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PETCO Partners with Sittercity.com to Add Petsitting to its Pet Services

SAN DIEGO, July 11 /PRNewswire/ -- From Pet Training and Grooming to an Online Pet First Aid Course, PETCO leads the industry in helping to ensure pets are happy, healthy, well-mannered and pampered. Now, PETCO is adding another benefit to its comprehensive list of services available to pet parents. PETCO is partnering with Sittercity®, the nation's premier site for matching people with caregivers, to provide their customers with access to hundreds of thousands of petsitters nationwide.

Sittercity is now featured on PETCO.com as part of the company's list of pet services. Sittercity will also be introduced in-store, starting in New York and Chicago, where selected stores will host Sittercity's famed SpeedSitting® events this summer. Fashioned after the popular speed-dating, SpeedSitting allows parents to interview each petsitter for five minutes, rotating through a host of potential sitters to find the best match for their beloved pet.

Petsitting is growing in popularity among pet owners as an alternative to kennel boarding since it enables furry loved ones to remain in safe, familiar environments with customary diet and exercise routines while their owners go out of town. Sittercity's more than 150,000 petsitters provide all aspects of pet care -- from daily walks to medication administration to trips to the groomer.

To learn more about PETCO's Pet Services or to sign up with Sittercity for a monthly fee or an annual membership, pet parents can visit <http://www.PETCO.com/sittercity>

About PETCO

PETCO is a privately held specialty retailer that provides products, services and advice that make it easier for customers to be great pet parents. PETCO operates more than 850 stores in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as a leading pet products and information destination at <http://www.petco.com>. The nonprofit organization, The PETCO Foundation, has raised more than \$34 million since its inception in 1999 to help promote and improve the welfare of companion animals. In conjunction with the Foundation, we work with and support more than 4,200 local animal welfare groups across the country to help find homes for more than 200,000 animals every year.

About Sittercity.com®

Sittercity.com, the inventor of online caregiving, is the Web's leading parent-sitter matchmaking site for child care and pet care, dedicated to making the process of finding a caregiver fast, easy, safe and fun. With access to hundreds of thousands of sitters nationwide, parents of children or pets can find a wealth of qualified caregivers in their area by using Sittercity's four-step screening process, which includes references, parent-to-parent feedback, personal interviews and background checks. Registration for sitters is free, and parents pay \$7.99 per month for an annual membership, which gives them unlimited ability to post jobs, and search, contact and hire sitters in their areas. A true pioneer in its field, Sittercity.com has been featured by hundreds of media outlets, from the Today Show to the Wall Street Journal. It received a Webby Worthy Award in 2005, won the Women's Business Development Center Rising Star Award in 2005 and won the U.S. Small Business Administration Champion Award in 2006 from President Bush. For more information, visit the company Web site at www.sittercity.com.