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## Tender Loving Care Pet Nursing Hotel Breaking Ground

*A loving place for pets that need special care*

TOPEKA, Kan. (Sept 5, 2019) – The unconditional love between pets and their pet parents lasts a lifetime, and seeing a beloved cat or dog struggle with old age or failing health is heartbreaking. Topeka-area pet families will soon have access to compassionate and professional support during those tough times.

A ground-breaking ceremony for Tender Loving Care Pet Nursing Hotel, the first and only 24-hour pet hotel for special-needs pets, will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 2500 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

When TLC opens to the public in the winter of 2019, it will serve as a home away from home for elderly, sick and recovering cats and dogs with non-communicable diseases. The pets will be able to rest and recuperate while being monitored, cared for and loved on by certified veterinary nurses. TLC will offer daycare, overnight boarding and long-term care options, enabling pet parents to go to work or on a trip.



“I am proud to offer this new, innovative service in my adopted home of Topeka,” said Leslie Fleuranges, the owner and creative force behind TLC. “As a devoted pet parent, I know how important it is to give our furry family members the best care possible. Many pet parents in Topeka and surrounding areas have sick or older pets, and I want them to have peace of mind knowing that their treasured pets are receiving the special care they need.”

The pet nursing hotel is being built by two Topeka-based businesses: Architect One, owned by Scott Gales; and Shirley Construction, owned by Aaron Elwell.

Pet parents and their pets are invited to attend the ground-breaking event, which will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there, they can:

- See the existing gutted structure for a “Before” experience
- Take a commemorative photo with their pet
- Receive a free bandana and Hill’s® Science Diet® Treats for dogs
- Snack on finger food

Fleuranges moved to Topeka in 2004 and worked with veterinarians at Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Inc., for 15 years. She has been a pet owner for 20 years and has, sadly, experienced the heartbreak of losing a pet. Fleuranges’ personal and professional experiences helped her recognize and act upon the need to provide customized and compassionate care for older and ailing pets.

“I’m passionate about this new business model,” Fleuranges said. “People love their pets and will rearrange their schedules and put their lives on hold to make sure their pets receive the love and specialized attention they deserve when they are not feeling well. TLC Pet Nursing Hotel is here to help. Our veterinary nurses are committed to providing the compassion and individualized time required to make the pet guests feel as loved and comforted as they would at home.”

The unofficial mascot for TLC is Mimi, a 9-year-old Lhasa Apso and the love of Fleuranges’ life.

To learn more about TLC and to see photos of Mimi in action, visit  
[www.facebook.com/tlcpetnursinghotel](https://www.facebook.com/tlcpetnursinghotel).

#### **About Tender Loving Care® Pet Nursing Hotel**

Founded in 2019, TLC puts love into action with customized, credentialed, and compassionate round-the-clock care for cats and dogs with special needs. TLC is staffed by veterinary nurses who are committed to exceeding expectations for aging, recovering and end-of-life care for pets, while providing peace of mind for pet parents. The hotel is located a quarter mile from University Animal Center. For more information about TLC Pet Nursing Hotel, visit  
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