AND YOU THOUGHT THE DOG DAYS WERE IN SUMMER



Above: Services are available for the smallest dogs...

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For anyone who's only used to seeing the class offerings at a "normal" high school, Crockett County's variety of unique opportunities is a blessing for the students.

When those blessings are then extended to the entire community by means of the students' learning experiences and training, it becomes a win-win for everybody.

Such is the case for the Crockett County FFA's latest venture Cavalier Cuts, a new dog grooming lab under the direction of Olivia Lock, who built the program after joining the school's small animal science faculty. She works with Haley Williams and Ashley Moore to further the knowledge and experiences that agricultural students can use to get a head start toward career opportunities in mainly rural areas.

Cavalier Cuts is now taking reservations from the community after students have spent the fall semester learning the hands-on techniques of grooming, bathing, and coat health in dogs. Located in the high school's vocational building, the lab offers a variety of grooming services from nail trimming to the equivalent of a human spa day. (A price listing is featured in one of the graphics below.)

Haley Williams, who has been with Crockett's FFA program since its beginning, is excited about offering another new service to the public.

"I'm so proud of Olivia's hard work building this program," Williams said. "It's great to see the students learning and working hard in the grooming lab. The schedule is already filling fast."

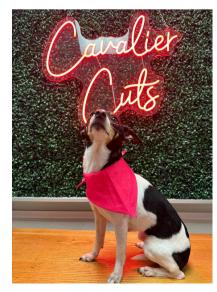


Above: To medium-sized dogs...

Lock expressed deep satisfaction with becoming a part of the Crockett FFA program. "It is truly a blessing to have such hardworking and dedicated kids," she said. "Walking into this program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am so thankful to have the best kids and co-teachers a girl could ask for."

For any community members wishing to reserve a grooming for their dogs, Lock can be reached by a phone call or text message at 731-377-8386. An online form is also available to indicate exactly which services need to be performed on your pet.

At Crockett County's FFA, the "dog days" are no longer confined to August.





Above: To large dogs.



Above: The price list for services offered at Cavalier Cuts.

Left: This highly-satisfied customer invites you to try out Cavalier Cuts!