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### It's like having a butler for Bingo

**Sarasota business lends a hand to pet owners**

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**SARASOTA** - Pet Express Concierge is relief for both pet owners who have trouble getting around on their own and for those who are constantly on the move.

Owner Brian Claybaugh started the business two years ago after he went through the process of having a kidney transplant.

"I have two dogs and when I was on dialysis, I found out how tough it was to care for them when I was sick," Claybaugh said.

While he recuperated, he thought of senior citizens and disabled individuals who had pets that were tough to care for.

"I felt for those people and vowed to create a business to offer several kinds of services to pet owners," he said.

Pet Express Concierge became that business. The company will come and visit your animals, pick up their medications and shop for customers at the pet store.

Revenue has grown 50 to 60 percent in the company's second year, he said.

"It's a good business to be in because clients are willing to pay money to have people take good care of their animals," Claybaugh said. "I haven't had a client yet who hasn't paid me on time."

Rachel Feldman of Bradenton, uses Pet Express twice a month to take her dog Sassy to a \$35 grooming service that includes a bath, nail trim, and ear and teeth cleaning.

