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He didn't start out as a very reliable employee. His behavior needed a bit of "adjustment" and at times the boss wondered if that much of a transition was even possible. Living life in a homeless environment had introduced him to habits that he didn't seem to find any fault with yet were not exactly acceptable to society, let alone the boss. But the boss was patient; the boss was kind and the boss saw bigger and better possibilities for this young one. Over time and with proper guidance, the transition occurred and he now holds the most prestigious position within the corporation.

On any given day, Friday, the Golden Retriever can be spotted fulfilling his professional duties as Official Greeter at the Toccare Massage Clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"He's come a long way since I adopted him, or rather, he adopted me!" Cadee Condit, owner of Toccare Massage Clinic, said of Friday, whom she rescued more than eight years ago. "Believe it or not, he had a voracious appetite; he ate a door, the carpet, two couches, my shoes and a deck." Condit said of her beloved companion and star employee. "These days he no longer eats my house; instead he channels all his creative energy into friendly and courteous customer service as Toccare's official greeter." she said.



Working Tail's



Obviously not a small job, Friday, with his fashionable tie, stands alongside the twenty seven massage therapists and additional staff who create the massage experience that Condit says: "is no longer just a luxury but a way of life."

At their location in the Pine Creek area for three years in May of 2008, Toccare offers more than twenty five different types of massage therapy. "Having access to affordable massage therapy was my inspiration for creating Toccare." Condit

said. "Toccare has a membership plan that allows every budget to incorporate massage into their everyday life." she said, paying special attention to their introductory rate of just \$34.99.

Making massage therapy as a "way-of-life" routine instead of just a "once-in-a-while" treat was the basis for Condit to begin the membership plan that offers a fifty percent discount which encourages clients to visit regularly and affordably yet always reap the benefits of a luxurious massage from any one of their talented and experienced therapists. "We offer over twenty five different types of massage therapy. All of our therapists are certified, continuously trained and licensed." Condit said. "We customize our massages for our clients' individual needs. We offer relaxation, sports, deep tissue, muscle release, Reiki, Chinese cupping, pre-natal, acupuncture and many more modalities."

As if socializing with Friday weren't enough to relax even the most tired soul, a brief but serene visit to their sitting room while your therapist prepares for your individualized massage will subtly prepare your mind and body to purge all that is not peaceful. A cool glass of water with orange or cucumber is offered to you as you sit and enjoy the mild scent of the candles whose flickering shadows dance upon the warm walls from where the soft, relaxing music seems to exude. Within minutes you find yourself in the capable, soothing hands of your therapist where stress, anxiety, any possible pains and of course, time, dissipate.

As you emerge and return to society a more well-balanced and stress-free individual, Friday is there to complete your therapeutic visit. Knowing the days have ceased where he devours homes and furniture, Friday now ingests love and attention given to him by his staff and of course the many visitors. "The moment he puts on his tie, he knows it's times to go to work." Condit said. "He is our most-loved employee. Everyone loves Friday!"

For appointments or more information about Friday and the Toccare Massage Clinic, call 719-264-9500 or visit their web site www.toccaremassage.com and "Unleash Your Lifestyle!"

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