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## **PetWatch Announces a New Acquisition and Ongoing Partnership with Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic in Rockville, MD**

Rockville, MD – PetWatch Animal Hospitals, Inc. (“PetWatch”) today announced the acquisition of Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic (MEAC), an after-hours veterinary hospital serving lower Montgomery County. MEAC was founded in 1976 by twenty-nine local veterinarians who opened the clinic to alleviate the need to take emergency calls on nights and weekends. MEAC joins Greenbriar Veterinary Referral & Emergency Hospital, Fox Chapel Veterinary Hospital, and Peachtree Veterinary Clinic as members of the Maryland PetWatch family.

Situated at the heart of Rockville behind the White Flint Mall, MEAC is open from 6pm to 10am Monday through Thursday, and from 6pm Friday until 10 am Monday morning to cover weekends. “The whole idea of MEAC was to let us focus on our primary businesses and free up our time – to get our lives back,” said Dr. Leonard Hollander, Chairman of the MEAC Board of Directors. “This approach has been a great success.” The reason we decided to partner with PetWatch now, is we know they are genuinely interested in leveraging MEAC with other capabilities to provide better pet care for the local residents.”

PetWatch has recently acquired and formed ongoing partnerships with Greenbriar, an Emergency and Referral Hospital in Urbana, Maryland; and two general practices in Montgomery County, Maryland - Fox Chapel in Germantown and Peachtree in Bealesville; as well as the twenty-five doctor Center for Specialized Veterinary Care in Westbury, on Long Island, New York.

“By partnering with the Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic in Rockville, Maryland we have access to some of the very best vets in the DC metro area; the original founders of MEAC—as well as the exceptional team of professionals they have as part of their practice,” said L. Peter Smith, CEO of PetWatch. “With these practices situated throughout the I-270 corridor, we are now realizing our goal of providing an unparalleled level of service to area pet owners.”

Dr. Jim Hendrickson, Managing Director and a twenty-five year veteran at MEAC agrees saying, “Veterinary Medicine is becoming more sophisticated every year. At MEAC, we

are excited about our new relationship with PetWatch as their resources will allow us to remain a state of the art institution in the veterinary profession.”

“MEAC adds to the PetWatch network another outstanding veterinary practice with expertise, community relationships, and human resources that will help us continue to build on our advanced, innovative model for exceptional animal care that is setting a new market standard,” Smith said.

### **About MEAC**

Conveniently located just off Rockville Pike (Route 355), behind White Flint Mall, the mission of Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic is to provide specialized emergency medical and surgical care for critically ill or injured animals. Routine services such as vaccinations and wormings are not performed. Our service also provides prompt attention for ailments that may not be life-threatening, but are painful, or concerning to the pet owner. Over the past 31 years MEAC has provided care for over 200,000 pets in the Washington Metropolitan area.

### **About PetWatch**

PetWatch Animal Hospitals, Inc., is a Delaware C-corp founded in 2007 for the purpose of consolidating the veterinary care industry in selected regional markets. PetWatch brings to its veterinary partners extensive management and financial resources, best business practices, and the requisite animal care market expertise to increase productivity, profitability and patient value—enabling practicing professionals to return to the real business of their business: helping animals in need. For more information please visit: [www.petwatchinc.com](http://www.petwatchinc.com).