

OUT standing JUST asking

Janette Kaden Shares the Wealth

The title on Janette Kaden's business card is "furry god-mother." In actuality, she is the co-owner of Tin Shed, a happening restaurant on Northeast Alberta Street and 14th Avenue, and Hair of the Dog, a new dog grooming and self-wash shop on Alberta and 12th.

"The restaurant has blessed me with money, and since money doesn't really motivate me, I thought it would be really cool to give someone their dream, too," said Kaden, who describes her sexuality as "open to individuals."

Kaden granted the wish of her housemate, Sarah Sterner, by funding Hair of the Dog, just as Sterner completed her certification as a dog groomer.

Kaden and her Tin Shed crew continue to adjust to the growing volume of customers since they opened three years ago. When the restaurant started, Kaden cooked, waited and bused tables and washed dishes.

"From those humble beginnings, we now have 38 employees on staff and we see a couple thousand customers a week," she said.

Kaden is a stickler for quality food and cleanliness, and she credits her staff with creating the comfortable and diverse atmosphere.

"We know our customers by name, and we know their children's names and their dogs' names," she said. "It feels more like community than commerce."

Kaden gives back to the larger community, as



Janette Kaden and Bean are sparkling clean thanks to Hair of the Dog, a self-wash and grooming shop.

well. She frequently donates gift certificates to schools, teams and churches, and she participates in the Tail Wag, an annual benefit for the Oregon Humane Society. She recently threw a fund-raising party at Tin Shed to benefit those affected by Hurricane Katrina, raising nearly \$6,500.

"All ticket sales and profits went to hurricane relief," said Kaden. "Waiters even donated their tips."

—Jaymee R. Cuti

Are gay bars important to you?



ERIN THEUNINCK
Dish Dragon

"Not at all. We've reached a point in society and especially in Portland where people are going to be who they are, wherever they are, regardless of whether they put a sign on the door that says gay."



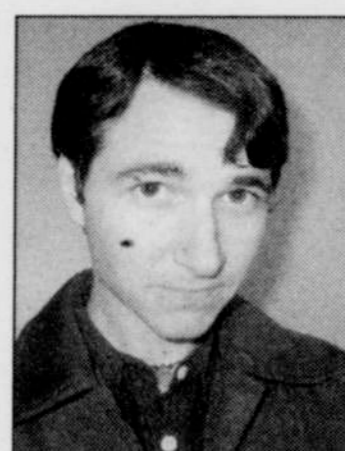
MITCH BRIDON
Owner, Spank

"Yeah, it's a social outlet. You have straight bars, so why not gay bars?"



CHRIS GADBOIS
Produce Buyer

"If I were single, I'd find them an important way to meet people, but there are other ways for the gay community to meet, especially in Portland."



AMA BENTLEY
Musician

"They're important community meeting places, just not for me. The fact that they're so deliberately a scene is very off-putting."



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