



Chris and Dana Dye, at right, of Woof Gang Bakery tempt Tim the Terrier with some dog treats as Tim's friend Barry Ruhl watches.

Woof Gang Bakery opens near outlet mall

Woof Gang Bakery opened on Nov. 6 at 5975 Factory Shops Blvd. in Ellenton, just around the corner from Peach's Restaurant on the way to the mall.

You understand that's WOOF Gang Bakery—like in WOOF, pooch, AKC poodle, terrier and hound.

It's a unique dog treat bakery, dog food, dog care and dog accessory enterprise operated by a pet loving young couple from Ellenton named Dana and Chris Dye. It's also part of the franchise

chain of nearly a dozen similar stores throughout Southern Florida.

The specialties of the place are gourmet baked dog treats, biscuits and even small cakes made from special recipes designed to please the most discriminating pooch palate. In fact, Dana reports, they are made from high quality ingredients that make them safe for even owners to sample, if they wish.

The treat items range from a variety of large and smaller bone shaped biscuits to things like cheese dogs and oatmeal-cheese or bacon-oatmeal cookies. There are even iced varieties, like "snickerpoodles." All are priced by the ounce—from 81¢ to \$1.87 an ounce for the large iced treats.

Woof Gang Bakery also can supply high quality dog food at prices ranging from \$9.49 for an eight-pound bag to \$65.99 for a 30-pound bag.

Dana and Chris are excited about the store, especially in light of a recent study by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association and the Associated Press that shows pet ownership and spending on pets is at an all time high. It also shows that many Americans are now much more conscious about what they are feeding their pets, in this case dogs.

Now comes a twist in the story — the Dye's do not yet own a dog, they have two cats. As a result, Woof Gang Bakery also offers its customers cat food, cat treats and cat toys.

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Chris and Dana display a variety of gourmet baked dog treats, a specialty of the store.

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The 2009 Tax Bills will be mailed on or about November 17, 2009. If you have not received a tax bill by November 23rd, you can pay your taxes, print a duplicate bill and a receipt from www.taxcollector.com. All City and County taxes, assessed on the Manatee County Tax Roll, are entitled to discount for early payment as follows:

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