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Animal Supply Company (ASC) to Acquire the Assets and Contracts of Holistic Pet Source

IRVING, TX, December 19, 2016 – [Animal Supply Company \(ASC\)](#), the national leader in pet food and supplies distribution, announced today that it has acquired the assets of Holistic Pet Source (HPS), which is headquartered in Nashville, TN. Animal Supply Company acquired the inventory and the customer and vendor contracts which will be integrated into ASC's East Region, effective immediately. ASC will now offer independent pet store partners in the Southeast more than 17,000 pet specialty products. It is Animal Supply's mission to share our passion for animals through trusted partnerships that connect the brands and customers we serve to those who love pets.

"We are excited to extend our partnerships with great brands such as Champion and Zignature," said Don McIntyre, CEO of Animal Supply Company. "Expanding our presence in the Southeast – furthering our relationship with many current customers and welcoming new customers to the Animal Supply family – is a strategic win for the company. We look forward to strengthening and building on the acquired vendor relationships. We are in an excellent position to continue our growth and **Delivering Success**[™] to our customers and vendor partners."

Gaia Melkumova and Jerry Williams, Co-Owners of Holistic Pet Source stated: "We feel it is time to start a new chapter in our lives with the transition of Holistic Pet Source's assets to Animal Supply Company. HPS started with the guiding principle that it's not about the business, it's about the pets, and we are confident in ASC's ability to carry on the traditions defined in our name while meeting the needs of an evolving industry. We are grateful to Animal Supply Company for their important function within the pet industry and are also grateful to our Vendors, Customers and Employees that supported us on what began as a simple quest over 20 years ago to provide the best for our pets, and still remains true today."

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About Animal Supply Company[™]

Animal Supply Company is the national leader in **Local Everywhere**[™] pet food and supplies distribution serving retailers throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Animal Supply Company's mission is to share our passion for animals through trusted partnerships that connect the brands and customers we serve to those who love pets. We envision a world where every pet is happy, healthy, and safe, and we work through our employees, customers, and vendors to realize this goal. Animal Supply Company operates 22 facilities and employs approximately 1,400 people. The company has nearly 10,000 independent retail customers who operate more than 15,000 retail outlets distributing pet food and supplies. www.animalsupply.com