons and in-kennel training for a wide variety of clients. He also advises the staffs of some animal shelters and veterinary clinics on effective dog handling.

Change of ownership took effect on Dec. 6, and Shane Tracy will work with the Youngs during the transition to new management. John Mottram of West Seattle has been named on-site manager of the Seattle portion of the Young canine enterprises.

"We're excited to be getting our paw into the Seattle market," Mottram said with a laugh.

For more information, please visit [www.stellaruffington.com](http://www.stellaruffington.com) or [www.camanoislandkennels.com](http://www.camanoislandkennels.com).



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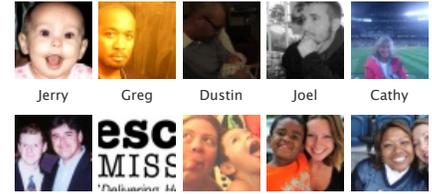
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