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\$1,000,000 Powerball Win Eclipses the Day's Event for Four Dog Groomers

TRENTON (Aug. 21, 2017) – While millions of New Jerseyans had their heads toward the sun this Monday afternoon, the excitement of a \$1,000,000 Powerball prize win totally eclipsed the astrological moment for four dog groomers working in Ringwood, NJ. Co-workers and now Lottery partners, Kristle Ellicott of Wayne, Passaic County; Laura Lahm of Oakland, Bergen County; Alice Lynch of Hawthorne, Passaic County; and Kimberly Visser of Greenwood Lake, NY, Orange County, came to Lottery Headquarters to claim their ticket that matched the five white balls drawn for the Saturday, Aug. 19 Powerball drawing.

The group purchased 34 sets of numbers for the drawing when the jackpot reached \$535 million. At 6:30 am on Sunday morning, Alice texted the other ladies informing them that they were \$1,000,000 winners. Initially, they thought she was joking but then Kimberly remarked, "Alice never gets up that early in the morning, so it had to be true." The women are still processing the win but after visiting Lottery HQ and validating their ticket, it is starting to become real. The ladies will all be paying off some bills and saving for their futures.

The winning ticket was purchased in Passaic County at Old Forge Spirits & Pub, 139 Skyline Dr., Ringwood.

The Powerball jackpot rolled to \$650,000,000 for the next drawing to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 10:59 pm.

The Powerball roll began on June 14 and during its 20 draws more than one million tickets won more than \$9.4 million in cash prizes. That includes two million winning tickets and 27 \$50,000 winning tickets.

"Congratulations to all of the lottery players who purchased winning tickets and to the retailers that sold them," said Hedinger. "I'd like to remind players to purchase their Powerball tickets with a winning attitude and add Power Play to the ticket purchase. Power Play doubles the second prize from one million dollars to two million dollars and multiplies all of the seven lower prize sets available in the game by the number drawn that evening. The jackpot prize is not multiplied."

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

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