

FROM THE DOG HOUSE TO THE BIG HOUSE

PATTY LIVERNOIS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD SPOILS HER “SON” WITH A LAVISH LIFESTYLE. HE DINES ON BEJEWELED DISHES, HAS HIS OWN REMODELED BATHROOM AND CLOSET PACKED WITH CUSTOM-MADE CLOTHING, AND WEARS ONLY THE FINEST JEWELRY. NOT MANY 14-YEAR-OLDS ARE PAMPERED WITH SUCH LUXURIES – ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY’RE DOGS, IN THIS CASE, TRUFFLES, LIVERNOIS’ BICHON FRISE.



Livernois, who owns The Uppity Puppy in Royal Oak, a specialty shop dedicated to dogs, expects no less from any parent. To give Truffles full run of the house, she reupholstered her couch and chaise lounge with tapestry, which she was told would stand up best to his tiny nails. “Even though it was very costly, it was probably one of the wisest things I’ve done,” she says. For Truffles’ comfort, lounging cushions are present in nearly every room, including the kitchen and master bath.

The table for Truffles’ food and water bowls was made to match the backs of

the stools at the kitchen counter.

Livernois gutted her condo’s downstairs bathroom, removing a shower and bath, and re-installing the toilet and counter to make room for Truffles’ “potty pad” and privacy screen.

A set of pet steps allows Truffles access to the beds in Livernois’ room and the guest bedroom, as well as the living room couch. In summer, when he’s not lounging around the

house, the 23-pound dynamo tools around neighboring Fox Lake with Livernois in a paddleboat aptly named the S.S. Truffles.

As any proud parent would do, Livernois displays Truffles’ image throughout her home. She even commissioned portraits capturing Truffles through his growing years.

Livernois believes pets are truly part of one’s family. “They should be pampered, just like you would your own child,” she says. ■



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