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## **KT's Pet Shop to open 2,600 s/f store at Century Investment Company's Depot Plaza**

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KT's Pet Stop, a pet food and supplies retailer based in the Fiskdale section of Sturbridge, will open a new store in Palmer during the week of Memorial Day, according to Andrew Cohen of Century Investment Company, co-owner of Depot Plaza on North Main St.

The 2,600 s/f store at the shopping center will offer a wide variety of dog, cat and small animal foods, as well as treats, toys and supplies, according to Kathy Menard, who runs the business with her partner, Tom Astukewicz.

Palmer's newest retail business will serve the general pet-owning public and also carry a full line of natural pet foods and specialty products that are the hallmark of the Fiskdale store, according to Menard. "We will bring top quality products at competitive, affordable prices to the Palmer area," she said.

Menard, an award-winning dog trainer with 35 years of experience, offers obedience classes and behavioral consultations out of the Fiskdale store, which does business under the banner of Compatible Canine Holistic Pet Center. She and Astukewicz long have been active in supporting local animal shelters through fundraisers and donated services.

The opening of KT's Pet Stop tenancy brings Depot Plaza to 100% occupancy, according to Cohen. Other tenants include Rocky's Ace Hardware, Vantage Sports & Rehab, Apollo Pizza Restaurant, Goodwill Shops, A Wireless Solution, Tang's Restaurant, Lena's Salon, Western Mass Martial Arts, and H&R Block.

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