Becky O'Neil, Owner of Becky's Pet Care Of Alexandria, VA has been named the 2013 Business of the Year Award winner

Becky's love of animals originated in her childhood, spent on a farm in Pennsylvania where she helped raise and care for many animals including livestock, family pets, and horses. Responding to Northern Virginia's growing need for professional pet care services, Becky O'Neil founded Becky's Pet Care, Inc. in her townhouse basement in 1998. Becky was a one-woman show, running the operation as sole proprietor and sole employee! Thanks to her strict professional standards and knack for hiring devoted animal lovers, Becky's Pet Care rapidly expanded and now occupies two commercial office space locations serving over 3,500 clients. Caring for these clients and their beloved pets are nearly 100 Pet Care Professionals and a fully-staffed administrative office.

Along the road to this stunning success, Becky cultivated a formidable expertise in small business ownership, including personnel management, systemization, marketing, business planning and development, and human resources. Her knowledge and dedication has created an intense focus on providing the best possible pet care and ensuring consistent, comprehensive communication about the pets in our care. The procedures and systems she has put in place ensure excellence in care as well as provide clients the peace of mind that accompanies hiring a well run business to care for important family members.

Now a recognized leader in the pet care industry, Becky's Pet Care is committed to quality service and continuing education for the animal loving community. The company is actively involved in the <u>community</u> and with many non-profit organizations.

In addition to running her very active business, Becky enthusiastically supports various local and national animal rescue groups and participates in several local community organizations. She serves on the board of the Community Business Partnership in Alexandria, is President of her local PTA in Arlington, and as President of the Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network, where she also fulfilled past terms as Vice President and Treasurer.

Becky currently lives in Arlington, Virginia with her son, her daughter, and her black Lab, Teddy Bear.