#### CHICKERING JOHN B JR

Form 4

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**SECURITIES** 

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

VCA ANTECH INC [WOOF]

(Check all applicable)

C/O VCA ANTECH INC, 12401 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

(Street)

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

\_X\_\_ Director Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner \_ Other (specify

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/12/2005

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Dis Code (Instr. 3, 4		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/12/2005		M	15,000	A	\$ 19.25	15,000	D		
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/12/2005		S	5,000	D	\$ 27.88	10,000	D		
Common Stock, par	12/12/2005		S	2,720	D	\$ 27.9	7,280	D		

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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

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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

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# **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.

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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 excersiable on 4/21/06.
- (2) Not applicable.

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