

Canine to Five Detroit plans \$1.6 million expansion, 10 new jobs



Photo by Canine to Five The current 6,000 square foot facility will remain open during construction.

The dog day care and boarding facility in Midtown will add a new 10,000-square-foot building that will accommodate up to 175 dogs. The increased space and services are expected to create 10 new job openings.

By Crain's Detroit Business

Canine to Five Detroit, a dog day care and boarding facility in Midtown Detroit, plans to invest \$1.6 million and create 10 new jobs through an expansion.

Liz Blondy, Canine to Five's founder and owner, announced Thursday that the business planned to renovate its existing facility at 3443 Cass Ave. and add a new building on property located directly next door. Blondy [purchased the adjacent city-owned lot in 2011](#).

Ground breaking on the 10,000-square-foot building is to take place in the spring. Canine to Five will occupy 7,000 square feet of the new building and plans to rent the remaining 3,000 square feet to retail businesses. Its current 6,000-square-foot facility will remain open during construction and undergo remodeling once the new building is finished.

"Downtown's population is growing and that includes the dog population," Blondy said in a news release. "Canine to Five's growth and the types of dogs we're able to serve began to be limited, and with this expansion we can serve many more dogs and provide more specialized care."

Blondy launched Canine to Five Detroit in 2005, [serving seven dogs](#) on its first day. Its current day care capacity is 100 dogs and the expansion will accommodate up to 175. The new premises will include a senior lounge, a private play area for dogs that don't do well in a group setting and accommodations for small breeds, special needs dogs and dogs that have not been spayed or neutered. The increased space and services are expected to create 10 new jobs. "I will continue to make every effort to find Detroit residents to fill those spots," Blondy said.

Canine to Five also has a 22,000-square-foot dog day care and boarding facility at 1221 E. Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. [That facility](#)

opened in 2015, two years after Blondy rented a smaller space on Hilton Road in Ferndale.

Detroit-based **D MET** will be the architectural firm for the project and **The Monahan Co.** in Eastpointe will manage construction.

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