

## **Angela Parsons**

### **Youth Award**

*Owner/operator, Royal K9 Spa and Resort  
Deer Lake*

*Recognizes a young entrepreneur (35 years of age and under) who has been in business for at least two years and is profitable. Sponsored by **College of the North Atlantic**.*

The winner of this year's Youth Award has built a successful business on the idea of treating her customers — both her two- and four-legged ones — the way she would want to be treated.

The Royal K9 Spa and Resort in Deer Lake has been in business since 2007. Its strategic advantage is that it provides professional animal care services all under one roof.

The business is a full-scale doggy daycare, groomer, supply store and training facility.

Owner and operator Angela Parsons is an animal health technician, groomer, and trainer. She has employed a team of three, including a full-time groomer, to work at the facility.

She has trained her staff in dog behaviour to help them better deal with the needs of their canine clients.

This entrepreneur has worked past her share of roadblocks in establishing the business, and some people told her that they didn't believe an idea like hers would work.

Her determination is paying off, however. A sign of her success, she has outgrown her current space and is planning a facility expansion to be complete by the end of this summer.

As a young business person, she has addressed high school students on career days, junior high school students through Junior Achievement, and her local Chamber of Commerce on youth entrepreneurship.

Her hard work, perseverance, and success make her a role model for younger adults interested in business.