



July 25, 2011 – Cleary Gull Inc. advises Kennel-Aire, LLC in its sale to Petmate, a Wind Point Partners portfolio company

Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce the sale of Kennel-Aire, LLC to Petmate, a Wind Point Partners portfolio company. Cleary Gull acted as exclusive financial advisor to Kennel-Aire, LLC.

Kennel-Aire, LLC, located in Ottawa, Kansas, is a manufacturer and marketer of high-quality plastic pet carriers, wire kennels, vehicle barriers, and water bowls.

Petmate is a manufacturer and marketer of a complete line of pet products including plastic carriers, kennels, dog houses, bedding, watering systems, toys, collars, leashes, and accessories.

Wind Point Partners is a Chicago-based private equity investment firm that acquires middle-market businesses and manages commitments of approximately \$2.5 billion.

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