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**To:** Monica Schultz <[mschultz@westalliswi.gov](mailto:mschultz@westalliswi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Happy Tails Pet Training Special Use Permit

Hello!

Today I received my letter in regards to a special use permit for a Pet Training business wishing to operate in 1412 S. 72<sup>nd</sup>. I have only one concern with regard to this business and this is the handling of waste from the animals.

In the business plan Happy trails Pet Training says there is "a tree with a triangle area of woodchips that would be utilized for the dogs to go to the bathroom." My concern with this is twofold.

Firstly, this business would be using publicly owned and maintained land for the disposal of their businesses by products (animal waste). This is the same as me disposing of the waste from my business into a city dumpster. Residences get city disposal, not businesses. I would suggest a "potty area" within the business dedicated for the animals to use as a bathroom in lack of surrounding outdoor property. With the abounding amount of indoor bathroom products for dogs I am sure finding enough fabric for a large enough area would not be difficult.

Secondly, if allowed to use public space for the animals to urinate and defecate, what plans would be in place to maintain that tree and area for future growth? As any pet owner can tell you, a yard with an animal rarely stays green due to the nature of the constant urination in a confined area. This proposed area would most certainly lead to damage, or death, of the tree and surrounding soils. Additionally what signage, if any, would be used to direct people to use the proposed area versus another "area of woodchips"?

Along these same lines, urging people to clean up after their dog is great but it hardly guarantees success. I would further suggest that if allowed to use this area as a dog restroom a "clean-up" dispenser be installed and maintained by the business to facilitate in the goal of keeping the area clear of animal feces. A Dog waste station such as the following is my suggestion. (<http://www.dogwastedepot.com/dog-waste-stations-and-mini-stations-prodlist.html>)

Also speaking of the "dumpster right outside the building for garbage disposal". This dumpster is frequently filled with all manner of trash and debris. Would the business be required to acquire their own dumpster for the purpose of this specific waste? And would the current owner of said dumpster permit their waste being placed into the dumpster? These questions arise as we have in the downtown always had a problem with the dumping of trash which is not being generated by the dumpsters owner(s).

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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