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TWO friends have used their love of animals as inspiration for a new business for Cheshire.

Emma Ollerhead and Carolyn Bell met when they worked as IT specialists at a conveyancing company six years ago.

A mutual love of animals led to the pair taking on dog training, boarding and walking services for friends, which led to the decision to set up a pet care business together.

“We had been talking about it for a few years,” said Emma, 30, who has two dogs and three cats of her own.

“We are both really fond of animals and we had got to a point where we were spending a lot of time helping friends and relatives with their pets – so this is just an extension of that.”

Emma, of Thurston Road, Saltney, and Carolyn, of Landsdowne Road, Tarvin, are both working toward formal qualifications in advanced pet training.

Carolyn, 36, who owns two horses and two dogs, said: “It’s a real challenge for us, setting up a business and working for ourselves, but to be able to work with animals and do what we love is amazing.

“We already have some bookings and we are getting ready to take home boarders during the summer so it’s going to be really exciting.”

All Creatures Great and Small provides dog walking, dog sitting, a pet taxi service, home boarding and training services as well as visiting pets during the day. Carolyn is also a specialist in equine care and the pair can offer assistance with small pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs.

The website, designed and built by Carolyn, also contains advice as well as tips for some of the best dog walks in and around Chester.

All Creatures Great and Small covers Cheshire, including Ellesmere Port, and North Wales.

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