

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

AQUAPAW LLC,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 21-988-CCW

v.

FLO PET, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER**

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an *Ex Parte* Application for the following: 1) a temporary restraining order; 2) an order restraining assets and Merchant Storefronts (as defined *infra*); 3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; and 4) an order authorizing expedited discovery against the Defendants identified on **Schedule “A”** to the Complaint and attached hereto (collectively, the “Defendants”)<sup>1</sup>. The Court has considered the Application, the evidence in the record, and the applicable law.

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for An Order Authorizing Alternative Service on Defendants Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3);

WHEREAS, On July 28, 2021, the Court entered the following Orders:

(A) (1) a temporary restraining order; (2) an order restraining assets and Merchant Storefronts, (3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; and (4) an

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<sup>1</sup> As alleged in the Complaint, are knowingly and intentionally promoting, advertising, distributing, offering for sale, and selling patent infringing versions of Plaintiff’s AquaPaw® dog bathing device (the “Infringing Product”) which infringe at least one claim of U.S. Patent No. 10,531,728 (“Plaintiff’s Patent” or “the ‘728 patent”) throughout the United States, including within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and this district, by operating fully interactive, commercial Internet based e-commerce stores accessible in Pennsylvania, via at least the Amazon.com, eBay.com, Wish.com or Aliexpress.com Internet market place platforms operating using the seller identities identified on Schedule “A” to the Complaint (the “Seller IDs”).

order authorizing expedited discovery against all of the Defendants identified on the attached Schedule “A”, and the Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, in light of Defendants’ intentional and willful offerings for sale and/or sales of Infringing Products (“Application”); and

(B) Order Authorizing Alternative Service on Defendants Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) (“the Alternative Service Order”);

WHEREAS, upon Plaintiff’s motion, in order to give Plaintiff additional time to serve the Defendants, and to provide the Defendants with sufficient time to respond to the Show Cause Order, this Court extended the initial TRO, re-set the briefing schedule, and re-scheduled the Show Cause Hearing to August 25, 2021.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Alternative Service Order, the Defendants have been served with notice of this Show Cause Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, Plaintiff appeared for the Order to Show Cause Hearing, however no Defendants appeared. Further, none of the Third-Party Service Provider(s) or Financial Institution(s) appeared.

## **ORDER**

### **I. Restraining Order**

A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, the injunctive relief previously granted on July 28, 2021, and extended by further Order, shall remain in place through the pendency of this litigation, and issuing this Preliminary Injunction (hereafter “PI Order”) is warranted under 35 U.S.C. § 283 and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 64 and 65.

Accordingly, each Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, and all persons in active concert or participation with any Defendant having notice of this Order are hereby restrained as follows:

- (1) from (a) their unauthorized and unlicensed use of Plaintiff's Patent, distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any Infringing Products; and (b) shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner products that infringe upon at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent;
- (2) from secreting, concealing, destroying, altering, selling off, transferring or otherwise disposing of and/or dealing with any computer files, data, business records, documents or any other records or evidence relating to their User Accounts,<sup>2</sup> Merchant Storefronts<sup>3</sup> or any money, securities or other property or assets of Defendants (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants' Assets");
- (3) effecting assignments or transfers, forming new entities or associations, or creating and/or utilizing any other platform, User Account, Merchant Storefront or any other means of importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, and/or display for the purposes of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in this Order;

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<sup>2</sup> As defined in the Complaint, a "User Account" is any and all accounts with online marketplace platform, including, Amazon.com, eBay.com, aliexpress.com and wish.com, as well as any and all as yet undiscovered accounts with additional online marketplace platforms held by or associated with Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all other persons in active concert with any of them.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in the Application, a "Merchant Storefront" is any and all User Accounts through which Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them operate storefronts to manufacture, import, export, advertise, market, promote, distribute, display, offer for sale, sell and/or otherwise deal in 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.

- (4) each Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, and all persons in active concert or participation with any Defendant having notice of this Order shall immediately cease offering for sale the Infringing Products within metatags or other markers within website source code, from use on any web page (including as the title of any product listing), from any advertising links to other websites, from search engines' databases or cache memory, and any other form of use such terms or works which is visible to a computer user or serves to direct computer searches to Internet based e-commerce stores owned, or operated by each Defendant, including the Merchant Storefronts operating under the Seller IDs;
- (5) each Defendant shall not transfer ownership of the User Accounts or Merchant Storefronts associated with the Seller IDs;
- (6) each Defendant shall preserve copies of all computer files relating to the use of any User Accounts and/or Merchant Storefronts under the Seller IDs and shall take steps necessary to retrieve computer files relating to the use of the User Accounts and/or Merchant Storefronts under their Seller IDs that may be deleted before the entry of this Order;
- (7) upon receipt of notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to Alibaba.com US LLC d/b/a Aliexpress.com ("Aliexpress"), Amazon.com, Inc. and its affiliate, Amazon Services LLC d/b/a Amazon.com ("Amazon"), eBay, Inc. d/b/a eBay.com ("eBay"), and Context Logic, Inc d/b/a wish.com ("Wish"), and Shopify Inc, ("Third-Party Service Provider(s)') and AliPay US Inc. d/b/a Alipay.com ("Alipay"), Amazon Payments, Inc. d/b/a pay.amazon.com, and PayPal, Inc. d/b/a paypal.com ("PayPal") ("Financial Institution(s)'), and their related

companies and affiliates, shall immediately identify and restrain all funds, as opposed to ongoing account activity, in or which are hereafter transmitted into the accounts related to the Defendants as identified on Schedule “A” hereto, as well as all funds in or which are transmitted into (i) any other accounts of the same customer(s); (ii) any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s), and/or any of the other accounts subject to this Order; and (iii) any other accounts tied to or used by any of the Seller IDs identified on Schedule “A” hereto;<sup>4</sup>

- (8) upon receipt of notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial Institution(s), shall immediately divert to a holding account for the trust of the Court all funds in or which are hereafter transmitted into all accounts related to Defendants identified in Schedule “A” hereto, and associated payment accounts, and any other accounts for the same customer(s) as well as any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s) as any other accounts subject to this Order;
- (9) The Third-Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s) shall further, within five (5) business days of receiving this Order, provide Plaintiff’s counsel with all data that details (i) an accounting of the total funds restrained and identifies the financial account(s) which the restrained funds are related to, and (ii) the account transactions related to all funds transmitted into financial account(s) which have been restrained. Such restraining of the funds and the disclosure of the related financial institution account

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<sup>4</sup> This Order contemplates that discovery may reveal that Defendants may have other user accounts operated by other Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions and that the additionally discovery Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, once identified and provided with notice, shall also be subject to the discovery, restraints and injunctions set forth in this Order.

information shall be made without notice to the account holders, until after those accounts are restrained. No funds restrained by this Order shall be transferred or surrendered by any Third-Party Service Provider or Financial Institution for any purpose (other than pursuant to a chargeback made pursuant to that Third-Party Service Provider or Financial Institution's security interest in the funds) without express authorization of this Court;

- (10) Upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace who is provided with notice of this Order, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s), shall immediately cease fulfillment of and sequester Defendants' inventory assets corresponding to the Seller IDs identified on Schedule "A" hereto in its inventory, possession, custody, or control, and hold such goods in trust for the Court during pendency of this action;
- (11) this Order shall apply to the Seller IDs, associated Accounts and Merchant Storefronts, and any other seller identification names, Accounts or Merchant Storefronts, Third-Party Service Provider or Financial Institution accounts which are being used by Defendants for the purpose of infringing on at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent;
- (12) Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial Institution(s), subject to this Order may petition the Court to modify the asset restraint set out in this Order; and
- (13) this PI Order and the Alternative Service Order shall remain in effect during the pendency of this action or until further order of the Court, and Plaintiff shall serve the

Defendants with a copy of this PI Order in accordance with the Alternative Service Order.

B. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace who is provided with notice of this Order, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, is hereby restrained and enjoined from engaging in any of the following acts or omissions pending the hearing and determination of Plaintiff's Application for a preliminary injunction, or until further order of the Court:

- (1) secreting, concealing, transferring, disposing of, withdrawing, encumbering or paying Defendants' Assets from or to financial accounts associated with or utilized by any Defendant or any Defendant's User Accounts or Merchant Storefront(s) (whether said account is located in the U.S. or abroad) ("Defendants' Financial Accounts") until further ordered by this Court; and
- (2) within (5) days after receiving notice of this Order, providing services to Defendants, Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, including, without limitation, continued operation of Defendants' User Accounts and Merchant Storefronts, and any other listings linked to the same sellers or linked to any other alias seller identification names being used and/or controlled by Defendants.

C. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that:

- (1) Amazon.com, Inc., and its related companies and affiliates, including Amazon Services, LLC, and Amazon Payments, Inc. (collectively "Amazon"), are hereby restrained and enjoined, pending the hearing and determination of Plaintiff's Application for a

preliminary injunction, or until further order of the Court, from processing payments for any products listed under the following Amazon Standard Identification Numbers (ASIN): B06Y3QSGWP by any Seller that has not been authorized by Plaintiff; Plaintiff shall provide notice to Amazon of Plaintiff's authorized sellers;

- (2) Amazon.com, Inc., and its related companies and affiliates, including Amazon Services, LLC, and Amazon Payments, Inc., shall place the following Amazon Standard Identification Number B06Y3QSGWP, into Amazon's gating program, so that Plaintiff will be able to control which sellers list product under these ASINs; and
- (3) upon Plaintiff's request, any online marketplace that is provided with notice of this Order, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s), shall remove listings and/or advertisements for any product that Plaintiff identifies as infringing on at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent (i.e., preventing a seller from listing the product for sale on the online marketplace;
- (4) The Plaintiff has established that the products as pictured in the attached **Schedule "B"** are either made, used by, offered for sale or sold into the United States and contain every element or equivalent of at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent; consequently, all online marketplaces, including but not limited to, amazon.com, ebay.com, aliexpress.com, Alibaba.com, wish.com, and shopify.com, shall upon receipt of this Order, suspend, block, tombstone, and/or delete any and any product listings identified by the Plaintiff as either identical or substantially similar, to the above-described products in **Schedule "B"**, whether sold by the Defendant or other persons or entities.

- (5) Upon Plaintiff's request, a Third-Party Service Provider shall remove listings and/or advertisements for any product that infringes on at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent; and
- (6) this Order shall remain in effect during the pendency of this action or until further order of the Court.

## **II. Order Authorizing Expedited Discovery**

A. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that:

- (1) Plaintiff may propound interrogatories pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, shall provide written responses under oath to such interrogatories within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.
- (2) Plaintiff may serve requests for the production of documents pursuant to FRCP 26 and 34, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, shall produce all documents responsive to such requests within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.
- (3) Plaintiff may serve requests for admissions pursuant to FRCP 26 and 36, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, shall provide written responses under oath to such requests within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.

B. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that within fourteen (14) days of receiving actual notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial Institution(s), shall provide to Plaintiff's counsel all documents and records in their possession, custody or control (whether located in the U.S. or abroad) relating to Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, including, but not limited to, documents and records relating to:

- (1) any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts and account details, including, without limitation, identifying information and account numbers for any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts that Defendants have ever had and/or currently maintain with the respective Third-Party Service Provider;
- (2) the identities, location and contact information, including any and all e-mail addresses of Defendants that were not previously provided;
- (3) the Defendants' methods of payment, methods for accepting payment and any and all financial information, including, but not limited to, information associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, a full accounting of Defendants' sales history and listing history under such accounts and Defendants' Financial Accounts associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts; and
- (4) Defendants' unauthorized and unlicensed use of Plaintiff's Patent.

**III. Security Bond**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$5,000.00 bond posted by Plaintiff shall remain with the Court until a final disposition of this case or until this PI Order is terminated.

**SO ORDERED.**

SIGNED this 25th day of August, 2021.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

/s/ Christy Criswell Wiegand \_\_\_\_\_  
Christy Criswell Wiegand  
United States District Judge

**Schedule “A”**  
**Defendants With Store Name and Seller ID**

<b>Defendant No.</b>	<b>Defendant/Store Name</b>	<b>Seller ID</b>
1	FLO PET	A194IS3ICJQ9A8
2	ATEVEN	A194IS3ICJQ9A8
3	BIANWOSHOP	A1EQO44G3OGZYN
4	BlueSky Concepts	AUZSTHAUAWVHI
5	changyuanshidiwenshangmaoyouxiangongsi	A2636V446VDOQZ
6	chenzhifa1247	A3OWZDEBXSERBM
7	Classier	A22KWEH2NQ4J9U
8	EGO OFFICIAL STORE	A2E77WWUA18WUR
9	excellentUS	A3SSOY7INO37S1
10	feixueer	A1LQPL61AZAWBK
11	FengRui Ltd	A1CXOKK0NI3QHD
12	Feutav	A2LVTHZNLIGTPR
13	LunaTree	A2F1UT4DM9UHF5
14	meizhixing	A3N9NNJGL0WGNR
15	Ocathnon USA	ATFM4Q4YZIKS
16	Siksin	AY00LPZREP9MA
17	Smiley Choice	A534YEHTGZC4P
18	TaiYuanShiXiaoDianQuLiDuBinGuan	A1XA9DMTPIQ2XA
19	TEnter	A1ZNKN09QNKKV4
20	THEAMOR	AESDXIEX5W3QZ
21	winga	A5BY4YRHD8J3M
22	WUNA	A177GNV088P62A
23	yearncnll	A2LVQ7C33YYH8A
24	zuolong	ASSW0R2ASLISD
25	1k9bulldogs	152942818474
26	2019dajidali	363419739156

<b>Defendant No.</b>	<b>Defendant/Store Name</b>	<b>Seller ID</b>
27	beauty_now	203478507068
28	buyitnpw	133663229023
29	compuwiz2008	114633163034
30	craftmegazone	251846544876
31	dailyselct	313363509675
32	didog-pet	194062869513
33	dogsupplier5	265109109611
34	gtlifestyle	373431872742
35	ideal_paradis2008	363419740051
36	jenux.w	323138113562
37	linfs20082011	203260585240
38	liorasulin_store	393310393168
39	live_more_mart	363272852605
40	ntxy34	203106778095
41	onepounddeals	402890109011
42	onopoly	174640073228
43	peirisemarket.001	363383392460
44	petpillr_online_store	313523048016
45	sairon2016	164218092692
46	sairong	184314676862
47	sk789456123	303902447207
48	techaccessoriesoutlet	192180508976
49	yanzeo	184541192745
50	ywgreentime7	154037471814
51	Angle Gaura's Store	5134032
52	AYX pets products Store	5115093
53	Brilliant Gaura's Store	5882024
54	CDDM Store	5045402
55	daidaidog Store	911068014

<b>Defendant No.</b>	<b>Defendant/Store Name</b>	<b>Seller ID</b>
56	Dogs&Cats Supplies Factory Store	911788744
57	FANTALIFE Store	5008354
58	GOOD Pets Products Store	910939032
59	Goodlife house holdaily Store	5885363
60	HomeDecor-Pet Store	5002060
61	i House Store	5788344
62	JOYYOURLIFE Store	911115260
63	KEVNICELY Pet-Life Store	910554326
64	KISDE Store	900241098
65	Kitchenbar supplies Store	5729079
66	Kuso Store	5790179
67	LeChong World Store	900244038
68	LT Tools Store	5872377
69	Mandakini Pets Store	5880972
70	Nancy Wang's store	800907
71	PanAo Pet Store	1242039
72	pawstrip Official Store	1316428
73	Petly Store	910330050
74	PTHAFUN PetHappyFun Store	911133231
75	SDX Online Store	605740
76	Shop4643047 Store	4643047
77	Shop5632046 Store	5632046
78	Shop911067111 Store	911067111
79	Shop911135035 Store	911135035
80	Shop911609123 Store	911609123
81	Spring Homeware Store	5067250
82	VZZ Official Store	5665015
83	Warm Department Store Store	911772689
84	Yi Ye Bao Fu Store	5788876

<b>Defendant No.</b>	<b>Defendant/Store Name</b>	<b>Seller ID</b>
85	CHINESE STORE	566706e63a698c07b635d688
86	crn	5ec7e07718a38aed6c78c348
87	eczer rodriguez	5da7432944ba68078281d33a
88	linmeixiu	5e155d8dbbf4740022036b0b
■	■	■
90	Richfash	5ffd3ade462cdf04833b1b1e
■	■	■
92	Smooome International	5f0a87b2d5dea8d402f82f28
93	songjiulin7419	5fc49df442eefa12d868de80
94	XMJ.JIUSHIWO	5db25ba77c0d0801c04ff456
95	Zlnbor-8	5dc927b74b0ae7758c00d88f

## Schedule “B” Patent Infringing Products

### Type 1 Infringing Product



### Type 2 Infringing Product

