

Local Entrepreneur: Roxanne Paquette

By Ellen Holdaway

Choose animal care specialists who really do care about your pet.

When Roxanne Paquette was just a little girl she was already grooming the family dog. Everyone in her family thought she would become a hairdresser. “I prefer dogs to humans, because they are always happy, in a good mood and talk less,” says Paquette.

Roxanne opened her business in 1988 and after a few location changes, (all of them in Deux-Montagnes) ended up at 410, Oka Road. *Boucle d’Or* dog grooming (450-491-6418) specializes in small breeds, less than 30 pounds. They offer nail clipping at \$5.00 for all breeds.

Ms. Paquette started small, straight out of high school, at her mom’s house on 18th Avenue, where she gained her experience. Seven years ago, she opened up a salon on 7th Avenue. This salon proved to be too much for her, as her son Emric, was getting older and some clientele would need her services beyond opening hours. Roxanne would have to go home to do her paperwork and return to the salon to relieve the personnel. This prompted the move to her latest location which is much more convenient for her. Roxanne has a diploma from *Ecoles de Tonte de Montreal* and originally wanted to go in to zoo therapy. This was much harder to do back then, since there were few schools, specializing in this field.

“We groom one dog at a time. We do not bring another dog into the salon until we are finished,” says Laura Agorbar, a part time groomer at the salon. Both Roxanne and Laura each have their own clients. That way they become familiar with the personality of both dog and owner. After they do the cut they write down all the particulars, including what made the customer happy. They do not use drugs or muzzles and they have recently converted to products that do not use harsh chemicals.

Security is a must at *Boucle d’Or*. There are two doors at the front and two at the back, which are locked at all times to assure that no dog escapes. The salon has recently been painted and is kept very clean.



Boucle d’Or owner Roxanne Paquette (left) with Laura Agorbar, part time groomer (right)

Roxanne has been on a committee called *des Gents D’affaire du Centre Ville Deux-Montagnes* formed to improve the city’s Oka Road. She has worked as a parent volunteer at an alternative school *Environment Community Brundtland*. With her busy schedule and her growing son this working mother finds that she has little time for other activities. She says she will eventually resume her commitment to the community because she enjoyed these activities. Laura volunteers at the S.P.C.A. in Sainte-Agathe, which has a “no kill” policy. Both Roxanne and Laura have spent most of their lives in Deux-Montagnes.

“Rest assured that when your dog leaves Boucle d’Or he will be a happier and better looking dog,” says Ms. Paquette, and Ms. Agorbar agrees.