

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

MIAMI DIVISION

CASE NO. 07-21221 CIV ALTONAGA/Brown

RENEE BLASZKOWSKI, *et al.*,
individually and on behalf of
others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs/Class Representatives,
vs.

MARS INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ARNA CORTAZZO

I, Arna Cortazzo, declare and state the following is true and correct under penalty of perjury:

1. My name is Arna Cortazzo. I am over the age of eighteen and I have personal knowledge of all of the facts contained herein.

2. I contacted Ms. MacIvor about joining the lawsuit after I learned of the lawsuit in June 2008. Prior to that, I had never received any e-mails concerning the lawsuit and did not know it was pending. At no time did any member of Maltzman Foreman, PA solicit me to become involved in this litigation; rather, I contacted them about the lawsuit after learning about it at the Florida Bar annual meeting.

3. I contacted them because I wanted to join the lawsuit because I am an advocate for animal rights and feel strongly that the Defendants, and in particular Natura Pet Products, Inc.

("Natura"), misrepresented the pet food that they sold in their marketing materials, through store representatives and packaging. Moreover, Natura's pet food makes cats and dogs ill and causes pets to die.

4. I purchased Natura Evo dog and cat food during the class period of May 9, 2003 and May 9, 2007 at Pet Pros Pet Store in Rockledge, Florida. Please see my responses to Defendant Natura's and Defendant Mars, Inc.'s interrogatories and Responses to the Defendants' Request for Production attached hereto as composite Exhibit "A" as to the details of my purchases. I believe that my dogs and cats became ill from consuming this food because they suffered illness as a result of consuming the pet food, including weight loss, kidney problems, a fungus in the brain, neurological problems, rashes and vomiting. I also believe that Natura's marketing falsely presented their products to me, including statements on their website that the content of the food is what I would eat myself as best evidenced by Exhibit "10" of the lawsuit. This is deceptive at best and would be better characterized as fraud since the ingredients are not human grade at all.

5. Additionally, I believe that Natura marketed Evo as a very high end product when, in fact, it contains the very same "meat" that other manufacturers use that has been deemed unfit for human consumption while charging a high price for what has been marketed as human grade pet food.

6. I have reviewed the Fourth Amended Complaint and agree with its contents as to Defendant Natura and believe that I was damaged by Natura's false and fraudulent advertising, by being charged a higher price for pet food that is the same or very similar to cheaper brands that are not marketed as "premium" and because my pets became ill as a result of ingesting Natura's pet food between May 9, 2003 and May 9, 2007.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 3, 2008.



- Arna Cortazzo