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**BARKING DOG AT THE AFFINIA DUMONT**

***Third Manhattan Location***

NEW YORK – The **Barking Dog** restaurant livened up 34<sup>th</sup> Street when it opened at the **Affinia Dumont**, 150 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street, in conjunction with the hotel's \$15 renovation in May 2003. This Upper East Side favorite, which has had two successful locations for over 10 years, is now giving the Murray Hill neighborhood a bite of the action.

Guests will be in dog heaven at this charming eatery designed by Tony Chi and Associates. The restaurant provides a warm and friendly atmosphere with wood paneling, banquette seating, Thomas Edison-style light bulbs, and a collection of doggie artwork from Andy Warhol to original Lassie posters. Patrons will enjoy the famous “dog” quotes from literary figures and philosophers like Mark Twain and Franz Kafka, and photos of Richard Nixon, Sly Stallone and Lucille Ball – with their dogs, of course!

The menu features American favorites for breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch. Offerings include Homemade Biscuits, Blue Ribbon Oatmeal, Old Fashioned Yankee Pot Roast and Five Cheese Macaroni, plus an array of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Their signature dish is the Barking Dog Cobb Salad, with grilled chicken, crispy bacon, sprouts, avocado, Iowa blue cheese, tomatoes and greens with homemade lemon-dill dressing. The “Dog Bar” features a nice selection of American-only wines, along with a full bar, and in the summer months the spacious patio provides outdoor seating. Barking Dog T-shirts, mugs and other paraphernalia will be available for purchase.

“The Barking Dog is a perfect fit for the Affinia Dumont,” commented the hotel's General Manager David McManus. “It's a comfortable atmosphere with good food at moderate prices – a nice addition to the hotel and the neighborhood.”

The Barking Dog will also provide all in-room dining and catering for the hotel. They are open from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm daily with bar until close.

The Affinia Dumont is part of Affinia Hospitality, a distinctive collection of suite hotels. Affinia's hotels are proud to house some of the city's most highly regarded restaurants, including Daniel Boulud's *Café Boulud* at the Surrey Hotel; *Il Sogno* at the Eastgate Tower, and *Niles'* at the Affinia Manhattan, featuring Alex Aubry.

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