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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A
AMENDMENT NO. 1

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 001-16783

VCA ANTECH, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 95-4097995
(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
of incorporation or organization)

12401 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90064-1022
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(310) 571-6500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT:

None.

SECURITIES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any Amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☒ No ☐.

At June 30, 2004, there were outstanding 81,898,900 shares of the Common Stock of the registrant and the aggregate market value of the shares held on that date

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by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price (\$22.41 per share) of the Registrant's Common Stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market's National Market, was \$1.6 billion. For purposes of this computation, it has been assumed that the shares beneficially held by directors and officers of registrant were "held by affiliates;" this assumption is not to be deemed an admission by these persons that they are affiliates of registrant.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date: Common Stock, par value \$0.001, 82,282,203 shares as of April 22, 2005.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following persons serve as our directors:

DIRECTORS -----	AGE ---	PRESENT POSITION -----
CLASS I DIRECTORS -----		
John M. Baumer.....	39	Director
Frank Reddick.....	52	Director
CLASS II DIRECTOR -----		
Robert L. Antin.....	55	Chairman of the Board of Directors
CLASS III DIRECTORS -----		
John B. Chickering, Jr.....	56	Director
John Heil.....	51	Director

The following persons serve as our executive officers:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS -----	AGE ---	PRESENT POSITION -----
Robert L. Antin.....	55	President and Chief Executive Officer
Arthur J. Antin.....	58	Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President
Neil Tauber.....	54	Senior Vice President of Development
Tomas W. Fuller.....	47	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Secretary
Dawn R. Olsen.....	46	Principal Accounting Officer, Vice President and Controller

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Our executive officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of our Board of Directors. Robert L. Antin and Arthur J. Antin are brothers. There are no other family relationships between any director and/or any executive officer.

ROBERT L. ANTIN, one of our founders, has served as our Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman since our inception in 1986. From September 1983 to 1985, Mr. Antin was President, Chief Executive Officer, a director and co-founder of AlternaCare Corp., a publicly held company that owned, operated and developed freestanding out-patient surgical centers. From July 1978 until September 1983, Mr. Antin was an officer of American Medical International, Inc., an owner and operator of health care facilities. Mr. Antin received his MBA with a certification in hospital and health administration from Cornell University.

JOHN M. BAUMER has served as our director since September 2000. Mr. Baumer is a partner of Leonard Green & Partners, where he has been employed since May 1999. Prior to joining Leonard Green & Partners, he served as a Vice President in the Corporate Finance Division of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation, or DLJ, in Los Angeles. Prior to joining DLJ in 1995, Mr. Baumer worked at Fidelity Investments and Arthur Andersen LLP. Mr. Baumer currently serves on the boards of directors of Rand McNally & Company, Inc., Intercontinental Art, Inc., Leslie's Poolmart, Inc., Phoenix Scientific, Inc. and FTD Group, Inc.

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Mr. Baumer is a 1990 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He received his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

JOHN B. CHICKERING, JR. has served as one of our directors since April 2004 and previously served as a director from 1988 to 2000. Mr. Chickering is a certified public accountant, and is currently a private investor and independent consultant. Mr. Chickering served in a variety of executive positions within Time Warner, Inc. and Warner Bros., Inc. for eighteen years, most recently as the Vice President--Financial Administration for Warner Bros. International Television Distribution until February 1996. Prior to his employment at Warner Bros., Mr. Chickering served as a staff accountant at KPMG LLP from August 1975 to June 1977. Mr. Chickering holds an MBA degree with emphasis in accounting and finance from Cornell University.

JOHN HEIL has served as one of our directors since February 2002 and previously served as a director from 1995 to 2000. Mr. Heil currently serves as President of United Pet Group, Inc., a subsidiary of United Industries, which was recently acquired by Rayovac Corporation. Mr. Heil also currently serves on Rayovac's Executive Committee. Prior to joining United Pet Group, Mr. Heil spent twenty-five years with the H. J. Heinz Company in various general management and sales/marketing positions including President and Managing Director of Heinz Pet Products, President of Heinz Specialty Pet Foods and Vice President Sales/Marketing of StarKist Seafood. Mr. Heil holds a BA degree in economics from Lycoming College.

FRANK REDDICK has served as one of our directors since February 2002. Since January 2001, Mr. Reddick has been a partner in Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, a global, full service law firm. Mr. Reddick serves as a member of the firm's Management Committee and Chair of the Corporate and Securities Section of the Los Angeles office. Before joining Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Mr. Reddick served as chair of the corporate practice group and managing partner of

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the Los Angeles-based law firm of Troop Steuber Pasich Reddick & Tobey, L.L.P. Mr. Reddick is principally engaged in the practice of corporate and securities law, with a concentration on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other strategic alliances. Mr. Reddick holds a JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

ARTHUR J. ANTIN, one of our founders, has served as our Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President since our inception. From 1986 until June 2004, Mr. Antin also served as our Secretary and as director. From October 1983 to September 1986, Mr. Antin served as Director of Marketing/Investor Relations of AlternaCare Corp. At AlternaCare Corp., Mr. Antin developed and implemented marketing strategies for a network of outpatient surgical centers. Mr. Antin received an MA in Community Health from New York University.

NEIL TAUBER, one of our founders, has served as our Senior Vice President of Development since our inception. From 1984 to 1986, Mr. Tauber served as the Director of Corporate Development at AlternaCare Corp. At AlternaCare Corp., Mr. Tauber was responsible for the acquisition of new businesses and syndication to hospitals and physician groups. From 1981 to 1984, Mr. Tauber served as Chief Operating Officer of MDM Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mediq, a publicly held health care company, where he was responsible for operating and developing a network of retail dental centers and industrial medical clinics. Mr. Tauber holds an MBA from Wagner College.

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TOMAS W. FULLER joined us in January 1988 and served as Vice President and Controller until November 1990 when he became Chief Financial Officer. In June 2004, Mr. Fuller became Secretary. From 1980 to 1987, Mr. Fuller worked at Arthur Andersen LLP, the last two years of which he served as audit manager. Mr. Fuller received his BA in business/economics from the University of California at Los Angeles.

DAWN R. OLSEN joined us in January 1997 as Vice President, Controller. In March 2004, Ms. Olsen became Principal Accounting Officer. From 1993 to 1996, Ms. Olsen served as Senior Vice President, Controller of Optel, Inc., a privately held telecommunications company. From 1987 to 1993, Ms. Olsen served as Assistant Controller and later as Vice President, Controller of Qintex Entertainment, Inc., a publicly held television film distribution and production company. From 1981 to 1987, Ms. Olsen worked at Arthur Andersen LLP, the last year of which she served as audit manager. Ms. Olsen is a certified public accountant and received her BS in business/accounting from California State University, Northridge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors consists of John M. Baumer, John B. Chickering, Jr. (Chairman) and John Heil, each an independent director and each financially literate as required by the Nasdaq National Market listing standards. Mr. Chickering is the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that Mr. Chickering qualifies as the "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that our executive officers, directors and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered

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class of our equity securities file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with all Section 16(a) forms that they file. Based solely upon our review of copies of the forms received by us and written representations from certain reporting persons that they have complied or not complied with the relevant filings requirements, we believe that, during the year ended December 31, 2004, all of our executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent stockholders complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements except for one Form 4 filed by Dawn R. Olsen, which reported one transaction.

CODE OF ETHICS

We have adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applicable to all of our employees, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and all other senior financial executives, and to our directors when acting in their capacity as directors. Our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is designed to set the standards of business conduct and ethics and to help directors and employees resolve ethical issues. The purpose of our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is to ensure to the greatest possible extent that our business is conducted in a consistently legal and ethical manner. Employees may submit concerns or complaints regarding audit, accounting, internal controls or other ethical issues on a

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confidential basis by means of a toll-free telephone call or an anonymous email. We investigate all concerns and complaints. Copies of our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct are posted on our website at http://investor.vcaantech.com/Corporate_Governance.cfm.

We intend to disclose on our website amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that apply to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and persons performing similar functions and amendments to, or waivers from, any provision which relates to any element of our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct described in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K.

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ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth, as to the Chief Executive Officer and as to each of the other four most highly compensated executive officers whose compensation exceeded \$100,000 during the last fiscal year, information concerning all compensation paid for services to us in all capacities for each of the three years ended December 31 indicated below. We refer to these officers as the Named Executive Officers.

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NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	ANNUAL COMPENSATION			LONG-TERM COMPENSATION		ALL COMPEN
		SALARY	BONUS	OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION (1)	AWARDS; SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS (#) (2)		
Robert L. Antin (4).....	2004	\$562,432	\$562,432		425,000		\$1,
Chairman of the Board,	2003	540,800	540,800		--		1,
President and							
Chief Executive Officer	2002	517,691	520,000		290,000		1,
Arthur J. Antin (4).....	2004	449,946	404,951		175,000		1,
Chief Operating Officer	2003	432,640	389,376		--		1,
and Senior Vice President	2002	414,153	374,400		230,000		1,
Neil Tauber (4).....	2004	295,152	206,606		175,000		1,
Senior Vice President of	2003	268,320	187,824		--		1,
Development	2002	256,845	180,600		100,000		1,
Tomas W. Fuller (4).....	2004	264,368	185,058		175,000		1,
Chief Financial Officer,	2003	254,200	177,940		--		1,
Vice President and Secretary	2002	243,315	171,080		170,000		1,
Dawn R. Olsen.....	2004	183,040	60,000		40,000		1,
Principal Accounting	2003	173,325	27,456		--		1,
Officer, Vice President							
& Controller	2002	162,746	41,750		50,000		1,

OPTION/SAR GRANTS IN FISCAL 2004

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the grant of stock options made during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 to the Named Executive Officers.

NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING	PERCENT OF TOTAL OPTIONS GRANTED TO EMPLOYEES	POTENTIAL REALIZABLE VALUE AT ASSUMED ANNUAL RATES OF STOCK PRICE APPRECIATION FOR OPTION

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NAME	OPTIONS	IN FISCAL	EXERCISE OR	EXPIRATION	TERM (1)	
	GRANTED	YEAR	BASE PRICE	DATE	5%	10%
Robert L. Antin.....	425,000 (2)	17.9%	\$19.40	10/19/10	\$2,804,089	\$6,361,520
Arthur J. Antin.....	175,000 (2)	7.4%	\$19.40	10/19/10	1,154,625	2,619,450
Neil Tauber.....	175,000 (2)	7.4%	\$19.40	10/19/10	1,154,625	2,619,450
Tomas W. Fuller.....	175,000 (2)	7.4%	\$19.40	10/19/10	1,154,625	2,619,450
Dawn R. Olsen.....	40,000 (3)	1.7%	\$16.11	3/11/10	262,336	611,353

AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN FISCAL 2004 AND OPTION VALUES AT FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table sets forth, for each of the Named Executive Officers, certain information regarding the exercise of stock options to purchase shares of our common stock during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, the number of shares of common stock underlying stock options held at fiscal year end and the value of options held at fiscal year end based on the last reported sales price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market's National Market on December 31, 2004 (\$19.54 per share).

NAME	SHARES		NUMBER OF SECURITIES		VALUE OF UNEXERCISED	
	ACQUIRED	VALUE	UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED		IN-THE-MONEY OPTION	
	UPON	REALIZED	OPTIONS AT FISCAL YEAR END (#)		FISCAL YEAR END	
	EXERCISE (#)	(\$)	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE
Robert L. Antin.....	--	--	185,278	529,722	\$2,323,383	\$1,372,000
Arthur J. Antin.....	--	--	192,634	258,056	2,712,621	1,066,000
Neil Tauber.....	--	--	101,389	211,111	1,515,167	477,000
Tomas W. Fuller.....	--	--	148,611	236,389	2,123,583	794,000
Dawn R. Olsen.....	--	--	69,958	66,042	1,176,278	463,000

DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

We pay our non-employee directors \$10,000 per year and \$1,000 for each Board of Directors meeting attended in person or committee meeting attended in person which is not held on the same day as a Board of Directors meeting, including reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending. We pay the Chairman of our Audit Committee an additional \$10,000 per year. Upon appointment to the Board of Directors, each non-employee director receives an initial grant of options to purchase 30,000 shares of common stock at the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, which options vest in two equal annual

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installments on the first and second anniversary dates of the grant. In addition, each non-employee director receives an annual automatic grant of options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, which options vest in full one year after the date of grant.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

During fiscal 2004, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors consisted of John M. Baumer and Frank Reddick. John B. Chickering, Jr., joined our Compensation Committee in April, 2004. None of these individuals was one of our officers or employees at any time during fiscal 2004. Mr. Reddick is a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, which provided legal services to us during fiscal 2004 and is providing legal services to us in fiscal 2005. Nevertheless, Mr. Reddick is not disqualified from serving as an independent director on our Board under the Nasdaq National Market listing standard because of the relatively small amount of fees we paid to Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in fiscal 2002, 2003 and 2004 in relation to our total revenues and the total revenues of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP for the same periods. None of our executive officers served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has or has had one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

EMPLOYMENT AND SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

We have employment agreements with Robert L. Antin, Arthur J. Antin and Tomas W. Fuller, and we have a severance agreement with Neil Tauber.

ROBERT L. ANTIN. Mr. Antin's employment agreement, dated as of November 27, 2001, provides for Mr. Antin to serve as our Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President for a term of five years from any given date, such that there shall always be a minimum of at least five years remaining under his employment agreement. The employment agreement provides for Mr. Antin to receive an annual base salary of \$520,000, subject to annual increase based on comparable compensation packages provided to executives in similarly situated companies, and to participate in a bonus plan based on annual performance standards to be established by the compensation committee. Mr. Antin also is entitled to specified perquisites.

If Mr. Antin's employment is terminated due to his death, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Antin's estate his base salary during the scheduled term of the employment agreement, accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide family medical benefits. If Mr. Antin's employment is terminated due to his disability, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Antin his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled

term of the employment agreement (reduced by any amounts paid under long-term disability insurance policy maintained by us for the benefit of Mr. Antin), accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide specified benefits and perquisites. In the case of termination due to death or disability, any unexercised options will remain exercisable for the full term.

If Mr. Antin terminates the employment agreement for cause, if we terminate the employment agreement without cause or in the event of a change of control, in which event the employment of Mr. Antin terminates automatically, we will pay

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Mr. Antin his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled term of the employment agreement plus an amount based on the greater of Mr. Antin's last annual bonus or the average of all bonuses paid to Mr. Antin under the employment agreement. In addition, we will accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide specified benefits and perquisites. In these circumstances, Mr. Antin may exercise his options immediately upon termination and thereafter during the term of the option.

If Mr. Antin terminates the employment agreement without cause or we terminate the employment agreement for cause, Mr. Antin is entitled to receive all accrued and unpaid salary and other compensation and all accrued and unused vacation and sick pay.

If any of the payments due Mr. Antin upon termination qualify as "excess parachute payments" under the Internal Revenue Code, Mr. Antin also is entitled to an additional payment to cover the tax consequences associated with excess parachute payments.

ARTHUR J. ANTIN. Mr. Antin's employment agreement, dated as of November 27, 2001, provides for Mr. Antin to serve as our Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President and Secretary for a term equal to three years from any given date, such that there shall always be a minimum of at least three years remaining under his employment agreement. The employment agreement provides for Mr. Antin to receive an annual base salary of \$416,000, subject to annual increase based on comparable compensation packages provided to executives in similarly situated companies, and to participate in a bonus plan based on annual performance standards to be established by the compensation committee. Mr. Antin also is entitled to specified perquisites.

If Mr. Antin's employment is terminated due to his death, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Antin's estate his base salary during the scheduled term of the employment agreement, accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide family medical benefits. If Mr. Antin's employment is terminated due to his disability, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Antin his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled term of the employment agreement (reduced by any amounts paid under long-term disability insurance policy maintained by us for the benefit of Mr. Antin), accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide specified benefits and perquisites. In the case of termination due to death or disability, any unexercised options will remain exercisable for the full term.

If Mr. Antin terminates the employment agreement for cause, if we terminate the employment agreement without cause or in the event of a change of control, in which event the employment of Mr. Antin terminates automatically, we will pay Mr. Antin his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled term of the employment agreement plus an amount based on the greater of Mr. Antin's last annual bonus or the average of all bonuses paid to Mr. Antin under the employment agreement. In addition, we will accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to

provide specified benefits and perquisites. In these circumstances, Mr. Antin may exercise his options immediately upon termination and thereafter during the full term of the option.

If Mr. Antin terminates the employment agreement without cause or we terminate

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the employment agreement for cause, Mr. Antin is entitled to receive all accrued and unpaid salary and other compensation and all accrued and unused vacation and sick pay.

If any of the payments due Mr. Antin upon termination qualify as "excess parachute payments" under the Internal Revenue Code, Mr. Antin also is entitled to an additional payment to cover the tax consequences associated with excess parachute payments.

TOMAS W. FULLER. Mr. Fuller's employment agreement dated as of November 27, 2001, provides for Mr. Fuller to serve as our Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Assistant Secretary for a term equal to two years from any given date, such that there shall always be a minimum of at least two years remaining under his employment agreement. The employment agreement provides for Mr. Fuller to receive an annual base salary of not less than \$244,000, subject to annual increase based on comparable compensation packages provided to executives in similarly situated companies, and to participate in a bonus plan based on annual performance standards to be established by the compensation committee.

If Mr. Fuller's employment is terminated due to his death, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Fuller's estate his base salary during the scheduled term of the employment agreement, accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide family medical benefits. If Mr. Fuller's employment is terminated due to his disability, the employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Fuller his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled term of the employment agreement (reduced by any amounts paid under long-term disability insurance policy maintained by us for the benefit of Mr. Fuller), accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide specified benefits and perquisites. In the case of termination due to death or disability, any unexercised options will remain exercisable for the full term.

If Mr. Fuller terminates the employment agreement for cause, if we terminate the employment agreement without cause or in the event of a change of control, in which event the employment of Mr. Fuller terminates automatically, we will pay Mr. Fuller his remaining base salary during the remaining scheduled term of the employment agreement plus an amount based on the greater of Mr. Fuller's last annual bonus or the average of all bonuses paid to Mr. Fuller under the employment agreement. In addition, we will accelerate the vesting of his options and continue to provide specified benefits and perquisites. In these circumstances, Mr. Fuller may exercise his options immediately upon termination and thereafter for the full term of the option.

If Mr. Fuller terminates the employment agreement without cause or we terminate the employment agreement for cause, Mr. Fuller is entitled to receive all accrued and unpaid salary and other compensation and all accrued and unused vacation and sick pay.

If any of the payments due Mr. Fuller upon termination qualify as "excess parachute payments" under the Internal Revenue Code, Mr. Fuller also is entitled to an additional payment to cover the tax consequences associated with excess parachute payments.

In the event of a change of control and at our request, each of Messrs. Robert L. Antin, Arthur J. Antin and Tomas W. Fuller is obligated to continue to serve under the same terms and conditions of his employment agreement for a period of

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up to 180 days following the termination date at his then-current base salary.

NEIL TAUBER. Mr. Tauber's employment agreement, dated as of September 20, 2000, as amended on March 25, 2003, expired on September 20, 2004. On March 3, 2003, we executed an agreement with Mr. Tauber which provides that, following the expiration of the term of Mr. Tauber's Employment Agreement, if Mr. Tauber's employment with us terminates for any reason other than for cause, then we will pay Mr. Tauber the amount he would have earned as base salary during the 12 months following the termination date (reduced by any amounts paid under any long-term disability insurance policy maintained by us for the benefit of Mr. Tauber) and continue to provide medical benefits for the 12 months following the termination date.

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ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 31, 2005, by:

- o each of our directors;
- o each of our Named Executive Officers;
- o all of our directors and Named Executive Officers as a group; and
- o all other stockholders known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the date as of which this information is provided, and not subject to repurchase as of that date, are deemed outstanding. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Except as indicated in the notes to this table, and except pursuant to applicable community property laws, each stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown as beneficially owned by them. Percentage ownership is based on 82,234,320 shares of common stock outstanding on March 31, 2005. Unless otherwise indicated, the address for each of the stockholders listed below is c/o VCA Antech, Inc., 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90064.

NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BENEFICIALLY OWNED (1)	PERCENT COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING
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Select Equity Group, Inc. & Select Offshore Advisors, LLC (2)	7,249,834	8.8%
Morgan Stanley (3).....	6,334,957	7.7
Franklin Resources, Inc. (4).....	5,000,512	6.1
Robert L. Antin (5).....	3,231,260	3.9
Arthur J. Antin (6).....	1,311,110	1.6
Tomas W. Fuller (7).....	518,020	*
Neil Tauber (8).....	310,000	*
Dawn R. Olsen (9).....	82,125	*
John M. Baumer (10).....	280,000	*
John B. Chickering, Jr. (11).....	15,000	*
John A. Heil (12).....	50,000	*
Frank Reddick (13).....	90,000	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (9 persons) (14).....	5,387,515	6.4
* Indicates less than one percent.		

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SUMMARY OF EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

The following table sets forth information concerning all equity compensation plans and individual compensation arrangements in effect during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

PLAN CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ----- SECURITIES TO BE ----- ISSUED UPON ----- EXERCISE OF ----- OUTSTANDING OPTIONS	WEIGHTED AVERAGE ----- EXERCISE PRICE OF ----- OUTSTANDING OPTIONS	NUMBER OF ----- SECURITIES ----- REMAINING AVAILABLE ----- FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE ----- UNDER EQUITY ----- COMPENSATION PLANS
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Security Holders.....	5,245,533	\$11.19	1,808,000
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved By Security Holders...	--	--	--
Total.....	5,245,533	\$11.19	1,808,000

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed in this amendment to our annual report on Form 10K/A, neither our directors or executive officers, nor any stockholder owning more than five percent of our issued shares, nor any of their respective associates or affiliates, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any material transaction to which we were a party during fiscal 2004, or which is presently proposed.

We believe, based on our reasonable judgment, but without further investigation, that the terms of each of the following transactions or arrangements between us and our affiliates, officers, directors or stockholders which were parties to the transactions were, on an overall basis, at least as favorable to us as could then have been obtained from unrelated parties.

See "Employment and Severance Agreements" for a summary of employment agreements with certain of our executive officers.

TRANSACTIONS WITH ZOASIS CORPORATION

We incurred marketing expense for vaccine reminders and other direct mail services provided by Zoasis, an Internet based business that is majority owned by Robert Antin, our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman. Art Antin, our Chief Operating Officer, owns a 10% interest in Zoasis and a separate officer sold his entire 1% interest in Zoasis prior to December 31, 2004 for less than \$15,000. The expense incurred was \$946,000, \$993,000 and \$850,000 for 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The pricing of these services is comparable to prices paid by us to independent third parties for similar services.

STOCKHOLDERS' AGREEMENT AND PUBLIC OFFERINGS

On September 20, 2000, we entered into a stockholders agreement with each of our then stockholders, under which each party to the stockholders agreement has registration rights. In connection with these registration rights, we agreed to pay any expenses associated with any demand registrations or piggyback registrations.

In April 2004, pursuant to the registration rights granted in our stockholders agreement, we filed a shelf registration on Form S-3 which registered for sale the entire amount of shares of our common stock owned by an affiliate of Leonard Green & Partners, LP, or 13,693,874 shares. On May 18, 2004, Leonard Green & Partners, LP, sold 6,900,000 of these shares. Each of John M. Baumer, John G. Danhakl and Peter J. Nolan is a partner of Leonard Green & Partners and served as one of our directors at the time of this transaction. On August, 2004, Leonard Green & Partners, LP, sold an additional 6,513,874 of these shares. John M. Baumer is a partner of Leonard Green & Partners and served as one of our directors at the time of this transaction. All share amounts identified herein have been restated to reflect a 100% stock dividend paid on August 25, 2004.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP currently provides, and provided during fiscal year 2004, legal services to us. Frank Reddick, who joined us as a director in February 2002, is a partner in Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to us by KPMG LLP, our independent auditor, for professional services rendered during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

	2004	2003
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Audit Fees (1)	\$1,043,848	\$298,950
Audit Related Fees (2)	334,436	7,500
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Total	\$1,378,284	\$306,450

- (1) Audit Fees for 2004 include \$403,500 for the audit of our financial statements during fiscal 2004 and \$640,348 for audit of internal controls over financial reporting during fiscal 2004. Audit fees for 2003 include \$277,500 for the audit of our financial statements during fiscal 2003 and \$21,450 for accounting consultations on matters reflected in our financial statements.
- (2) Audit-related fees for 2004 include \$102,356 for due diligence work related to the acquisition of NPC, \$82,080 for due diligence work related to the acquisition of STI, \$130,000 for prospectus filing and \$20,000 in connection with our registration statement on Form S-3. Audit-related fees for 2003 consist of \$7,500 incurred in connection with our registration statement on Form S-3.

POLICY ON AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND PERMISSIBLE NON-AUDIT SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, setting the compensation of and overseeing the work of the independent auditor. In recognition of this responsibility, the Audit Committee has established a policy with respect to the pre-approval of audit and permissible non-audit services and fees provided by the independent auditor. Prior to March 2004, the Audit Committee specifically pre-approved all audit services and fees. In March 2004, the Audit Committee modified its pre-approval policy to require that all audit and permissible non-audit services and fees be pre-approved by the Audit Committee unless those services:

- o will not result in a fee of greater than \$5,000;
- o were not recognized as audit, audit-related or tax services at the time of the engagement; and
- o are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee and approved by the Audit Committee (or its designated representatives) prior to the completion of the audit.

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Pursuant to the pre-approval policy, the Audit Committee's Chairman is delegated the authority to pre-approve audit services and fees, provided he reports those approvals at the next meeting of the Audit Committee. The term of any pre-approval granted by the Audit Committee with respect to a given service is twelve months. All fees in excess of pre-approved levels require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. All audit or permissible non-audit services provided to us in 2004 were approved by the Audit Committee.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, on today's date, April 29, 2005.

VCA ANTECH, INC.

By: /s/ Tomas W. Fuller

Tomas W. Fuller

Its: Chief Financial Officer, Vice
President and Assistant Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
* ----- Robert L. Antin	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	April 29, 2005
* ----- Arthur J. Antin	Director, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President and Secretary	April 29, 2005
/s/ Tomas W. Fuller ----- Tomas W. Fuller	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Assistant Secretary	April 29, 2005

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----- * ----- Dawn R. Olsen	Principal Accounting Officer, Vice President and Controller	April 29, 20
----- * ----- John. M. Baumer	Director	April 29, 20
----- * ----- John. B. Chickering, Jr.	Director	April 29, 20
----- * ----- John G. Danhakl	Director	April 29, 20
----- * ----- John Heil	Director	April 29, 20
----- * ----- Peter J. Nolan	Director	April 29, 20
----- * ----- Frank Reddick	Director	April 29, 20
----- *By: /s/ TOMAS W. FULLER ----- Attorney-in-Fact		April 29, 20