

CHICKERING JOHN B JR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHICKERING JOHN B JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VCA ANTECH INC, 12401  
WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VCA ANTECH INC [WOOF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/12/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 19.25
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/12/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 27.88
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/12/2005		S		2,720	D	\$ 27.9

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value  
\$0.001 per  
share

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.001 per  
share

12/12/2005

S 1,200 D \$ 27.91 6,080 D

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.001 per  
share

12/13/2005

S 1,675 D \$ 28.03 4,405 D

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.001 per  
share

12/13/2005

S 2,905 D \$ 28.05 1,500 D

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.001 per  
share

12/13/2005

S 1,500 D \$ 28.1 0 D

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 19.25	12/12/2005		M	15,000	<u>(1)</u> 04/21/2014	Common Stock 15,000

buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHICKERING JOHN B JR C/O VCA ANTECH INC 12401 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	X			

## Signatures

/s/ John B.  
Chickering, Jr. 12/14/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) A total of 30,000 options (adjusted for a stock dividend paid on August 25, 2004) were granted on 4/21/04, half of which became exercisable on 4/21/05, and the other half of which become exercisable on 4/21/06.
- (2) Not applicable.

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