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WEST BURLINGTON BUSINESS CHOSEN FOR STATEWIDE SBDC AWARD

Bark & Play Dog Daycare & Suites, West Burlington, chosen for Small Business of the Month Award

AMES, Iowa – America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Bark & Play Dog Daycare & Suites of West Burlington, is the winner of the SBDC's statewide August Business of the Month Award.

Bark & Play Dog Daycare & Suites was established in 2014 by Ann March. She was working long hours and found it difficult to find someone to care for her dog. She decided to open a dog daycare, and has since added additional services including boarding suites, in-house dog baths, and even homemade dog treats. The business recently added a Bark Bus service that will pick-up and deliver dogs from daycare, boarding or bath services.

In the past five years, Ann has increased staff to 11 employees and has strong sales. She has purchased the building she previously rented and built an addition for a play area and more boarding suites. Ann also takes time to give back to the community in many ways, including sponsoring food and fundraising drives for the Des Moines County Humane Society and Paws No-Kill Shelter. She also led a CPR/first aid class for the area K9 law enforcement dogs.

Owner Ann March said, "Thank you for all your help and continued support. The SBDC is a great resource for small businesses!"

For more information about Bark & Play Dog Daycare & Suites, visit <http://barkandplaydaycareandsuites.com>.

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Left to Right: Mike Crowner and Ann March (Bark & Play Dog Daycare & Suites owner)