

Swanky doggy inn opening in Chelsea

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A posh hotel catering solely to pampered pups is set to open in Chelsea later this summer — complete with a fitness spa, gourmet meals prepared by a private chef, and suites with full-size beds and flat-screen TVs.

"We thought the concept was perfect for New York. It's tough to find a home away from home for dogs," said Kerry Brown, who co-owns the D Pet Hotel at 104 W. 27th St. with Christian Skowlund.

The 10,000-square-foot pooch palace is no fleabag flophouse.

Its 40 standard suites will cost \$79 a night but still offer designer Kuranda dog beds.



SIT! STAY OVERNIGHT! Tito luxuriates in one of the D Pet Hotel's luxe suites before trying out a treadmill at its fitness spa.

Eight "sensational suites" go for \$110 each and feature flatscreen TVs with DVD players so homesick hounds can watch flicks such as "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" and "Fox

and the Hound," which the hotel stocks.

Its two \$200-a-night "uber suites" feature a queensize bed, 19-foot ceilings and 42-inch TVs with cable. Day care is also an option.

While pets can chow down on the house kibble, gourmet fare — brown rice with vegetables, lamb or chicken — is offered at \$9 a meal.

The coddled canines can spend their days in three doggy parks on the hotel's upper floors. For an extra \$60 an hour, staffers will even walk them around the 'hood.

Then, it's to the spa, where "we'll take it one step further with 'pawdicures' and hot-oil treatments for dry skin or dry coats," said in-house celebrity groomer Ali McLennan.

In the gym, "we have little doggy treadmills to keep the dogs fit," Brown added. And "we have an air-filtra-

And "we have an air-filtration system that changes the air every six to 10 minutes."

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