



## Press Release

### **Caltius Mezzanine Provides \$18.0 Million to BrightHeart Veterinary Centers**

Los Angeles, CA -- 08/16/2007 -- Caltius Mezzanine is pleased to announce the recent closing of an \$18.0 million financing for BrightHeart Veterinary Centers. The financing consists of a \$10.0 million initial funding and an \$8.0 million acquisition line to help finance acquisitions of specialty/emergency veterinary hospitals. BrightHeart ([www.brightheartvet.com](http://www.brightheartvet.com)) is the national network of advanced care veterinary facilities that works closely with referring veterinarians and pet owners to provide the highest standards and greatest range of options in pet care, giving pets the best chance to lead longer, healthier lives. BrightHeart provides its doctors and staff with outstanding career advancement opportunities; promotes communication with referring veterinarians; and seeks to increase public awareness of the quality options available to pet owners for the medical diagnosis and treatment of pets.

"We are delighted to have the support of Caltius Mezzanine as we pursue BrightHeart's vision of creating the nation's first network of specialty/emergency veterinary hospitals," said John Milne, CEO of BrightHeart. "Our acquisitions team is currently in advanced discussions with a number of leading veterinary hospitals. This funding will allow us to continue to execute our strategic plan and accelerate our growth."

"We are pleased to be partnering with BrightHeart and to be investing in an exciting niche of the veterinary services industry," noted Greg Howorth, managing director of Caltius Mezzanine. "BrightHeart has assembled an impressive management team with top notch medical, operational, IT, and M&A talent."

G.C. Andersen Partners, LLC, a boutique investment banking advisor in New York, acted as exclusive financial advisor to BrightHeart for obtaining its financing needs. For more information, please visit [www.Andersenllc.com](http://www.Andersenllc.com) or contact Scott W. Hadfield at (212) 842-1604.

Based in Los Angeles, Caltius Mezzanine provides innovative capital solutions to middle market companies requiring senior debt, subordinated debt, and equity in amounts ranging from \$5.0 million to \$40.0 million to support management buyouts, recapitalizations, acquisitions, and organic growth. Caltius Mezzanine manages over \$500.0 million in assets for a diverse base of limited partners. With over 35 investments since its founding in 1997, Caltius is a reliable and experienced financial partner to business owners, management teams, and equity sponsors. For more information, please visit [www.caltius.com](http://www.caltius.com) or call (310) 996-9585.

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