

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

PAWESOME PET PRODUCTS, LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiff,

v.

DREAMBLISS STORES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 22-cv-1584

PLAINTIFF’S EXPEDITED REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

AND NOW come Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys, and serve the following Expedited Requests for Admissions on each Defendant in this action. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and 36, and with the Court Order dated November 18, 2022 (“TRO”), your responses are due no later than fourteen (14) days after these Requests for Admissions are served on you.

DEFINITIONS

1. Where a defined term is referenced herein and not defined herein, the defined term should be understood as it is defined in the Complaint, Plaintiffs’ *Ex Parte* Application, and/or the TRO.
2. The terms “Defendant,” “you,” and “your” refer to the Defendant listed on Schedule A, including all affiliates and subsidiaries, receiving these Requests for Production.
3. The terms “concerning” or “relating to” (or any forms thereof) mean constituting, reflecting, representing, supporting, contradicting, referring to, stating, describing, noting, embodying, containing, mentioning, studying, analyzing, discussing, evaluating, or relevant to.

As indicated, the terms necessarily include information which is in opposition to as well as in support of the position(s) and claim(s) of the parties in this civil action.

4. The terms “communication” or “communications” refer to any transmission of information, the information transmitted, and any process by which information is transmitted, and will include written communications, electronic communications, and oral communications.

5. The term “person” refers to natural persons, firms, proprietorships, associations, partnerships, corporations and every other type of organization or entity.

6. The terms “document” or “documents” refer to all written, typed, printed, recorded, filmed or reproduced by any other mechanical process, photographic, or graphic matter of every type and description, however and by whomever prepared, produced, reproduced, disseminated, or made, in any form, whether originals or copies, now or formerly in your possession, custody, or control, including, but not limited to: letters; correspondence; e-mails; memoranda; records; books; minutes of all types of meetings; contracts; subcontracts; agreements; exhibits; attachments; intra-office and inter-office communications; analyses; bulletins; regulations, rules, directives, advisory opinions, manuals, proposals; estimates; recommendations; opinions; messages; instructions; notes; notebooks; measurements; designs; sketches; drawings; blueprints; data sheets; telephone records; tapes; computer stored data; computer disks; diaries; desk calendars; work sheets; reports; facsimiles; records of telephone conversations, meetings and conferences; notes and records of conversations or interviews; invoices; bills; statements; accounts; checks; drafts; notices; computer printouts; computer tapes; photographs; slides; negatives; motion pictures; video recordings; tape or other voice recordings and transcriptions thereof; data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated, if necessary, by you through detection devices into reasonably usable form; and any other

writings or recordings or data compilations from which information can be obtained in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control, including drafts and multiple versions of documents containing marginalia or other comments or notes not appearing on the original. If any document was, but is no longer, in your possession or subject to your control, identify the document and identify its disposition, including, where applicable, the person who currently has possession and/or control of it.

7. The words “identify” or “identity” mean when used in reference to:
 - (a) a document, to state separately: (i) its type (letter, report, memorandum, etc.); (ii) its date; (iii) its subject matter; (iv) the identity of each author or signer; and (v) its present location and the identity of its custodian;
 - (b) an oral statement, communication, conference or conversation, to state separately: (i) its date and the place where it occurred; (ii) its substance; (iii) the identity of each person(s) participating in the communication or conversation; and (iv) the identity and location of all notes, memoranda or other documents memorializing, referring to or relating to the subject matter of the statement;
 - (c) a natural person or persons, to state separately: (i) the full name of each such person; (ii) his or her present or last known business address, or his or her present or last known residential address; and (iii) the employer of the person at the time to which the request or interrogatory is directed and the person’s title or position at that time; and
 - (d) an organization or entity (other than a natural person), a company, a corporation, a firm, an association, or a partnership, to state separately:
 - (e) the full name and type of organization or entity; (ii) the date and state of organization or incorporation, if a business entity; (iii) the address of each of its principal places of business and headquarters; and (iv) the nature of the business conducted or services rendered.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Respond separately and in writing to each request.
2. These requests for admission shall be construed as referring to information now within the knowledge, possession, custody or control of you or your attorneys, agents, advisers,

employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, as well as any information, knowledge, data, document, or communication that subsequently is obtained or discovered by you or by your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, that demonstrates that any answer originally provided in response to these requests for information was either incorrect or incomplete. Such supplemental information is to be supplied promptly to the party propounding these requests for information with a designation as to which request the information is responsive.

3. If you do not answer a request for admission because you claim the information requested is privileged, as to each such request, state the privilege claimed, set forth the facts relied upon to support your claim of privilege, and identify each document and/or communication upon which you base your claim of privilege.

4. If you deny a request for admission, set forth your reason and identify and produce any document relied upon in your denial.

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

1. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned the federally registered trademark U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,815,298 for the word mark “BRISTLY”.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

2. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned the federally registered trademark U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,844,832 for the word mark “BRISTLY”.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

3. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant knew that Plaintiffs owned both U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,815,298 and U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,844,832 for the

word mark “BRISTLY” (collectively “BRISTLY[®] Mark”), and Defendant knew that Plaintiffs had the exclusive right to use and license its intellectual property and goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

4. Plaintiffs are the owner of U.S. Patent No. 10,477,838 B2 (“the ‘838 Patent”), issued November 19, 2019, for “PET CHEW TOY FOR DENTAL SELF-CLEANING BY DOMESTIC PETS” and which covers Plaintiffs’ Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

5. You were on notice of the ‘838 patent before you began manufacturing, offering for sale, selling, promoting, advertising, and otherwise distributing the Infringing Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

6. You have intentionally infringed and continue to infringe at least one claim of the ‘838 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 pet toothbrushes that are nearly identical to Plaintiffs’ genuine BRISTLY[®] dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

7. Admit that there is no acceptable non-infringing substitute for the Plaintiffs’ genuine BRISTLY[®] dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

8. Admit that you are selling the infringing product on multiple online platforms including the online platform identified in this lawsuit.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

9. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs have the manufacturing and marketing capability to meet the consumer demand for the Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

10. Despite having the knowledge that you had no license or legal authority to do so, you engaged in the activity of promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and/or distributing Infringing Products under your Seller ID or Seller IDs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

11. You intentionally copied, counterfeited, and sold Plaintiffs' goods in order to benefit from the Plaintiffs' fame, reputation, and goodwill to divert Plaintiffs' profits into your business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

12. You cooperated, coordinated, and communicated with the other Defendants in order to take control of the "Buy" Box within the Amazon.com search results for BRISTLY and or BRISTLY BRUSHING STICK or other confusingly similar terms calculated to cause the Amazon.com search engine to return your listing of Infringing Products instead of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

13. At all times relevant hereto, you have been engaged in the fraudulent promotion, advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and/or sale of goods that are infringing copies of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

14. You intentionally make, use, offer to sell, or import into the United States counterfeit and substandard copies of Plaintiff's genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

15. You intentionally make, use, offer to sell, or import into the United States counterfeit and substandard copies of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush with English language packaging and instructions.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

16. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned the common law trade dress rights for its BRISTLY® dog toothbrush, which is characterized by ornamental features shown and described in Plaintiffs' design patent application and variations thereof (the "BRISTLY Trade Dress") and Defendant knew that Plaintiffs had the exclusive right to use and license their intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

17. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned the U.S. Copyright Reg. No. VA-2-122-455 entitled "Photos of In Use Pet/Dog Toy for Oral Hygiene" for photographs and 2-D artwork directed to photographs related to the BRISTLY™ dog toothbrush (or "BRISTLY

Works”) and Defendant knew that Plaintiff had the exclusive right to use and license its intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

18. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned the U.S. Copyright Reg. No. VA 2-150-496 directed to various photographs related to the BRISTLY® dog toothbrush(or “BRISTLY Works”) and Defendant knew that Plaintiff had the exclusive right to use and license its intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

19. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned various design patent applications directed to the BRISTLY® dog toothbrush, including an issued European Registered Community Design (005818606-0001), a pending U.S. design patent application, and a pending Chinese design patent application.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

20. Despite having the knowledge that you had no license or legal authority to do so, you engaged in the activity of promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and/or distributing knock-off and or infringing goods featuring, displaying, and/or using Plaintiffs’ BRISTLY Works and or Plaintiffs’ BRISTLY Mark and/or using Plaintiff’s BRISTLY trade dress and/or infringing at least one claim of the ‘838 patent without authorization under your Seller ID or Seller IDs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

21. At all times relevant hereto, you were offering and selling infringing and/or counterfeit goods in order to directly compete with Plaintiff's genuine BRISTLY[®] dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

22. You have been named as a defendant in past counterfeiting, infringing and/or knock-off cases.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

23. You view the cost of defending this lawsuit and any damages that the Plaintiffs might recover as a cost of running your counterfeiting, infringing and/or knock-off selling business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

24. You intentionally copied and/or infringed Plaintiffs' BRISTLY Mark, in order to benefit from the Plaintiffs' fame, reputation, and goodwill to divert Plaintiffs' profits into your business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

25. You cooperated, coordinated, and communicated with the other Defendants in order to take control of the Amazon.com search results for "BRISTLY" and/or "DOG TOOTHBRUSH" and/or "DOG STICK TOOTHBRUSH" or other confusingly similar terms calculated to cause the Amazon.com search engine to return your infringing and/or knock-off listing instead of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY[®] dog toothbrush when a buyer searched for those terms.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

26. At all times relevant hereto, you have been engaged in the fraudulent promotion, advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and/or sale of goods that are knock-offs, infringements, and/or substandard copies of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

27. You intentionally make, use, offer to sell, or import into the United States infringing, knock-off and substandard copies of Plaintiffs' genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush with English language packaging and instructions.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

28. Admit that lost profits is the appropriate measure for Plaintiffs' damage claims against you.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

29. Admit that the profit per unit of the Infringing Product was at least \$10.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

30. Admit that the profit per unit of the Infringing Product was at least \$15.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

31. Admit that the profit per unit of the Infringing Product was at least \$20.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

32. Admit that each month you sold 15,000 units of the Infringing Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

33. Admit that the profit per unit of toothpaste sold was \$7.50.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

34. Admit that you sold 7300 units of toothpaste per month.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

35. At all times relevant hereto, there was consumer demand for the Plaintiffs' BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

36. The consumer demand for the Plaintiffs' BRISTLY® dog toothbrush is based upon its unique features which comprise the Plaintiffs' intellectual property.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

37. In the absence of your sales of counterfeit products, consumers would have purchased Plaintiffs; genuine BRISTLY® dog toothbrush.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

38. But for your sales of illegal counterfeit products, Plaintiffs would have made each sale in place of the sale you made instead and at Plaintiffs' pre-infringement selling price.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

39. Your illegal sales of infringing and/counterfeit products have eroded Plaintiff's market share.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

40. Your sales of substandard infringing and/or counterfeit products have undermined and damaged Plaintiffs' reputation and goodwill associated with its BRISTLY® products requiring Plaintiffs' to expend \$15,000.00 in corrective advertising costs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

41. Your unfair competition has driven the market price of Plaintiffs' genuine goods down.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

42. But for your infringement and/or counterfeiting of Plaintiffs' products, Plaintiff would have made each sale you made instead and at Plaintiffs' pre-infringement selling price.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

43. Plaintiffs did not assign, consent to your use of, or license to you any of their intellectual property rights, including the right to use the '838 patent, BRISTLY Works, the BRISTLY[®] Mark, or the BRISTLY Trade Dress.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

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