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## Garfield resident's invention hits the big time

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Sharon Jones was down on her luck. Her home was falling to pieces, and her mortgage payment on her family's new home was falling behind. But in what was, "probably the most exciting day of my life" Sharon's luck turned around. She found herself on an exhilarating adventure that changed her life.

Sharon is a normal small town woman who has a very unique lifestyle. Her devotion to her pets surpasses most. Sharon takes her cats to places most people don't. She take her cats on walks around town, and even takes them camping with her family.

After seeing demonstration tents from Coleman, Sharon had the bright idea to make one for her pets. She drew up a design and put it in the hands of Davison Design and Development, Inc. For four years she had been sinking money into her in-



Sharon Jones and friends, Sadie Marie and Ghost, test out one of the "Cool Cot House" models invented by Jones.

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vention, and though she had paid off her patent, Sharon still had to get her product on the market.

After her design was complete Sharon and her family sent

in a video of why their invention was worth making. They filmed themselves going on a family

camping trip with all their pets. The company was so impressed

with the family's story they chose to build her "Cool Cot House".

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"It was definatly scary," Sharon stated, "putting money into an [unknown] company. I've heard of so many scams before. I certainly checked it out, but you still never know if your invention is going to appeal to the right market, either."

Her nervousness went away the day Sharon and her son, Andrew, flew to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where president and CEO of the company, George Davison, unveiled numerous surprises.

The day started with an astonishing filming of a reality TV show where she met Mr. Davison, saw the unveiling of her new product, and was presented with a check for \$12,000. This was followed by touring the astonishing and imaginative *Invention Land* that Davison created (www.inventionland.com). The day ended with one more surprise, the naming of a "street" for famous inventors that labels the hallways of Davison with Sharon's last name on it.

Sharon and her family are

now living in Garfield and are working to relocate into their new home in Potlatch as soon as possible. Her cot house can be found at <http://www.skymall.com/shopping/homepage.htm>, or in the Sky Mall Catalog.

With a story as uplifting as the person behind it, Sharon Jones has shown the world that little ideas can get big results. It just goes to show that, with persistence and patience, anyone can make a dream come true.

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