

GERON CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BARKAS ALEXANDER E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GERON CORPORATION, 230  
CONSTITUTION DRIVE

(Street)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GERON CORP [GERN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/28/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/28/2008		A	10,076 (1) A \$ 0 (1)	166,676	D	
Common Stock	05/28/2008		A	12,500 (2) A \$ 0 (2)	179,176	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.97	05/28/2008		A	25,000	05/28/2008	05/28/2018	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.97	05/28/2008		A	10,000	(3)	05/28/2018	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARKAS ALEXANDER E C/O GERON CORPORATION 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Alexander E.  
Barkas

05/29/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Shares issued in lieu of cash payment for annual board of directors retainer fee. Number of shares issued based on close price on May 28, 2008 of \$3.97 per share.  
The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron over four years, during such time the repurchase right
- (2) will lapse with respect to 25% of such shares on each anniversary date of the date of grant. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the director continuing to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.
- (3) This option is exercisable in a series of 24 equal monthly installments commencing on September 18, 2008, provided the optionee continues to provide services to the Company.

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