

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

PAWESOME PET PRODUCTS LLC, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

COLORFLOWERS, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 22-629

(Chief Judge Mark R. Hornak)

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, Plaintiffs Pawesome Pet Products LLC and Cindy Ghukasyan filed an *Ex Parte* Application seeking 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 all of the Defendants identified on the attached Schedule “A”, 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”) (“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)”), in light of Defendants’ intentional and willful offerings for sale and/or sales of Infringing Products¹ (“Application”);

¹ As alleged in Plaintiffs’ Complaint, “. . .the Defendants identified in **Schedule “A”** of the Complaint, were and/are currently manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, promoting, distributing, displaying, offering for sale and or/selling products that have infringed upon one or more of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,477,838 (“Plaintiffs’ Patent” or “the ‘838 patent”) by offering for sale, selling, and distributing knock-off versions of Plaintiffs’ BRISTLY® dog toothbrush (“Infringing Products”). Defendants accomplish

WHEREAS, on the same day, Plaintiffs 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 May 10, 2022, 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 order authorizing expedited discovery against all of the Defendants identified on the attached **Schedule "A"**, the Third Party Service Provider and the Financial Institutions ("TRO") (ECF No. 22); and

(B) an Order Authorizing Alternative Service on Defendants Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) (ECF No. 24);

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2022, upon Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court extended the temporary restraining order and ordered the Defendants to appear on May 31, 2022 at 4:00 pm, EDT, and show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be entered (ECF No. 31);

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Plaintiffs appeared for the Order to Show Cause Hearing, and three (3) Defendants appeared *pro se* and participated in the hearing as such. No other Defendants appeared and no Third Party Service Providers or Financial Institutions appeared.

ORDER

A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, the injunctive relief previously granted on May 10, 2022, and extended on May 18, 2022, shall remain in

their infringing sales through the use of, at least, the Internet based e-commerce stores operated via at least the Third Party Service Provider marketplace platform.

place through the pendency of this litigation or until further order of this Court, and issuing this Preliminary Injunction is warranted under 35 U.S.C. § 283, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 64 and 65, and The All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a). As stated at length on the record at the hearing held May 31, 2022, and in supplementation of the findings and conclusions stated by the Court on the record at that time, the Court finds that Plaintiffs rely upon a presumptively valid patent, and that nothing in the record calls that validity into question. The evidence establishes that Plaintiffs have shown a sufficient likelihood of success on the merits of this action. The Court also concludes that Plaintiffs have shown that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, and damage will likely result should the relief entered by this Order not be granted. Specifically, the Court finds that Defendants' infringing products are likely to continue to cause Plaintiffs to suffer lost profits, compromise the value of Plaintiffs' brand, and negatively affect Plaintiffs' relationships with its current customers and its ability to attract new customers. Defendants will not be harmed by imposition of the injunctive relief requested, because the injunction only prohibits Defendants from taking actions they are otherwise not entitled to perform under the law. And finally, the public interest favors the issuance of the requested injunction, and Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law for the immediate and irreparable harms identified.

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 shall continue to be restrained as follows:

- (1) from (a) their unauthorized and unlicensed use of Plaintiffs' 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,² Merchant Storefronts³ 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

² As defined in the Application, a "User Account" is, as defined in the Complaint, any and all accounts with at least one of the online marketplace platform(s), 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.

³ 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.

display for the purposes of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in this Order;

- (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") ("Third Party Service Provider(s)") and 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")⁴, 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;⁵

(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 Plaintiffs' counsel with all data that

⁴ WorldPay US, Inc. ("WorldPay") processes transactions on behalf of Alibaba and Alipay, which may appear as "Aliexpress" on a cardholder's credit card statement.

⁵ 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.

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 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. Based on the representations on the record at the hearing held May 31, 2022, notwithstanding the above provisions, the application of the provisions of paragraphs (7) and (8) above as to Defendants JTAYLOR3344 and PALPLAZA shall be limited solely to the continued freezing of funds currently frozen in the PayPal transaction accounts as to such Defendants;

(10) Upon Plaintiffs' 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 Plaintiffs' 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 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 Order in accordance with the Alternative Service Order.

(14) As discussed on the record at the hearing of May 31, 2022, and given the representations made by the parties on the record at that time, Plaintiffs shall on or before June 15, 2022 show cause in a filing on the docket and immediately served by email as to why this Order should not be vacated and be of no further force as to Defendants PALPLAZA and JTAYLOR3344.

B. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that upon Plaintiffs' 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 Plaintiffs' 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 FURTHER ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that, upon Plaintiffs' request, within no later than five (5) calendar days of Plaintiffs' request:

- (1) Amazon is ordered to remove any seller identified by Plaintiffs from the following Amazon Standard Identification Numbers (ASINs): B075KYV2DT (small BRISTLY®), B075L4L1T2 (medium BRISTLY®), and B075KTSHRT (large BRISTLY®)⁶;

- (2) Amazon is ordered to suspend any ASIN listing product that Plaintiffs assert infringes at least one claim of the Plaintiffs' Patent, and is identified as originating outside of the United States (i.e. any seller is prevented from listing for sale under the identified ASIN); and

- (3) Amazon is ordered to suspend any ASIN that was associated with a product already identified by prior Order of this Court in the present lawsuit to be Counterfeit, Infringing, or unfairly competing, as designated in the Schedule A third column under "**Amazon ASIN Number(s)**" (i.e. any seller is prevented from listing for sale under the identified ASIN);

⁶ These are the current ASINs assigned to the Plaintiffs' Products by Amazon.

(4) The Plaintiff has demonstrated that the following products as pictured in the attached **Schedule "B"** are either made, used by, offered for sale or sold into the United States 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, and wish.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.

II. Order Authorizing Expedited Discovery

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

- (1) Plaintiffs 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 Plaintiffs' counsel.
- (2) Plaintiffs 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 Plaintiffs' counsel.
- (3) Plaintiffs 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 Plaintiffs' 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 Plaintiffs' 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 Plaintiffs' Patent;
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in this Order to the contrary, no agency, person or institution is obligated to provide bank account information regarding Defendants JTAYLOR3344 or PALPLAZA to Plaintiffs without further specific Order of this Court.

III. Security Bond

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

SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 1st day of June, 2022, at 11:13 a.m.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

/s/ Mark R. Hornak
MARK R. HORNAK
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE