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Wayne Dorman, owner of Dogzies with Memphis, left, a Weimaraner and Molly, right, a Boxer.

# Recession got you down? Turn to your Dogzies

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Dogs don't care that the world is bogged down in a recession.

"In fact, dogs like it because it means their people are spending more time at home and turning to their dogs for comfort," says Wayne Dorman, the owner of Dogzies Daycare & Training Centre in Kelowna.

"As a result, my business is busier than ever."

It's a fact that when people have more money they tend to be out spending it rather than walking or playing with their dog.

Cash tightens and people focus on home, because that's where they are spending more time.

All of a sudden Rover and his bad habits become more noticeable and something has to be done.

With an eight-week session of dog (and owner) training classes starting at \$255, it becomes an affordable recessionary activity.

The hottest offering lately at Dogzies is Boot Camp for Dogs.

You've heard of all those exercise boot camps to whip humans into shape.

Well, Boot Camp for Dogs is meant to whip canines into well-behaved pooches.

Their owners attend the classes as well, because a disciplined dog is only as good as their

trained and disciplined master.

"Dog and owner have to work together as a team," says Dorman.

"That's why all my classes include the person working with their dog, because that's what they will rely on when the classes are over and they go on with their life together."

Dorman is busy every night of the week doing various dog training programs.

In fact, he's become so busy with the training that he's hired a full time manager (Peter Thewlis) to help run the Dogzies daycare and day school in the business' premises at 1863 Underhill St., across from Real Canadian Superstore.

The daycare charges about \$30 a day and includes walks, some training and socializing with other dogs. Overnight boarding really isn't boarding at all, because Dorman takes the dogs home with him to his orchard property where they sleep in his house.

Cost: \$45 and includes a day of daycare/day school.

Dogzies has also just introduced grooming and runs a storefront with an array of dog foods and accessories from collars and leashes to brushes and coats.

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Dogzies can be reached at 250-862-3649.

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