## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AQUAPAW BRANDS LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

PUSIFICA, ACIDEA, AFFECO, AIJUN2001, ANNA&PALM, BAIZHIJIABAIHUODIAN, BUYHERE365, CIMOON, CUDDLEZ\_PRODUCTZ, CUTE CHIC, FAYASHANGMAO, CUANCZHOURUYINSHANGMAO,

GUANGZHOURUYINSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI, JDIEJCDO,

JINGHONGYOUBAILIRIYONGBAIHUODIAN, KAIRONG TRADE, KANGKANGDIAN, KUNMINGJUHUANGSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI, KUON HOME, LBMBAIC, LLQYAFE, LOKI PLAYS, LYISVDENG, MIEDEON, NICEHA, QDAN, QQY STORE, SUPERIOR GALLERY US, THE SUPERIOR-US, TIZGO,

WANZAIXIANMANGQUANBAIHUOSHANGHANG, XUEYE SHOP, YAOXINCHUNGSHIYAOZHENSHAN, YONZHEN,

YUANBAOSHANQUCHAOLEIBAIHUOSHANGDIAN, YUGTCEN, YUNXIAOXIANTONGMEIBAIHUODIAN, YYDSLIUHONGYAN, ZABBOW, ZAMIRE, ZHANGWEIAMZ, BDH CO.LTD., BEIJIATE BOUTIOUE. CAPER BRO..

CHENGDUWEIYUEZHENYUSHANGMAOYOUXIANG ONGSI, FANCY SELLER, FLANCLE, JN CO,LTD, LENBEST JOY, ROYAL VOINNE, SHEN ZHEN SHI NIU FANG KE JI YOU XIAN GONG SI, SU ZHOU BEN HE FENG DIAN ZI SHANG WU YOU XIAN GONG SI, WGR LLC, XIAMENXIFANGTRADINGCO.,LTD, and XINCHENG TEC,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-538

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### **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

AQUAPAW BRANDS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Plaintiff"), hereby sues Defendants, the Individuals, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Associations identified in the Caption and which are set forth in **Schedule "A"** hereto (collectively "Defendants"). Each of the Defendants has willfully infringed one or more of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,834,894 ("the Plaintiff's Patent") by offering for sale, selling, and distributing knock-off versions of Plaintiff's Slow Treater<sup>®</sup> Brand dog soothing device ("Infringing Products"). In support of their claims, Plaintiff allege as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. Michael Scotese is an executive of the Plaintiff company, AQUAPAW BRANDS LLC, the 100% owner of all the assets of AQUAPAW LLC, the original company that developed and marketed the product at issue in this case (i.e., the Slow Treater<sup>®</sup>). The inventor of the Plaintiff's patented product solved the challenging problem of bathing a dog. By placing peanut butter into the patented device, that includes rubber protuberances ("nubs") in the center of the product, and affixing it with suction cups to the bathroom wall, the pet is enticed to jump into the tub where it can be bathed. The nubs on the device slow down the pet's ability to get all the peanut butter out of the device and the licking at the peanut butter soothes the pet. The product is sold by Plaintiff under the brand name Slow Treater<sup>®</sup> ("Plaintiff's Product").

 Defendants have offered for sale, sold, and distributed knock-off versions of the Plaintiff's Product which infringe at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent. Moreover, Defendants' sale, distribution, and advertising of the Infringing Product are highly likely to cause

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consumers to believe that Defendants are offering a genuine version of Plaintiff's Product when they are not.

3. Shown below are the example types of Infringing Product offered for sale by the

Defendants<sup>1</sup>:





**TYPE 1 INFRINGING PRODUCT** 



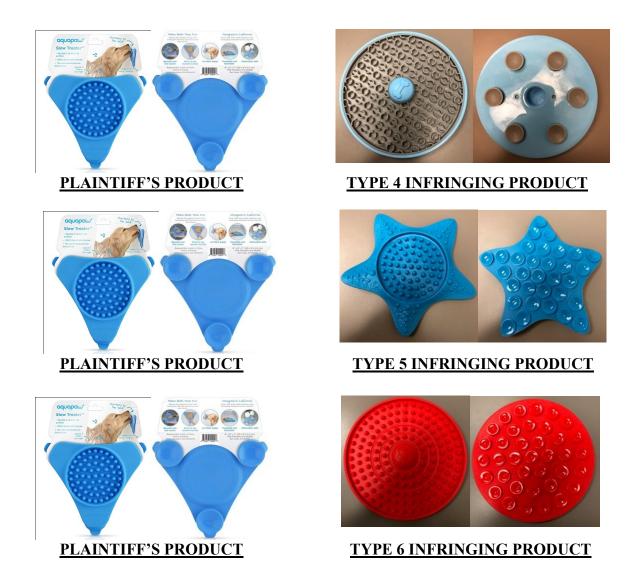
**TYPE 2 INFRINGING PRODUCT** 



**TYPE 3 INFRINGING PRODUCT** 

<sup>1</sup> Other Infringing Products appear in screenshots in Schedule "B" attached hereto. Some of the screenshots may show non-infringing products that are bundled with the Infringing Products.

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4. As poorly designed and manufactured products, Defendants' Infringing Products may injure an unsuspecting pet that tries to ingest it; likewise, the flimsiness of the product may disappoint a customer who may give the product a bad review.

5. Defendants' Infringing Products are substantially inferior to the genuine product. With poorly designed and manufactured products, Defendants' Infringing Products create serious public safety risks and threaten to destroy the reputation of high quality that Plaintiff's Products have earned.

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6. Plaintiff's Product is marketed and advertised extensively including on its website aquapaw.com and its storefront on Amazon.com. The unique features of Plaintiff's Product and the manner in which it is marketed and advertised, including, the distinct photographs, the design, the instructions, the packaging, and the unique presentation of the product, all comprise Plaintiff's valuable intellectual property ("IP") and all have become distinct in consumer's minds such that consumers associate all of this IP with Plaintiff's Product. Screenshots from Plaintiff's Website and Amazon Store are attached as Complaint Exhibit 1.

7. The innovative features of Plaintiff's Product are the subject of U. S. Patent No. 10,834,894 entitled "Animal Feeder System and Method of Use." A copy of the patent is attached as Complaint Exhibit 2. The Plaintiff's Product is marked in accordance with the Patent Act.

8. On information and belief, Defendants' sale of Infringing Products gives rise to a plausible expectation that discovery will reveal that Defendants' actions all arise from the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions. Specifically, on information and belief, Defendants are actively participating in a conspiracy to distribute and sell Infringing Products. For example, Defendants, on information and belief, are working together to manufacture, arrange the manufacture of and/or sell and otherwise distribute the Infringing Products. Moreover, the Infringing Products all infringe on at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent.

9. Plaintiff therefore brings this action for Patent Infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271, and The All-Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a).

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

11. This Court may exercise personal jurisdiction over a non-resident of the State in which the Court sits to the extent authorized by the state's laws. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(e). Pennsylvania authorizes personal jurisdiction over each Defendant pursuant to 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 5322 (a) which provides in pertinent part: "A tribunal of this Commonwealth may exercise personal jurisdiction over a person ... as to a cause of action or other matter arising from such person: (1) Transacting any business in this Commonwealth. Without excluding other acts which may constitute transacting business for the purpose of this paragraph: (ii) The doing of a single act in this Commonwealth for the purpose of thereby realizing pecuniary benefit ... (3) Causing harm or tortious injury by an act or omission in this Commonwealth. (4) Causing harm or tortious injury by an act or omission outside this Commonwealth ... (10) Committing any violation within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of any statute, home rule charter, local ordinance or resolution, or rule or regulation promulgated thereunder by any government unit or of any order of court or other government unit." In the alternative, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k) confers personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because, upon information and belief, Defendants regularly conduct, transact and/or solicit business in Pennsylvania and in this judicial district, and/or derive substantial revenue from their business transactions in Pennsylvania and in this judicial district and/or otherwise avail themselves of the privileges and protections of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania such that this Court's assertion of jurisdiction over Defendants does not offend traditional notions of fair play and due process, and/or Defendants' illegal counterfeiting and infringing actions caused injury to Plaintiff in

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Pennsylvania and in this judicial district such that Defendants should reasonably expect such actions to have consequences in Pennsylvania and in this judicial district, for example:

a. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Defendants were and/or are systematically directing and/or targeting their business activities at consumers in the United States, including Pennsylvania, through on-line platforms with Merchant Storefronts (as defined *infra*), via on-line marketplace websites, such as Amazon.com, under the Seller IDs, as well as any and all as yet undiscovered accounts with Merchant Storefronts held by or associated with Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them ("User Accounts"), through which consumers in the United States, including Pennsylvania, can view the one or more of Defendants regarding their listings for Infringing Products and to place orders for, receive invoices for and purchase Infringing Products for delivery in the U.S., including Pennsylvania, as a means for establishing regular business with the U.S., including Pennsylvania.

b. Upon information and belief, certain Defendants are sophisticated sellers, each operating one or more commercial businesses using their respective User Accounts through which Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert of participation with any of them, operate storefronts to manufacture, import, export, advertise, market, promote, distribute, offer for sale and/or otherwise deal in products, including the Infringing Products, which are held by or associated with Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them ("Merchant Storefront(s)") in

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wholesale quantities at significantly below-market prices to consumers worldwide, including to those in the U.S., and specifically Pennsylvania.

c. Upon information and belief, Defendants' Merchant Storefronts reflect multiple sales to consumers all over the world, including repeat sales to consumers in the U.S. and into this judicial district.

d. Upon information and belief, all Defendants accept payment in U.S. Dollars and offer shipping to the U.S., including to Pennsylvania.

e. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant, Defendants have transacted business with consumers located in the U.S., including Pennsylvania, for the sale and shipment of Infringing Products.

f. Upon information and belief, some Defendants are employing and benefiting from substantially similar, paid advertising and marketing and advertising strategies in order to make their Merchant Storefronts selling illegal goods appear more relevant and attractive to search result software across an array of search words, including but not limited to "SLOW" and, "FEEDER". By their actions, Defendants are causing concurrent and indivisible harm to Plaintiff and the consuming public by (i) depriving Plaintiff of their right to fairly compete for space within the various on-line marketplace search results and reducing the visibility of the Plaintiff's Product on various on-line marketplaces and/or diluting and driving down the retail market price for the Plaintiff's Product (ii) causing an overall degradation of the value of the goodwill associated with Plaintiff's Product; and (iii) increasing Plaintiff's overall cost to market its goods and educate consumers about its brand and products.

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g. Upon information and belief, Defendants have cooperated, communicated their plans with one another, shared information, and coordinated their efforts, all in order to create an illegal marketplace operating in parallel to the legitimate marketplace of Plaintiff's and the legally authorized resellers of Plaintiff's genuine goods.

h. Upon information and belief, Defendants are concurrently targeting their infringing activities toward consumers and causing harm in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

i. Upon information and belief, Defendants likely reside and/or operate in foreign jurisdictions with lax trademark and patent enforcement systems and are cooperating by creating an illegal stream of infringing and counterfeit goods.

j. Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware of Plaintiff, its genuine Slow Treater<sup>®</sup> dog soothing device, and are aware that their illegal infringing actions alleged herein are likely to cause injury to Plaintiff in the United States, in Pennsylvania and in this judicial district specifically, as Plaintiff conducts substantial business in Pennsylvania.

k. Plaintiff is suffering irreparable and indivisible injury and suffered substantial damages as a result of Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful sale of infringing goods.
12. Venue is proper, *inter alia*, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because, for example:

a. Upon information and belief, Defendants conduct, transact, and/or solicit business in this judicial district.

b. Upon information and belief, Defendants or their agent(s) may be found in this district because personal jurisdiction is proper in this district.

c. Upon information and belief, this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the infringement claims occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated.

d. Defendants not resident in the United States may be sued in this judicial district because personal jurisdiction is proper in this district.

#### THE PLAINTIFF

 Plaintiff, AquaPaw Brands LLC, is a Delaware limited liability company and has its principal place of business at 113 Cherry Street, PMB 89249, Seattle, Washington 98104-2205 US.

14. Plaintiff is, in part, engaged in the business of manufacturing and distributing throughout the world, including within this district, the Slow Treater<sup>®</sup> dog soothing device, through its website, aquapaw.com, its authorized storefront on amazon.com, and various retail establishments. Defendants, through the sale and offer to sell Infringing Products are directly, and unfairly, competing with Plaintiff's economic interest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and causing Plaintiff harm within this jurisdiction.

15. Like many other brand owners, Plaintiff suffer ongoing daily and sustained violations of their rights at the hands of infringers, such as Defendants herein, who wrongfully reproduce Plaintiff's Products for the twin purposes of (i) duping and confusing the consuming public and (ii) earning substantial profits from the sale of their Infringing Products. The natural and intended byproduct of Defendants' actions is the erosion and destruction of the goodwill associated with Plaintiff's Products and the destruction of the legitimate market sector in which Plaintiff operate.

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16. The recent explosion of counterfeiting and infringement over the Internet, including through online marketplace platforms, has created an environment that requires brand owners, such as Plaintiff, to expend significant time and money across a wide spectrum of efforts in order to protect both consumers and Plaintiff from the ill effects of confusion and the erosion of the goodwill associated with Plaintiff's brand and products.

## THE DEFENDANTS

17. The Defendants are individuals and/or business entities of unknown makeup, each of whom, upon information and belief, either reside or operate in foreign jurisdictions, or (though not foreign) redistribute products from the same or similar sources in those foreign locations. Defendants have the capacity to be sued pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(b). Defendants target their business activities toward consumers throughout the United States, including within this district, and conduct pervasive business through the operation of, at least, one fully interactive commercial Internet based e-commerce store via, at least one of the Internet based online marketplaces Amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, Walmart.com and wish.com, all under the Seller IDs.

18. Upon information and belief, the Defendants use aliases in conjunction with the operation of their businesses as set forth in Schedule "A" hereto.

19. Defendants are the past and present controlling forces behind the sale of products infringing at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent described herein using at least the Seller IDs.

20. Upon information and belief, Defendants were willfully advertising, offering for sale and selling goods infringing upon at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent to consumers within

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the United States and this district through several fully interactive, commercial Internet websites and Internet based e-commerce stores operating under, at least, the storefronts, the Seller IDs, and any additional domain names, websites and corresponding website URLs or seller identifications and store URL aliases not yet known to Plaintiff. Defendants have purposefully directed some portion of their illegal activities towards consumers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the advertisement, offer to sell, sale, and/or shipment of Infringing Products into the Commonwealth.

21. Defendants have registered, established, or purchased, and maintained the on-line marketplace website storefronts and Seller IDs. Upon information and belief, Defendants have engaged in fraudulent conduct with respect to the registration of the storefronts and Seller IDs by providing false and/or misleading information to the Internet based e-commerce platforms where they offer for sale and/or sell, during the registration or maintenance process related to their respective Seller ID. Upon information and belief, Defendants have anonymously registered and maintained some of the Seller IDs for the sole purpose of engaging in illegal infringing activities.

22. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to register or acquire new seller identification aliases for the purpose of selling and offering for sale goods infringing at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent unless preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

23. Defendants' Internet-based businesses amount to nothing more than illegal operations established and operated in order to infringe the intellectual property rights of Plaintiff.

24. Defendants' business names, i.e., the Seller IDs, associated payment accounts, and any other alias seller identification names used in connection with the sale of goods infringing on at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent are essential components of Defendants' online

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activities and are the means by which Defendants further their infringement scheme and cause harm to Plaintiff.

## **COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

## Plaintiff and Its Slow Treater® brand Dog Soothing Device

25. The Plaintiff's Product is designed to entice the pet to get into the bathtub and keep it there while distracted by the task of licking a treat from the feeder. The product is molded in FDA-approved food grade material. The top of the product includes multiple nubs and surrounded by a circular raised rim to hold the treat and slow the pet's ability to lick it out. Suction cups are disposed on the back of the product for fastening to the bathtub wall. The Plaintiff's Product retails for \$10.95:





26. On November 17, 2020, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued the Plaintiff's Patent, the claims of which protect Plaintiff's Product. The Plaintiff's Patent has never been assigned or licensed to any of the Defendants in this matter. Plaintiff has provided constructive

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notice of the Plaintiff's Patent by placing the patent number of the patent on the packaging of

Plaintiff's Product.

27. Plaintiff's Product has been featured in videos or articles by numerous media outlets,

including:

NBC's The Today Show

Buzz Feed: https://www.buzzfeed.com/malloryannp/products-from-amazon-thatll-make-grooming-your-pet-so

Buzz Feed: https://www.buzzfeed.com/malloryannp/products-that-are-almost-too-damn-clever-2019

Good Housekeeping: https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/gift-ideas/g474/pet-gifts/?slide=8

Pop Sugar: https://www.popsugar.com/family/Aquapaw-Slow-Treater-Mat-Bathing-Dogs-45362700

https://ttpm.com/p/27845/aquapaw/aquapaw-slow-treater/

https://www.purewow.com/family/how-to-give-a-dog-a-bath

## Defendants' Wrongful and Infringing Conduct

28. Upon information and belief, Defendants are, through at least the Internet based ecommerce stores operating under the Seller IDs, promoting, selling, offering for sale, and distributing goods that willfully infringe at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent while marketing their knock-off products in a willful attempt to pass off their knock-off products as the genuine version of Plaintiff's Products.

29. Upon information and belief, Defendants' Infringing Products are of a quality substantially and materially different than that of Plaintiff's genuine goods. Defendants, upon information and belief, are actively using, promoting and otherwise advertising, distributing,

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selling, and/or offering for sale substantial quantities of their Infringing Products with the knowledge and intent that such goods will be mistaken for the genuine high-quality goods offered for sale by Plaintiff despite Defendants' knowledge that they are without authority to use the subject matter of the Plaintiff's Patent.

30. Defendants advertise their Infringing Products for sale to the consuming public via Internet based e-commerce stores on, at least, one Internet marketplace using at least the Seller IDs. In so advertising these goods, Defendants improperly and unlawfully infringe at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent without Plaintiff's permission.

31. As part of their overall infringement scheme, Defendants are, upon information and belief, concurrently employing and benefitting from substantially similar, advertising and marketing strategies based, in large measure, upon an illegal use of infringements of the Plaintiff's Patent in order to make their e-commerce stores selling illegal goods appear more relevant and attractive to consumers online. By their actions, Defendants are contributing to the creation and maintenance of an illegal marketplace operating in parallel to the legitimate marketplace for Plaintiff's genuine goods. Defendants are causing, individual, concurrent and indivisible harm to Plaintiff and the consuming public by (i) depriving Plaintiff and other third parties of their right to fairly compete for space within search engine results and reducing the visibility of Plaintiff's genuine goods on the World Wide Web, (ii) causing actual consumer confusion, (iii) harm to Plaintiff's reputations, including tarnishing their status as the innovator in this market, (iv) an overall degradation of the value of the goodwill associated with the Plaintiff's brand, and (v) increasing Plaintiff's overall cost to market its goods and educate consumers about its brand via the Internet.

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32. Plaintiff confirmed that Defendants were and/or are still currently offering for sale and/or selling Infringing Products for sale to the consuming public via Internet based ecommerce stores on, at least, one Internet marketplace using at least the Seller IDs and that Defendants provide shipping and/or have actually shipped Infringing Products to customers located within this judicial district.

33. There is no question that the Infringing Product itself and the manner in which it is marketed is designed to confuse and mislead consumers into believing that they are purchasing Plaintiff's Product or that the Infringing Product is otherwise approved by or sourced from Plaintiff, thereby trading on the goodwill and reputation of Plaintiff.

34. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Defendants in this action had full knowledge of Plaintiff's ownership of the Plaintiff's Patent. Defendants' use of the patent is without Plaintiff's consent or authorization.

35. Defendants are engaging in the above-described illegal infringing activities knowingly and intentionally or with reckless disregard or willful blindness to Plaintiff's rights for the purpose of infringing the Plaintiff's Patent and trading on Plaintiff's goodwill and reputation. If Defendants' intentional infringing activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court, Plaintiff and the consuming public will continue to be harmed.

36. Defendants above identified infringing activities are likely to cause confusion, deception, and mistake in the minds of consumers before, during, and after the time of purchase. Moreover, Defendants' wrongful conduct is likely to create a false impression and deceive customers, the public, and the trade into believing there is a connection or association between Plaintiff's Products and Defendants' Infringing Products, which there is not.

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37. Upon information and belief, Defendants' payment and financial accounts are being used by Defendants to accept, receive, and deposit profits from Defendants' infringing activities connected to their Seller IDs and any other alias e-commerce stores, photo albums, seller identification names, domain names, or websites being used and/or controlled by them.

38. Further, upon information and belief, Defendants are likely to transfer or secret their assets to avoid payment of any monetary judgment awarded to Plaintiff.

39. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

40. Plaintiff is suffering irreparable injury and have suffered substantial damages as a result of Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful infringement of at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent. If Defendants' infringing activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court, Plaintiff and the consuming public will continue to be harmed.

41. The harm and damages sustained by Plaintiff has been directly and proximately caused by Defendants' wrongful reproduction, use, advertisement, promotion, offers to sell, and sale of their Infringing Products.

## COUNT I – PATENT INFRINGEMENT (35 U.S.C. § 271 (a))

42. The allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference.

43. Plaintiff owns U. S. Patent No. 10,834,894 entitled "Animal Feeder System and Method of Use". A copy of the patent is attached as Complaint **Exhibit 2.** The Plaintiff's Product is marked in accordance with the Patent Act.

44. The Accused Products Type 1 - 6 Products infringe at least Claim 13 of the Plaintiff's Product, as more fully detailed in **Exhibits 3 - 8**, and **Schedule B**, respectively. As defined in the specification, a "nub" is defined as a protuberance (standard dictionary definition)

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or projection ("the plurality of nubs may project from the surface of the obverse side 14 of the body 12") that is "configured to slow the rate at which an animal feeds from the feeding section 18." A "nub" may assume any shape or size in the feeding section to slow the rate at which an animal feeds from the feeding section.

45. Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the Plaintiff's Patent either directly or indirectly through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, using, selling, importing and/or offering to sell Infringing Products, namely the knock-offs that infringe at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent.

46. Defendants' infringement, contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has injured Plaintiff and they, therefore, is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

47. Defendants' infringement, contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has been willful and deliberate because Defendants have notice of or knew of the Plaintiff's Patent and have nonetheless injured and will continue to injure Plaintiff, unless and until this Court enters an injunction, which prohibits further infringement and specifically enjoins further manufacture, use, sale, importation and/or offer for sale of products or services that come within the scope of the Plaintiff's Patent.

48. Based on Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief as well as monetary damages and other remedies as provided by the Patent Act, including damages that Plaintiff has sustained and will sustain as a result of Defendants' illegal and infringing actions as alleged herein, enhanced discretionary damages and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment on all Counts of this Complaint and an award of equitable relief and monetary relief against Defendants as follows:

a. Entry of temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 enjoining Defendants, their agents, representatives, servants, employees, and all those acting in concert or participation therewith, from manufacturing or causing to be manufactured, importing, advertising or promoting, distributing, selling or offering to sell their Infringing Products;

c. Entry of an Order that, upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace website operators and/or administrators that are provided with notice of the injunction, including but not limited to the online marketplaces Amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, and wish.com, identify any e-mail address known to be associated with Defendants' respective Seller ID, and cease facilitating access to any or all e-commerce stores through which Defendants engage in the promotion, offering for sale, and/or sale of Infringing Products.

d. Entry of an Order that, upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace website operators and/or administrators who are provided with notice of the injunction, including but not limited to the online marketplaces Amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, and wish.com, permanently remove any and all listings offering for sale Infringing Products via the e-commerce stores operating under the Seller IDs, including any and all listings linked to the same seller or linked to any other alias seller identification name being used and/or controlled by Defendants to promote, offer for sale and/or sell Infringing Products.

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e. Entry of an Order that, upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace website operators and/or administrators who are provided with notice of the injunction, including but not limited to the online marketplaces Amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, and wish.com, immediately cease fulfillment of and sequester all goods of each Defendant or other Seller under a Seller ID offering for sale the Infringing Product in its inventory, possession, custody, or control, and surrender those goods to Plaintiff.

f. Entry of an order awarding Plaintiff damages adequate to compensate for the infringement of its patent, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by the Defendants, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 and that the award be trebled as provided for under 35 U.S.C. §284.

g. Entry of an Order finding that this case is exceptional and an award to Plaintiff of its attorney fees and costs as provided by for under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

h. Entry of an Order that, upon Plaintiff's request, any financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, including, but not limited to, Zhejiang Ant Small and Micro Financial Services Group Co., Ltd. AliPay (China) Internet Technology Co. Ltd., and Alipay.com Co., Ltd. (collectively referred to as "AliPay")<sup>2</sup>, Amazon Payments, Inc., PayPal, Inc. d/b/a paypal.com, and Context Logic, Inc. d/b/a wish.com, Walmart Pay operated by Wal-Mart.com USA, LLC, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to, Amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, Walmart.com and Context Logic, Inc d/b/a wish.com, and their related companies and affiliates, identify and restrain all funds, up to and including the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WorldPay US, Inc. ("WorldPay") processes transactions on behalf of Alibaba and Alipay, which may appear as "AliExpress" on a cardholder's credit card statement.

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total amount of judgment, in all financial accounts and/or sub-accounts used in connection with the Seller IDs or other domain names, alias seller identification names, or e-commerce store names or store URLs used by Defendants presently or in the future, as well as any other related accounts of the same customer(s) and any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s), to be surrendered to Plaintiff in partial satisfaction of the monetary judgment entered herein.

i. Entry of an award of pre- and post-judgment interest on the judgment amount.

j. Entry of an order for any further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff respectfully demand a trial by jury on all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 28, 2023

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## Schedule "A" Defendants with Store Name and Seller ID

Defendant No.	Defendant/Store Name	Seller ID
1	Pusifca	A1AS4L2OX06CR6
2	Acidea	A1EGR3EIMECZXZ
3	AFfeco	A2PEMV5KQ9SKOY
4	aijun2001	A1SFUI357APDX4
5	Anna&Palm	A3SUKPT48HPUZT
6	BaiZhiJiaBaiHuoDian	A257DG0LT8499X
7	buyhere365	A27TH73KA6N3D8
8	Cimoon	A1VH1AD2449QN9
9	Cuddlez_productz	AB8QEYENNM259
10	Cute Chic	A26P2CLPUM4UJP
11	fayashangmao	A2BJ1RYLMF9OBY
12	GUANGZHOURUYINSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI	A1KVU24YSX3UXO
13	jdiejcdo	A2QBDVHFMM8XRH
14	jinghongyoubailiriyongbaihuodian	A3P53MQ1KM7ITK
15	Kairong Trade	A4EG2B3VHBATQ
16	KANGKANGDIAN	A3JI3UKMFK96E6
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18	KUON HOME	A3JI3UKMFK96E6
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21	Loki Plays	A2CCX77UPPYNFW
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23	MIEDEON	A11NN9YKWQA5RD
24	Niceha	AJG55NPQFN1WC
25	QDAN	A2LMWJ6KXSF6K
26	Qqy store	AKJHB7YE0U9YO
27	Superior Gallery US	A254R20ELCHJHX
28	The Superior-US	A2WF8BZRCKQTD8
29	TIZGO	A2LY0SPUGGPX11
30	wanzaixianmangquanbaihuoshanghang	ARUWZP3ROXSR
31	Xueye Shop	AGNOM1YJ971F9
32	YaoXinChungShiYaoZhenShan	A1VKYJ2XFSLBI4

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33	yonzhen	A30XSVBONICD9V
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35	YuGtcen	A3N9JA9ADVLPW4
36	yunxiaoxiantongmeibaihuodian	A3NILFTB6AQZ3V
37	YYDSLiuHongyan	AO93YVNPD8P7D
38	ZABBOW	A2VBL35MYKT7ZN
39	Zamire	A25R5NDZJ8ZRVI
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42	Beijiate Boutique	101220148
43	Caper Bro.	101105556
44	CHENGDUWEIYUEZHENYUSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI	101198309
45	Fancy seller	101274350
46	Flancle	101173893
47	JN Co,Ltd	101211303
48	lenbest Joy	101111109
49	Royal Voinne	101318216
50	Shen Zhen Shi Niu Fang Ke ji You Xian Gong Si	101240265
51	su zhou ben he feng dian zi shang wu you xian gong si	101261970
52	WGR LLC	101092880
53	XiamenXiFangTradingCo.,Ltd	101127266
54	Xincheng TEC	101105303

# Schedule "B" Defendant/Store Names and Infringing Products

Defendant No.	Defendant/Store Name	Screen shot
1	Pusifca	
2	Acidea	
3	AFfeco	
4	aijun2001	
5	Anna&Palm	
6	BaiZhiJiaBaiHuoDian	Front Front The circular rate reaction cap design laftim, roo fills, and cardinal welfs the square large to ment the need a differ- ent toester.
7	buyhere365	

8	Cimoon	
9	Cuddlez_product	Source State
10	Cute Chic	
11	fayashangmao	
12	GUANGZHOURUYINSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI	
13	jdiejcdo	
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27	Superior Gallery US	
28	The Superior-US	Beglean Beglean
29	TIZGO	Stephen Stephe
30	wanzaixianmangquanbaihuoshanghang	
31	Xueye Shop	Size Details
32	YaoXinChungShiYaoZhenShan	

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37	YYDSLiuHongyan	
38	ZABBOW	
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41	BDH Co.Ltd	
42	Beijiate Boutique	
43	Caper Bro	
44	CHENGDUWEIYUEZHENYUSHANGMAOYOUXIANGONGSI	
45	Fancy Seller	Silcone material
46	Flancle	
47	JN Co,Ltd	
48	lenbest Joy	

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49	Royal Voinne	Silicone material
50	Shen Zhen Shi Niu Fang Ke ji You Xian Gong Si	
51	su zhou ben he feng dian zi shang wu you xian gong si	
52	WGR LLC	Net la Parad O The Stand Softer
53	XiamenXiFangTradingCo.,Ltd	
54	Xincheng TEC	

## LISTING OF EXHIBITS

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