Ralston Purina to Webcast Annual Meeting January 25, 2001 2:30 p.m. CST

Ralston Purina Company will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders at 2:30 p.m. CST, January 25, 2001. Interested parties may access the audio portion of the meeting live via www.ralston.com .

Founded in 1894, Ralston Purina is a premier producer of dry dog and dry and soft-moist cat foods, most of which are marketed under the Purina® brand name; and a leading manufacturer of cat box filler in the United States and Canada, including the Tidy Cats® brand. Purina also produces a veterinary line for dogs and cats with special nutritional needs.

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