

## Someone you should know: This job is going to the dogs?

### *A success match to bark about!*



### **Kathy Lichtenstein, Owner, Rex, Meaghan Kile**

Meaghan Kile completed her service in the U.S. Navy as a Chinese linguist. But the difficulty of finding a job back home surprised her. Trying everything from online job searches, job boards, Craigslist, referrals and more, did not result in interviews or offers. She would email resumes, call to follow-up, and people “would say they would get back to her and never did.”

Because she did not have relevant job experience or a degree, Meaghan became discouraged from her frustrating job search, and turned to the One-Stop Center for Illinois [workNet Northern Cook County](#) for assistance. There she learned about and attended job fairs. She then met Tim Graves, the IDES Veterans Representative who would change her life. “Having a specific Veteran’s Representative really made a difference, since he understood what I had experienced,” said Meaghan. He connected her to the job opportunity at Rex’s Place. <http://www.rexsplace.com/>

Meaghan’s childhood dream was to work with animals as a veterinarian. Her earliest memories include swimming with her Newfoundland, Clancy, and wanting to take care of her friends’ pets. What attracted Meaghan to the animal-loving employer Rex’s Place? The holistic philosophy of “giving back” to the community. She actually had to “be interviewed by the dogs.” Meaghan laughed as she remembered wearing “interview clothes” and then “playing with slobbering dogs, playing ball, picking up poop.” After passing that hurdle, she had to answer more serious questions about her knowledge of dogs, how she would break up fights and introduce them to new things etc.

What does Meaghan tell people about her experience with workNetNCC? “There are people there to help you get ready to find a job, to teach you to effectively look for a job, and who help you get set in your life. Now I look forward to coming to work every single day.” Meaghan should know. She’s happily working at Rex’s Place and has already been promoted to Staff Manager. Her future plans include finishing her bachelor’s degree and then attending veterinary school.

As a 15-year Evanston resident, HR Executive and Executive Coach, Kathy Lichtenstein, owner of Rex’s Place thought long and hard about how she would run a business. Kathy says, “We are more than a doggie daycare – we are part of the community. As an employer – a key part of owning my own business is that I always wanted to give people a chance.”

Kathy asked [workNetNCC](#) for help because she wanted to tap into that market of individuals who still want to work and have a lot to offer, but may be having difficulty finding jobs. Leaving the corporate world to run her own business, Kathy sought out job seekers with big hearts. Through Illinois [workNetNCC](#), she connected with Meaghan and says, “workNet found the perfect employee for me. Meaghan exceeds my wildest expectations! workNet listened to my needs, identified a candidate and had my best interest at heart.” And after such a great experience? Rex’s Place is growing every day and has posted two new positions with workNetNCC! For more information about job resources for both employers and job seekers, visit <http://www.worknetncc.com/>.