

AMBER: I'M LIKE DON'T LOSE ANY FINGERS. YOU GUYS NEED TO PUT THAT IN YOUR DISCLAIMER AT THE START OF YOUR PODCAST. NO FINGERS WE HARMED IN THE MAKING OF THIS PODCAST.

MAE: THIS IS AMBER, THE CO OWNER OF CANINE CLOUD NINE, A DOG GROOMING BUSINESS WITH A SMALL SHOP FULL OF DOG AND CAT TOYS, COLLARS, AND SPECIALTY ITEMS IN THE FRONT.

OLIVIA: CANINE CLOUD NINE IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN CARMEL, THIS IS AMBER HOSFORD.

AMBER: I'M AMBER HOSFORD, I AM ONE OF THE OWNERS AND I AM ALSO THE DOG GROOMER.

AMBER: WELL I HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS FOR 17 YEARS UM I BECAME A DOG GROOMER ABOUT 13 YEARS AGO. CAUSE I LOVE DOGS AND I HAD JUST DROPPED OUT OF BALL STATE AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO DO ANYTHING ELSE SO I DECIDED TO BECOME A DOG GROOMER. I WAS ONLY GOING TO DO IT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS THEN GO BACK AND GET MY DEGREE AND HERE I AM 13 YEARS LATER AND I HAVE GONE BACK TO SCHOOL TO GET MY DEGREES AND I AM STILL A DOG GROOMER SO.

AMBER: WELL I ACTUALLY HAVE A DEGREE IN STUDIO ART AND A DEGREE IN THEATER DESIGN SO ORIGINALLY I ACTUALLY WANTED TO WORK BACKSTAGE AND BE A CARPENTER FOR THE THEATER SO THAT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO DO WHEN YOU START HAVING BABIES. SO THIS IS MORE CONDUCIVE TO RAISING A FAMILY

[PAUSE FOR ATMOSPHERE SFX]

MAE: AMBER IS A MOTHER TO THREE LITTLE KIDS, WE GOT TO MEET ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS

AMBER: WE LOVE BRINGING THE KIDS IN HERE. ALL OF OUR KIDS LOVE ANIMALS JUST AS MUCH AS WE DO AND THEY GET TO COME TO WORK WITH EVERY SO OFTEN AND JUST HANG OUT.

OLIVIA: CANINE CLOUD NINE OPENS AT 9 MONEY THROUGH SATURDAY, AS SOON AS SHE WALKS IN THE DOOR, HER BUSY DAY BEGINS.

AMBER: MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE HEREBY NINE MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE HERE AS EARLY AS EIGHT UM AND THEN SO WE COME IN AND THE DOGS START DROPPING OFF AROUND 8 OR 9 AND YOU KNOW WE JUST GET GOING BATHING THEM

[WATER AND SHAKE SFX]

AMBER: CLEAN THEIR EARS

[DOG SOUND]

AMBER: CLIP THEIR NAILS

AMBER: BLOW DRY THEM

[AIR DRYER SFX]

AMBER: THEN WE BRING THEM OUT HERE TO THE FINISHING ROOM AND WE JUST DO THE HAIRCUT WHATEVER THE OWNER REQUESTS YOU KNOW WE TRY AND DO, NO REQUEST IS TOO SILLY

I SHAVED A CAT ONCE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A DINOSAUR

I HAVE DONE MOHAWKS ON DOGS FROM HEAD TO TAIL

I USED TO HAVE A STANDARD POODLE THAT I WOULD DYE ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS AND SHAVE DESIGNS INTO HIS LEGS

FROM THE MOMENT WE OPEN JUST GO GO GO GO GO UM SO YEAH JUST GROOMING DOGS UNTIL THE VERY END AND CLEANING UP AND DISINFECTING EVERYTHING GOING HOME AND STARTING ALL OVER THE NEXT DAY.

EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT TO JUST REGULAR BATHS, I DYE DOGS DIFFERENT COLORS WE PAINT NAILS WE PUT EXTENSIONS ON THEM

I LOVE THE FACT THAT EVERYTHING IS MOVING CONSTANTLY I AM NOT SITTING BEHIND A DESK.

SO YEAH, JUST GROOMING DOGS AND CLEANING UP DISINFECTING EVERYTHING AND GOING HOME AND STARTING ALL OVER THE NEXT DAY

MAE: AMBER'S JOB AS A GROOMER SEEMS LIKE

AMBER: FUN, AND ORGANIZED CHAOS MOST OF THE TIME

OLIVIA: TO ADD TO THE EXCITEMENT, CANINE CLOUD NINE IS A CAGE FREE, SO THE DOGS ARE ALLOWED TO ROAM AROUND AND PLAY INSTEAD OF BEING CAGED UP ALL DAY.

SINCE WE ARE CAGE FREE THE DOGS KIND OF JUST HANG OUT AND PLAY AND HAVE LOTS OF TREATS

I HAVE WORKED IN FACILITIES WHERE THEY ARE NOT CAGED AND YOU KNOW OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW OWNING CANINE CLOUD NINE THEY ARE NOT CAGED HERE THEY ANIMALS ARE JUST A LOT MORE RELAXED, THEY ARE A LOT MORE FUN TO BE WITH THE GROOMERS ARE MORE RELAXED

WE LOVE WATCHING THE DOGS HAVE FUN WE LOVE IT WHEN LIKE PEOPLE PEAK OVER THE DOOR AND SEE ALL THE DOGS PLAYING

MAE: IT WAS REALLY GREAT WHEN WE FIRST WALKED INTO THE GROOMING AREA BECAUSE THERE WAS JUST A RUSH OF DOGS RUNNING TOWARDS YOU TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION

OLIVIA: WHEN I ASKED WHAT AMBER IS THINKING EVERY MORNING SHE ARRIVES AT WORK SHE RESPONDED.

AMBER: I LOVE MY JOB. PRETTY MUCH OR I AM REALLY TIRED, CAUSE I ALSO HAVE THREE CHILDREN AT HOME SO IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE DAY, SOMETIMES I WALK IN JUST READY TO BEGIN MY DAY AND YOU KNOW READY TO COME SEE WHO IS COMING INTO GET GROOMED THAT DAY AND WHAT INTERESTING PEOPLE I GET TO TALK TO AND HOW MUCH FUN WE GET TO HAVE.

AMBER: LIKE I SAID BEFORE I DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME A DOG GROOMER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE BUT YOU KNOW HERE I AM ALMOST 14 YEARS LATER AND I AM STILL GROOMING. I STILL LOVE MY JOB. EVERYDAY IS DIFFERENT WHICH IS A LOT OF FUN FOR ME YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND I LOVE ALL OF OUR DOGS, I LOVE ALL THE DOGS.

OLIVIA: MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CANINE CLOUD NINE AT CANINE CLOUD NINE .COM

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