**HEIL JOHN** Form 4 December 16, 2011

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEIL JOHN	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VCA ANTECH INC [WOOF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O VCA ANTECH, INC., 12401 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2011	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative Sec	curities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and (A	A) or	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/16/2011		Code V  M	Amount (I	D) Price A \$ 19.13	23,194	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/16/2011		S	10,000 D	\$ 19.549 (1)	13,194	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)	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.13	12/16/2011		M	10,000	(2)	02/17/2012	Common Stock	10,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEIL JOHN

C/O VCA ANTECH, INC. 12401 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

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### **Signatures**

/s/ John Heil 12/16/2011

\*\*Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

# **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).
- The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.54 to \$19.58. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) The shares subject to this option became exercisable on February 18, 2006.

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