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February 7, 2001

Secretary of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Alternative Method of Compliance under DOL Reg. Section 2520.104-23

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to comply with the "Alternative Method of Compliance" for reporting and disclosure (as set forth in DOL Reg. Section 2520.104-23) with respect to the Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") established by PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

In accordance with that Section, we provide you with the following:

- Name and Address of the Company
PETCO Animal Supplies Inc.
9125 Rehco Road
San Diego, CA 92121
- Employer Identification No.
33-0479906
- Declaration.
The Company established, effective 01/01/2001, the Plan, which is maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management and/or highly compensated employees of the Company. Currently, 51 employees participate in the Plan.
- Documents.
With respect to the Plan, the Company will provide to the Secretary of Labor, upon request, copies of the Plan documents, if any, that are required by Section 104(a) (1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to be filed with the Secretary of Labor.

Enclosed is a copy of this letter, which we ask that you date-stamp and return to us in the enclosed, self addressed and stamped envelope. Should you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address.

Sincerely,

Shirley A. Leath

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Compensation & Benefits Mgr.

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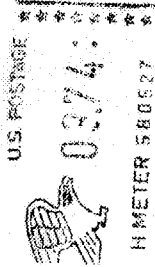
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