

SCARLETT JOHN A  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â SCARLETT JOHN A (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O GERON CORPORATION,Â 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE (Street)  MENLO PARK,Â CAÂ 94025 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GERON CORP [GERN]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Executive Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title                      Amount or Number of			

				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/29/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/29/2021	Common Stock	1,000,000	\$ 2.16	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCARLETT JOHN A C/O GERON CORPORATION 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025	Â X	Â	Â Chief Executive Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ John A. Scarlett  
10/03/2011

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This option vests as follows: (i) 125,000 shares on March 29, 2012 and (ii) the remaining 875,000 shares in a series of 42 equal monthly installments commencing March 29, 2012, provided the optionee continues to provide services to the Company.

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