FORM 3

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Walsh Cathal  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O FRESHPET, INC.  400 PLAZA DRIVE, FLOOR 1  (Street)  SECAUCUS NJ 07094			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2018		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trace Freshpet, Inc. [FRPT]  4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) Senior VP of Cooler		on(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify below)		. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed Month/Day/Year)  Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				eneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Form or Inc		3. Ownershi Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	(D) (Instr. 5)		Beneficial Ownership	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securiti Underlying Derivative Security			4. Conversion or Exercise	cise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to purc	hase Common	Stock	(1)	10/01/2027	7 Common Stock		35,000	15.65	D	
Option to purc	hase Common	Stock	(2)	03/30/2028	8 Common Stock		16,092	16.45	D	
Option to purchase common stock		(3)	04/03/2022	7 Common Stock		23,173	11	D		
Option to Purc	hase Common	Stock	(4)	12/31/2020	Common Stock		35,414	7.1	D	
Options to pure	chase common	stock	(5)	05/09/2026	6 Common Stock		12,277	9.05	D	
Options to pure	chase common	stock	(6)	05/09/2026	6 Common Stock		8,185	9.05	D	
Option to purc	hase Common	Stock	(7)	11/06/2024	4 Common Stock		13,109	15	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ The \ options \ were \ issued \ pursuant \ to \ the \ Issuer's \ 2014 \ Omnibus \ Incentive \ Plan. \ The \ options \ vest \ on \ December \ 31, \ 2020.$
- 2. The options were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 30, 2019.
- 3. The options were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning April 3, 2018.
- 4. The options vested on December 31, 2018.
- 5. The options were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning May 9, 2017.
- 6. The options were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. 50% of the options vested on December 31, 2017, and 50% of the options vested on December 31, 2018.
- 7. The options were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning November 7, 2015.

## Remarks:

Senior Vice President of Cooler Operations

/s/ Richard Kassar, as Attorney-in-fact for the

04/15/2019

Reporting Person

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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