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Kerry's job changes from banks to barks

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KERRY Wells has gone from banking to barking – quite literally thanks to her new business.

After 28 years in the banking industry, dog lover Kerry felt it was time for a change so when she saw an advert for franchisees for **Barking Mad**, she jumped at the chance.

Kerry (43) lives in Spalding with partner Duncan, daughter Caroline, and two Jack Russells Harvey (3) and Archie (12 weeks).

She said: "I had been feeling for some time that I needed a change of career.

"Duncan and I had been considering opening a boarding kennel but had shelved the idea because of the cost."

Kerry arranges for dogs to stay with host families, many of whom are retired and do not want a dog of their own.

She added: "I've got 11 hosts on my books who are completely nutty about dogs.

"Some of them have lost their dogs and although they don't want the full commitment, miss having a dog around, while others already have one or two dogs and love the idea of having more.

"To become a host you must not be away from the house for more than three hours a day.

"They all get paid for looking after the dogs, but many of them don't do it for the money."

Spalding couple Carol and Ron Sudbury lost their Labrador-Collie cross Jamie two years ago and can't wait for their first doggy house guest.

Carol (60) said: "When Jamie died it was so traumatic

I said I didn't want another dog because I couldn't go through it again but a few months ago I changed my mind.

"We don't want to be restricted by owning a dog so this is an ideal solution and we are really looking forward to our first visitor."

Owners must provide everything the dog will need while they are away, including food, bedding and any medication and registration costs £25 for one dog or £40 for two.

Boarding costs £16 a day for one dog or £26 for two and there is an average £25 collection and delivery charge, depending on where you live.

Kerry said: "It is more expensive than kennels but the dogs receive more personal treatment such as walks, one-to-one care and plenty of cuddles.

"It's the ideal solution for people who don't go away on holiday because they have no-one to look after their dog and they don't want to put it in kennels."



Kerry Wells, of Barking Mad, with Jack Russell puppy Archie. (3130b37)





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Ron and Carol Sudbury are waiting to welcome their first canine house guest. (3155b58)