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## **Doggy day care in talks to join Wegmans-anchored Carlyle Crossing**

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Doggy day care business District Dogs is in talks to establish a new location at Carlyle Crossing, the Wegmans-anchored mixed-use development that opened earlier this year near the Eisenhower Avenue Metro station in Alexandria.

Jacob Hensley, and the company he founded in 2014, have a tentative deal with the project's developer, an affiliate of Stonebridge Associates Inc., to lease 4,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space on Mandeville Lane just east of the main entrance to Wegmans at the corner of Mandeville Lane and Stovall Street.

District Dogs applied earlier this week to the city for a special use permit to allow the animal care facility to operate and offer overnight boarding from the space, according to the application. The facility could support up to 90 canines, with pickup and dropoff times between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

It would be the fifth bricks-and-mortar location for District Dogs, not counting one coming to Amazon.com Inc.'s Crystal City

headquarters — that lease was announced in November. The business prefers more urban, mixed-use developments for its locations, which today include Clarendon, Navy Yard and Shaw, per Hensley.

Carlyle Crossing isn't far from the company's planned spot for Crystal City, but Hensley said he believes they could complement each other — some Amazonians may opt to live at Carlyle Crossing and board their dogs close to home before heading to work at the new Amazon (NASDAQ: AMZN) headquarters, or vice versa, he said.



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“We really do feel like Alexandria is its own market and territory,” Hensley said. “There might be some crossover, but we do feel like Alexandria can support its own District Dogs.”

In addition to Wegmans, other tenants planned for the 1.7 million-square-foot development include Ted's Bulletin, Sidekick Bakery and preschool operator Celebree School.

Steve Gaudio, of District Equities, represented District Dogs in the lease, while a KLN Commercial Real Estate Services team, including Jake Levin, represented the landlord.



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