



[Home](#) > [Cambridge Chronicle](#) > [Business](#)

## Cambridge canines get royal treatment

By **Chris Helms**/ Chronicle Staff  
Thursday, January 6, 2005

Some people call her the "Fairy Dogmother."

So reads a refrigerator magnet given to dog walker Adriane Bishko by an appreciative client.

Bishko runs a one-woman company called Cambridge Canines. She offers things you'd expect from a dog-walking business: promptness, reliability and a written note each visit to prove the pet has actually been walked. She also offers one thing you'd never expect: first-person accounts of each walk, written from your pooch's perspective.

"A young woman was eating her lunch. I was planning my 'grab-and-run' strategy, but Adriane foiled me again. Darn!" read one such note.

Other dog walkers tend toward more prosaic notes such as, "Molly did her business," Bishko said.

The embellished journal entries serve the purpose of letting humans know what sort of socialization their dog received that day, which can be especially important for dogs with behavior problems.

"I specialize in solo dog walks," said Bishko. "It's really good for a hard-to-handle dog."

In the year since she went into business, Bishko said she found a niche by offering extra attention to her charges. Bishko pays special attention to "leash issues," reinforcing commands like "stay" and not jumping up on people.

The efforts have paid off with Serge, a shepherd-Husky mix. When Bishko started walking him 10 months ago, he behaved aggressively toward other dogs. On a recent walk in Porter Square, Serge had a golden opportunity to behave badly.

A black poodle, named Timmy, had gotten loose from his distraught owners and run into the street. The owners screamed "He's going to die" and tearfully ran after the poodle. By contrast, Timmy appeared to be enjoying his freedom and this delightful game of chase. Timmy ran up to Serge, around Serge and past Serge, who stayed calm throughout the episode.

"He probably would have been more aggressive toward the poodle in February," Bishko said. "He's really one of my success stories."

The income from Cambridge Canines adds stability to Bishko's earnings as a medical writer, which can fluctuate month to month. She doesn't plan on growing Cambridge Canines into a big business.

"My goal isn't to be the biggest dog walker," said Bishko. "It's my passion."

Cambridge Canines can be reached at 617-767-5123, [www.cambridgecanines.com](http://www.cambridgecanines.com) or via e-mail at [info@cambridgecanines.com](mailto:info@cambridgecanines.com).

Chris Helms can be reached at [chelms@cnc.com](mailto:chelms@cnc.com).

### Herald Interactive Tools

-  [View Text Version](#)
-  [Email to a Friend](#)
-  [Sign Up for Home Delivery](#)
-  **SEARCH:** Enter keyword(s)

### Recent Business

-  [Business briefs: Sales center opens for One First](#)
-  [New Ecology to promote safer salons](#)
-  [Travel agent skips town](#)
-  [Inman businesses celebrate the season](#)
-  [Business briefs](#)



Earn your degree without interrupting your life.

### Select area of interest:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Counseling
- Criminal Justice
- e-Business
- Education
- Finance
- Global Management
- Health Administration
- Human Services
- Human Resources
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- MBA
- Nursing / Health Care
- Public Administration
- Retail Management
- Software Engineering
- Technology

Degree programs vary by campus.

**SUBMIT**