

United States Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware						Voluntary Petition	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Purina Mills, Inc.			Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):				
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): See Attachment			All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				
Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): 43-1359249			Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):				
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): 1401 South Hanley Road St. Louis, Missouri 63144			Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):				
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: St. Louis			County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:				
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): N/A			Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):				
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):			See Attachment				
Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes)							
Venue (Check any applicable box)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.							
Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply)				Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s)				<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11			
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership				<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12			
<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad				<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker				Filing Fee (Check one box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker							
Nature of Debts (Check one box)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached			
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Non-Business				<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business				Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3.			
Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101							
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)							
Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only)						THIS SPACE FOR COURT USE ONLY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.							
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.							
Estimated Number of Creditors							
	1-15	16-49	50-99	100-199	200-999	1000-over	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Estimated Assets							
	\$0 to \$50,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$500,001 to \$1 million	\$1,000,001 to \$10 million	\$10,000,001 to \$50 million	\$50,000,001 to \$100 million
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Debts							
	\$0 to \$50,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$500,001 to \$1 million	\$1,000,001 to \$10 million	\$10,000,001 to \$50 million	\$50,000,001 to \$100 million
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Voluntary Petition</b> <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Purina Mills, Inc.	
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor:	See Attachment	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:	
<b>Signatures</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)</b></p> I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)</b></p> I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.  The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.	
X _____ Signature of Debtor		X _____ Signature of Authorized Individual	
X _____ Signature of Joint Debtor		Delbert G. Meinz Printed Name of Authorized Individual	
_____ Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)		Vice President Title of Authorized Individual	
_____ Date		October 28, 1999 Date	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Attorney</b></p> X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer</b></p> I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document.	
Thomas L. Ambro, Esq. Daniel J. DeFranceschi, Esq. Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. One Rodney Square North P.O. Box 551 Wilmington, Delaware 19899		_____ Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer	
Richard M. Cieri, Esq. Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue North Point 901 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114		_____ Social Security Number	
October 28, 1999 Date		_____ Address	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exhibit A</b></p> (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11)		Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exhibit B</b></p> (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)		X _____ Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer	
I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter.		_____ Date	
X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)		A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.	
_____ Date			