

Heights Canine doggy daycare and training center - Columbus - Columbus Business First

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Cleveland's Heights Canine is bringing its specialty training and daycare boarding services to Franklinton. The company has two locations in Cleveland and officials say they are excited to expand to the Columbus area.

"We have a lot of friends in the area," said owner and trainer [David Tirpak](#). "It's a close enough drive from Cleveland where we are going to be able to ... continue providing the best support possible to our Columbus staff."

Tirpak said the company is excited to have found a site in an up-and-coming area.

Heights Canine will make an official announcement in the next day or so, upon finalizing their lease at 154 S. Yale Street. The company will offer training immediately, but daycare boarding services likely won't start until early October, Tirpak said.

Heights Canine will start hiring as soon as the lease is final.

With so many choices for dog training and boarding, why Heights Canine?

"We just care about the dogs," Tirpak said. "It's one of those things where we've proven ourselves to work with some of the most difficult dogs out there."

He said these are dogs most trainers won't touch or recommend putting down. The company offers behavioral and aggression rehabilitation on top of standard boarding and training options.

"A lot of people just don't have the knowledge or the expertise to work with these certain cases," Tirpak said. "Nor do they have the patience to ... And that's where we've kind of tried to excel."

He said most dog daycares are free-for-alls, where they just play. While that's great for social dogs, there are special-needs dogs that need more than that.

"We take that three-tiered approach where training is the No. 1 service that we offer, and then our daycare boarding experience is constantly supervised under trainer staff, making sure that it's provided at a higher level from a behavioral standpoint."

Tirpak also said that 80 to 90 percent of their clients have had dogs that have been attacked at a dog park, regular daycare or out on a walk.