

April 2026

Brookwood News

April marks an exciting milestone – one full year of the Brookwood Newsletter! It's been such a joy sharing updates, enrichment highlights, and special moments with all of you throughout the past year. Thank you for being part of the Brookwood family and for joining us each month!



Maggie P



Buddy B



Olive



Moose V

Spring Care Tip

Rainy spring days bring fresh air and blooming flowers—but they can also bring plenty of mud! Wet conditions can lead to damp fur and irritated skin, sometimes causing hot spots if moisture gets trapped against your dog's coat. After outdoor adventures, a quick towel dry and brushing can help keep your pup comfortable and their skin healthy while they enjoy the season.

Booking Reminders

April school vacation week is April 24th – May 4th, and it's approaching quickly! Boarding spaces are already beginning to fill up, so we recommend reserving your spot as soon as possible if you plan to travel during this busy week.

If you're planning to bring your dog to daycare during school vacation week, please let us know ahead of time so we can reserve space. This is especially important for dogs who require a pod for daycare.

Summer will be here before we know it, and last summer was our busiest yet! When booking your travel plans, don't forget to reserve your pet's stay as well – we'd hate to have to turn anyone away.

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What should I send with my dog for boarding?

Food:

- Your dog's regular food, pre-portioned into individual meals
- Helps maintain routine and prevent digestive upset

Medications (if applicable):

- Enough for the entire stay
- Please include 1–2 extra doses in case of delay

Optional comfort items:

- One hard or rubber chew (such as a Nylabone or Kong)
- One blanket or an article of clothing from home

Seasonal items:

- One jacket for short-haired dogs during cold weather (for outdoor play)

What items are not allowed?

- Rawhide chews
- Rope toys
- Oversized beds (we provide clean bedding and blankets)



Finley D



Baxter



Bastian



Oakley D

Easter Safety Tips

Easter celebrations often include sweets, decorations, and gatherings, but some holiday traditions can be dangerous for pets. Keep these quick tips in mind to help keep your furry friends safe!

- **Chocolate is toxic** to dogs—keep Easter candy out of reach.
- **Xylitol**, found in sugar-free candies and gum, is extremely dangerous for dogs.
- **Plastic Easter grass** can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed.
- **Decorative plants**, especially lilies, may be toxic to pets.
- **Small toys and plastic eggs** can become choking hazards.
- **Rich table scraps** like ham and baked goods can upset your pet's stomach.
- **Prepare a quiet space** in case holiday gatherings become overwhelming.

A little extra awareness can help ensure a safe and happy Easter for everyone!

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Meet the Groomer: Becky!

How long have you been part of the Brookwood Team?

-About 21 years. I was hired before the building was finished!

What do you love most about your job?

-Dogs! I grew up with multiple dogs on a farm in Hopkinton, NH.

Do you have pets at home?

-My husband & I own an English cocker spaniel named Bog & a wirehaired miniature dachshund named Swamp.

Fun Fact about you:

-My dogs have been named after water since 2000. I grew up naming my 4-H sheep after herbs. My lead line male sheep was named Basil. He followed me everywhere. I would bring him to my father's work when I was little.

-I knit Christmas stockings for babies of close friends & family.

-I love to bake & bring treats in for the staff.

Experience, Skills, or Certifications?

-Attended Keene State College, but wanted to be a mom!

-When my son was 10 years old he wanted an English cocker spaniel for hunting. So I took private grooming lessons & was certified in 2000.

-My daughter owns goats & I shave them now too!



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