

## MAGNUM OPUS: A Swoon-Worthy Pampered Pooch Package

Vancouver's OPUS Hotel Raises the Bar in Pet Pampering

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At Get Leashed HQ, we harbor rather high standards for pet programs. Moreover, we're highly skeptical of cash grabs that are more about pet-friendly bandwagon jumping than quality pet care. So when we give Vancouver's OPUS Hotel ringing praise for their latest overtures to spoiling pets, we really mean it.

In a newly debuted Pampered Pooch package, **OPUS** offers a range of doggy spa treatments and a Bow Wow Butler service that gets tongues and tails wagging. This package takes pet preening to a whole new level. It includes a designer bandana from local doggy outfitter **Dog & Crow** and a relaxing, in-room one hour massage or reiki session for your doggy courtesy of Diane Major of Barking Babies.



All this "spaw" pampering may spark interest in visiting Major's pup hub, **Barking Babies** at 1188 Homer Street in Yaletown. This little boutique offers unique and fashion-forward apparel and accessories for pets. The shop is a favorite of Twilight star, Ashley Greene, and her dog Marlow. Fiona Forbes and Mary Zilba of *Real Housewives of Vancouver* are also regulars, popping in to stock up on the latest organic doggie treats.

Barking Babies books grooming sessions one fur-baby at a time and provides a playful waiting area for drop off and pickup. All shampoos, conditioners, and cleaning products are organic and chemical free. One of the most popular services is non-anesthesia teeth cleaning. Did you know that periodontal disease is the most common disease that pets develop? 80 to 85% of dogs and cats have some degree of infection. Barking Babies' certified oral hygienists take your barking babies' teeth to sparkling clean heights for a longer, healthier life.

While at OPUS, capture memories of your stay with a portrait session (included in your package) with pet photographer extraordinaire, **Tanya King**. King's skill as a professional portraitist, combined with her lifelong love and care for animals enables her to capture your pet in all their eccentric, whisker-twitching glory. After working with renowned commercial photographer, Hans Sipma, for eight years, King owned and operated the Dog & Hydrant Boutique + Photography in Yaletown until 2011. She also works with a number of local pet adoption agencies and animal shelters, donating her time to help find abandoned animals loving new homes.



King has also photographed celebrity dogs like Louie, the Staffordshire terrier from Guy Ritchie's action thriller *Snatch*, as well as both of Jessica Alba's dogs, Bowie and Sid. For Canuck fans, she has photographed Henrik and Johanna Sedin's dog, Elsa, Willie and Megan Mitchell's Spaniel-mix, Pinot, and the Bieksas' beautiful baby, Cole.

OPUS Hotel's Pampered Pooch package starts from \$589 and includes:

- Welcome beverage upon arrival (for humans only)
- Luxurious guestroom or suite of your choice
- Complimentary in-room iPad loaded with PressReader app
- Complimentary WiFi throughout entire property
- Handmade local designer doggy bandana from Dog & Crow
- One hour in-room canine massage or reiki session from Barking Babies
- Photo shoot in-room with pet photographer Tanya King (includes one 5x7 print and six high-res images on disk/dropbox)

OPUS Hotel's Bow Wow Butler can help arrange everything your pup requires from a celebratory birthday cake from Vancouver's Big Dog Little Dog Bakery to a dog walk with a licensed professional.

Situated in Vancouver's trendy Yaletown, OPUS Hotel is in the heart of the city, but is also close to plenty of greenspace. Emery Barnes Park at Davie and Seymour features an off-leash area and the seawall is only a few blocks away for a longer stroll around the city.

OPUS remains a leader in redefining the boutique hotel experience, and is a social anchor in Vancouver's see-and-be-seen neighborhood, Yaletown. Be sure to try the hotel's award-winning Italian restaurant, La Pentola and the newly opened OPUS Bar. Recognized in the 2015 Forbes Travel Guide as Vancouver's only four-star boutique hotel, OPUS Vancouver has also been named one of Condé Nast Traveler's Best Hotels in the World, Canada's Trendiest Hotel and Best in Business Travel and a Top 500 Hotels in the World by Travel + Leisure magazine.

OPUS Hotel has always welcomed canine companions, with no weight restrictions or extra charges for furry friends. To book your Pampered Pooch package or to enjoy a stay with your pet visit <http://vancouver.opushotel.com>.

