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Dogs on Deployment Boarders & “Zoom Room,” VA Reunites Military Family with Their Dog

“Zoom Room,” Hampton Roads, VA Hosts Reunion of Military Family, Dog & Boarders
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The *Zoom Room* in Hampton Roads, VA recently played host to a very special event for Dogs on Deployment. This Virginia Beach facility ~~has prided~~prides itself on providing excellent service ~~and exceptional dog~~ training for dogs and their owners throughout the region. ~~Last August~~In August, ~~Zoom Room,~~ Virginia Beach outdid themselves when they brought an entire community together to support a military family!

WATCH FAMILY & THEIR DOG REUNITE:

<https://www.facebook.com/DogsonDeployment/videos/268337620454488/>

Dogs on Deployment Hampton Roads, VA Chapter, the Baldwins & Boarders, the Pettinger Family

Jeremiah and Leslie Baldwin, and their sons Chase and Jackson, had military service orders that sent them to England for 13 months. The Baldwin family needed to board their beloved dog, Bailey, during that time.

Turning to Dogs on Deployment for help with boarding arrangements, they found ~~help through~~ Mike and Karen Pettinger. The Pettingers were previous volunteer dog boarders for Dogs on Deployment on four occasions, and are avid DoD volunteers and donors. Mike and Karen provided Bailey a loving home to stay in while her family was overseas. Once the Baldwin Family returned to the states, they anxiously awaited Bailey’s return.

~~The folks at Zoom Room Virginia Beach, a dog haven whose owners have supported and embraced the efforts of the local Hampton Roads Dogs on Deployment Chapter through several sponsorships and event hosting, were happy to play host for Bailey as he was reunited with the Baldwin family.~~

Zoom Room Virginia Beach has always been supportive and embraced the efforts of the Hampton Roads chapter of Dogs on Deployment by hosting or sponsoring events. When the opportunity arose, Zoom Room Virginia Beach jumped at the opportunity to host the reunion of Baily and the Baldwin family.

These efforts were coordinated by Myra Smith, Hampton Roads, VA Chapter leader, and Allison Mercer, Executive Director for DoD. Mike and Karen, Bailey's boarders graciously provided dinner for everyone there.