FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KASSAR RICHARD A						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Freshpet, Inc. [FRPT]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FRESHPET, INC. 400 PLAZA DRIVE, FLOOR 1				12	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Financial Officer			
		07094 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned														
Date				. Transaction ate Month/Day/Y	Execution Date,			Code (Inst				5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing (	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(IIIsu. 4)
	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	Date (Month/Day/Year) i	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ite	7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	e Ownersh es Form: ally Direct (D or Indire g (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$7.1	12/30/2016		A		35,414		(1)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	35,414	\$0	35,414	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The options were originally issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2010 Stock Option Plan as performance based awards. On December 30, 2016, the awards were amended from performance based awards to time vested awards. The awards as amended vest on December 30, 2018.

/s/ Richard A. Kassar, as

Attorney-in-fact for the

Reporting Person

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

01/04/2017

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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