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**Saved:** Anne Breneman holds Bobby, a rescued cat.

## Backdoor Friends combines boarding, rescue

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Exclusively feline.  
 Anne Breneman hardly needs to say more to describe her business, Backdoor Friends, a cat-lover's dream located on Grand River at Drake in the Mulwood Plaza in Farmington Hills.

"I try to have a variety of items, price points, and clothing," Breneman said. "I try to have a little bit for everybody."

Besides every cat toy, giftware, and amenity desired to display a cat owner's affection, Breneman, a Farmington Hills resident, operates a cat hotel in the store building. There are 16 rooms of varying size to board cats alone or together as a family.

She tries to keep cats who live together in the same room. There are no cages at the hotel and the individual hotel doors

are screened.  
 "We won't put two family of cats who don't know each other in the same room," Breneman said.

Room rates begin at \$10 a day for one cat. Amenities include morning and evening litter box maintenance, access to a play area and TV lounge, individual tender loving care and regular brushing.

Unlike other kennels, Breneman offers toenail clipping, does dry shampoos, and will give injections and pills if the owner brings them with the cat.

Breneman has been a member of the American Boarding Kennels since 1997.

In addition, Breneman operates a rescue mission for purebred cats. While searching for new homes, off-site foster care is available until they are adopted and ready for placement with a new family.

The attractive shop catches the eye of passers by, like Michelle Emanoil of Novi who stopped in recently after noticing it a few times. She looked at the photos on the rescue cat display board.

"We're thinking about getting

a cat," Emanoil said.

Two weeks ago, Breneman found a home for a 10-15-year old cat that was blind and had a large bite wound. It was lying by the side of the road in Novi on a dirty towel.

"The vet got her going," Breneman said. She completed Plaza Vet in Farmington on its care of her rescue cats.

Meanwhile, Breneman's cats, Bobby, Mary Jane, Annie and Katie, live comfortably lives in the store. They watch the customer traffic until they drift into a snooze.

The sign on Breneman's front door reads, "Please

don't let the cat out no matter what the cat tells you."  
 Breneman's cats don't seem too interested in leaving.



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**Cat's meow:** One of Breneman's rescued cats doesn't look happy with a new 'do.

### POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were recently reported to the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Farmington Public Safety Department:

#### VANDALISM

About \$76 in damage to a plastic mail box was reported. The damage took place around 12:45 a.m. Thursday in the 33000 block of Colfax, at Rhinewood.

#### DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police arrested a 21-year-old Redford Township woman for drunken driving about 3 a.m. Thursday.

Officers saw a vehicle cross over several times onto the shoulder of eastbound M-6. The woman said she was talking on her cell phone while driving.

Police officers smelled alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver's eyes were bloodshot and glassy. She struggled with field sobriety tests and later had a blood alcohol count of 0.17 percent.

#### LARCENIES

The owner of a business in the 30200 block of Orchard Lake Road reported that two people took a \$1,000 white, Gateway computer from the office at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

He told police he saw a young woman and her male companion

disconnect the computer and take it without saying a word.

At about 3 p.m. Wednesday, someone driving a maroon, 1987 Cadillac pumped \$20.04 worth of gasoline from the Shell station at 39200 Grand River and drove away without paying.

A resident in the 29000 block of Shiawassee said her \$400 Mongoose "Super Goose" bicycle was taken from the side of her house, sometime between noon Monday and noon Wednesday. The bike is blue with silver handle bars.

#### HOME INVASION

About \$1,700 worth of lawn equipment was reported stolen between Feb. 1 and April 13 from a garage in the 29000 block of 10 Mile. Among stolen items was a green-and-olive Sears riding mower, valued at \$1,300.

#### EMBEZZLEMENT

A Nashville woman is suspected of embezzling more than \$80,000 from the Orchard Lake Road business she was fired from in December. According to police reports, the woman took company checks between mid-June and late November of 2000, made them out to herself and cashed them.

#### IDENTITY THEFT

A 27-year-old Highland man told police someone used his

identity on Friday, April 13, to buy a vehicle at Bob Saks Oldsmobile, 35300 Grand River.

#### ATTEMPTED CAR THEFT

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a vehicle about 3 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the 27000 block of Stansbury. The owner of a 1995 Ford Bronco noticed that somebody punched out the locks of the vehicle while he was at work. A co-worker said two men in a red tow truck were seen around the Bronco.

#### SHOPLIFTING

Police arrested a 45-year-old Detroit woman and an 11-year-old girl, suspected of shoplifting \$380 in jewelry, clothing and greeting cards Wednesday evening from the Kohl's store at 30150 Grand River. The 11 year old was released into her mother's custody.

#### THEFT

Someone stole a 20-inch TV, two oval bathroom sinks, and a lock box sometime between April 13-April 16 from the Zanetti Dentistry building at 31904 Grand River in Farmington. The property was still in boxes. A lock box with a key had been installed. Painters discovered the lock box missing Monday but the building locked and secured.

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**Spring Schedule of Classes:**  
 (all classes are walk-in, unless otherwise noted)

**Sunday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Beginning Ashtanga with Lyle  
 10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Lyle

**Monday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian  
 12:00-1:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mimi  
 5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela  
 7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.

**Tuesday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Ashtanga with Michael R.  
 10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.  
 5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela  
 7:30-9:00.....Benefits the Back with Kitty

**Wednesday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Pamela  
 12:00-1:00.....Hatha Yoga with Mimi  
 5:30-7:00.....Intro to Ashtanga with Pamela  
 7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian

**Thursday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela  
 10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Mike W.  
 2:15-3:30.....Gentle Yoga with Betty  
 (Pre-Registration Required!)  
 4:00-5:00.....Yoga Flow with Betty  
 5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Lyle  
 7:30-9:00.....Hatha Yoga with Lyle

**Friday:**  
 8:45-10:00.....Hatha Yoga with Brian  
 5:30-7:00.....Ashtanga with Pamela

**Saturday:**  
 8:45-10:15.....Full Series Ashtanga with Pamela  
 10:30-11:45.....Hatha Yoga with Pamela

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 and Partner Yoga to be announced

**Classes Descriptions:**

**Hatha Yoga...**  
 Classical yoga postures practiced in a meditative environment.  
**Benefits the Back...**  
 Hatha yoga focusing on strength and flexibility of the back.  
**Gentle Yoga...**  
 Ease your way into a yoga practice, pre-registration is required.  
**Yoga Flow...**  
 Sun salutations with basic postures, an active and energetic class.  
**Ashtanga Yoga...**  
 A vigorous, flowing practice. Prior experience in Intro or Beginning Ashtanga is recommended.  
**Beginning Ashtanga...**  
 Ashtanga yoga with special attention to new students.  
**Intro to Ashtanga...**  
 Learn the basics of Ashtanga yoga in a less vigorous format.

**Course Fees:**

Walk-in regular.....\$10  
 Walk-in seniors (over 65).....\$8  
 Walk-in students.....\$8  
 Walk-in children (under 15).....\$8

**Limited Class Pass:**  
 6 classes (1 month).....\$55  
 10 classes (1 month).....\$80  
 10 classes (2 months).....\$90

**Unlimited Class Pass:**  
 1 Month.....\$100  
 2 Months.....\$150

**Pre-registered Classes:**  
 6 sessions.....\$54  
 8 sessions.....\$72