



Heritage's director of Nursing, Jodi, along with the home's K9 companion, Cotton, and a resident.

It's all about *family*— at **HERITAGE** Assisted Living

...a pet friendly Assisted Living community

by Anne Richardson

'Family Owned' doesn't begin to describe the daily involvement in operations of the Aduddell family role at Heritage Assisted Living, nor does it adequately surmise the level of commitment to its residents. Heritage Assisted Living is one of the only (if not THE only) privately-owned assisted living residences in the Oklahoma City area.

Ken Aduddell, Sr. built the residence roughly 18 years ago in Yukon, Oklahoma. The residence's Director is son Curtis Aduddell and his brother, Ken Jr., is in charge of maintenance and also the recent remodeling project of resident rooms. Curtis and Ken are on site every day and have an open-door policy, welcoming residents to stop in for any reason, or just to say hello.

Another part of the team who arrives every day with Curtis is his dog, Cotton. Cotton is a Great Pyrenees and a familiar face to all residents. She visits with many of them and adds another element of 'family' and warmth to the home. Cotton came to Curtis through the dog rescue that he volunteers with—she was a rescue that Curtis planned to only foster, but he quickly fell in love with her and adopted. Cotton roams the community, visiting residents and creating smiles. Heritage Assisted Living is home to many pets—dogs and cats alike.

The Aduddells and staff consider it a 'resident-run' community. "We work for our residents, they are the boss," says Curtis. There is in fact a Residents' Council, which meets and gives feedback to the staff, helping with many decisions including daily activities, food choices and more.

Kimberly Brinner, Director of Admissions and Marketing, spoke of how she is inspired to make Heritage Assisted Living an inviting home where residents can flourish and smile daily. Her own mother and pet chihuahua Chloe live at the community—that serves as a true testament to its merits.

The community is a close-knit family encompassing 79 residential rooms offered at an affordable price point. They are proud to have many residents who have called it home for a number of years. Additionally, Heritage Assisted Living has many long-term employees—the staff name badges proudly display the number of years each has been there.

Heritage Assisted Living is also proud to be a VA-sponsored facility—one of the very few in the Oklahoma City area. This means that for Veterans who live at the community, additional services and assistance can be provided in-house as well as services including rides to the VA, help with medications, and more. Kimberly is experienced and loves helping Veterans (or veteran spouses) navigate the process of finding VA benefits which they may not even know they have—it's one of the first questions she asks when meeting potential residents.

Heritage Assisted Living is an affordable solution for pets and people...with connection and care you would expect with family.



Residents and pets enjoying life at Heritage Assisted Living

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