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HOTEL MONACO UNLEASHES FUN IN ALEXANDRIA **Hotel Launches Doggie Happy Hour and Pet-Friendly Program!**

In true pet-friendly fashion, **Hotel Monaco Alexandria** celebrated the official launch of **Doggie Happy Hour** with a Leash Cutting Ceremony in the brick-lined courtyard on Tuesday, April 15th. The hotel will continue to host this popular Alexandria event (weather permitting) in the hotel's sunny, brick-lined courtyard every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8pm, through October.

During the Doggie Happy Hour, Hotel Monaco Alexandria's canine friends are treated to complimentary gourmet doggie treats and water while humans can enjoy cocktails and light bites from adjacent restaurant, **Jackson 20**. Charlie, a handsome Bischon and the hotel's Director of Pet Relations regularly stops by to greet four-legged guests. Always available for interviews, Charlie loves to show off the pet-friendly experience at the Hotel Monaco Alexandria!

Situated near scenic parks and adventurous trails, Hotel Monaco Alexandria is a premier hotel for pet-friendly hotel amenities and services. The hotel also offers:

SIT! STAY! ...at the Hotel Monaco Alexandria: Pooches are pampered with a bark-worthy package for pets at the Hotel Monaco Alexandria. To greet the pup, a welcome letter from the Director of Pet Relations will await the travelers in-room alongside a doggie bag of gourmet treats, a leash, and a listing of area pet-friendly attractions. During the visit, canine guests will enjoy use of a designer pet bowl and cozy bed. A keepsake pet toy will round out the playful offerings. And don't worry about the paper; the team at the Hotel Monaco will keep your dog at ease by fetching it for you! Rates start at \$179 per night and are subject to availability. Package must be booked 72 hours in advance and is available from April 15 – December 30, 2008. Taxes and gratuities not included.

Guppy Love Program: If traveling permits you from bringing your loved one, not to worry, Hotel Monaco Alexandria has friendly companions to keep you company during your stay, through its Guppy Love Program. A fun extension of the hotel's pet-friendly atmosphere, the program provides a complimentary in-room goldfish for the duration of the stay. The hotel's staff cares for the goldfish, so all you need to do is enjoy!

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