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**NEW GROOMING KENNEL TO OPEN IN NORFOLK**

**NORFOLK, VA – (August 2009)** – S. L. Nusbaum Realty Co. is pleased to announce that the region’s newest full service dog grooming and overnight boarding kennel will soon set up shop along Hampton Blvd. Muddy Paws, which has a smaller shop on Colley Avenue, has leased an 8,119 SF building on 3700 Hampton Blvd in Norfolk, VA.

“This is a great use for the building and one sorely needed in a community filled with dog lovers who cannot take their pets with them on trips”, said Maryann Jacobson, co-owner of Muddy Paws.

The building, a combination of retail showroom and office/warehouse space, originally housed the C.A. Nash and Son Paint Store. It was most recently leased to a motorcycle shop.

“We had a lot of interest from restaurant users but, frankly, we see Muddy Paws as a great partner to help preserve a classic building and contribute to the overall revitalization of Hampton Blvd.”, said Doug Aronson of S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co, who brokered the transaction. “The building is historic and, fortunately, its overall footprint will not have to be changed,” said Aronson.

While the structure will not be altered, both the interior and exterior of the building will receive a makeover. Improvements will include dedicated areas for retail and grooming and feature special accommodations for both small and large dogs. In addition, all the animals will have ample indoor and outdoor exercise areas. EHM Construction of Norfolk, known for its work with historic buildings across Hampton Roads, will handle all of the build-out. “We take great pride in restoring buildings and even greater pride in finding adaptive reuses,” said Eric Menden, president of EHM Construction.

Currently celebrating its 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, S.L. Nusbaum Realty Company manages, develops and provides brokerage services to shopping center projects, apartment communities, office and industrial properties throughout Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

With offices in Norfolk and Richmond, VA, it is one of the largest commercial real estate firms in Virginia and currently manages over 5.3 million square feet of retail space, over 16,000 apartment units and 2 million square feet of office and industrial properties.

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