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## **Daigo Pet Clinic Joins Buddy Holdings**

Integral Corporation is pleased to announce that Buddy Holdings, Inc. ("Buddy HD"), in which funds managed by Integral Corporation and its affiliates ("Integral") invested on November 29, 2024, has executed a capital participation in DPC Co., Ltd., which operates Daigo Pet Clinic.

Daigo Pet Clinic is an animal hospital group operating four veterinary hospitals and pet grooming salons in Aichi Prefecture. Under the philosophy of "Becoming a hospital that can continue to support pet owners for 100 years," they provide advanced and high-quality veterinary care while serving as community-based doctors.

Buddy HD is one of the largest animal hospital groups in Japan, jointly established by Ai Animal Medical Center Group (Ibaraki Prefecture), Will Animal Hospital Group (Miyagi Prefecture), and Elsa Animal Hospital Group (Hyogo Prefecture). With the participation of Daigo Pet Clinic, the group now comprises approximately 500 staff members, including about 100 veterinarians.

By providing accumulated management know-how, "i-Engine" on-site support and access to a network of experts, Integral will assist Buddy HD in strengthening its business operations and realizing growth and business development.

Daigo Pet Clinic Website: <a href="https://info-dpc.net/">https://info-dpc.net/</a>



Daigo Pet Clinic Toyota Medical Center

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**About Integral** 

Integral (Representative Director: Reijiro Yamamoto) was founded in September 2007 as an independent

Japanese private equity company investing in listed and unlisted companies in Japan. "Integral" stands for

"integral calculus - accumulation over time" meaning that the company will strive to establish a

relationship of highest trust with the management of invested companies, and will aim to accumulate the

highest wisdom over time. Integral makes equity investments from a long-range perspective through its

unique "hybrid investment" approach, utilizing both principal and fund money for investment. Subsequent

to investment, the company will provide optimal support in terms of management and finance through the

"i-Engine" corporate value enhancement team, and will collaborate with the invested company sharing the

same objectives and time horizon and seeing eye-to-eye with its management. Integral aspires to be a

trusted investment fund, contributing to society through the success of invested companies.

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