

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION

CASE NO. 07-21221-CIV-ALTONAGA/BROWN

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

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARS, INCORPORATED, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT C. MARDIAN III IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT
NATURA PET PRODUCTS, INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL RESPONSES BY
JO-ANN MURPHY AND CINDY TREGOE TO NATURA'S SECOND SET OF
INTERROGATORIES; AND PATRICIA DAVIS TO NATURA'S THIRD SET OF
INTERROGATORIES**

1. I, Robert C. Mardian III, am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein or know of such facts from my review of the case files for this action, which are maintained by my office in the normal course of business. I am counsel for defendant Natura Pet Products, Inc., and admitted *pro hac vice* in this action.

2. From September 24-27, 2008, Natura took the depositions of plaintiffs Patricia Davis, Cindy Tregoe and Jo-Ann Murphy.

3. Subsequent to the depositions, Natura sent to the plaintiffs interrogatories.

4. Plaintiffs requested extensions within which to respond to discovery. Natura agreed so long as plaintiffs promised to provide substantive responses to each request.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy Natura's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe dated October 22, 2008.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of Cindy Tregoe's Responses Natura's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe dated November 24, 2008.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy Natura's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Jo-Ann Murphy dated October 22, 2008.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Jo-Ann Murphy's Responses Natura's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Jo-Ann Murphy dated November 24, 2008.

9. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy Natura's Third Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Patricia Davis dated October 22, 2008.

10. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of Patricia Davis' Responses Natura's Third Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Patricia Davis dated November 24, 2008.

I declare the above under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America on this 29th day of December, 2008 in Rancho Santa Fe, California.



Robert C. Mardian III

EXHIBIT A

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**DEFENDANT NATURA PET PRODUCTS, INC.'S SECOND SET OF
INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF CINDY TREGOE**

Defendant Natura Pet Products, Inc, by their undersigned attorneys, propound the following interrogatories upon Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe and request that they be answered separately, fully, and under oath within thirty days of service pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and Local Rule 26.1.G.

DEFINITIONS

1. The words "you," "yours" and/or "yourselves" mean Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe and any spouse, relative, directors, officers, employees, agents, investigators, representatives or other persons or entities acting, or purporting to act, on behalf of Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe.
2. The singular shall include the plural and vice versa; the terms "and" or "or" shall be both conjunctive and disjunctive; and the term "including" mean "including without limitation."
3. "Date" shall mean the exact date, month and year, if ascertainable or, if not, the best approximation of the date (based upon relationship with other events).

4. The word "document" shall mean any writing, drawing, graph, chart, recording, electronically stored information, photograph, or other data compilation from which you can obtain information that is in your actual or constructive possession, custody, care or control, which pertains directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, either to any of the subjects listed below or to any other matter relevant to the issues in this action, or which are themselves listed below as specific documents, including, but not limited to: correspondence, memoranda, notes, messages, email communications, instant messages, electronic postings, weblogs, diaries, minutes, books, reports, charts, ledgers, invoices, receipts, computer printouts, PowerPoint or other software or computer-based presentations, microfilms, video tapes or tape recordings, transcripts of video tapes or tape recordings, pet food packaging, pet food labels, advertisements, transcripts of advertisements, point of sale information, veterinarian or hospital invoices, reports or records.

5. "Agent" shall mean: any agent, employee, officer, director, attorney, independent contractor or any other person acting at the direction of or on behalf of another.

6. "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, proprietorship, partnership, trust, association or any other entity.

7. The words "pertain to" or "pertaining to" mean: relates to, refers to, contains, concerns, describes, embodies, mentions, constitutes, constituting, supports, corroborates, demonstrates, proves, evidences, shows, refutes, disputes, rebuts, controverts or contradicts.

8. "Pet" shall mean any cat or dog for which you purchased or provided food at any time since May 9, 2003.

9. "Food" shall mean any food, whether or not marketed for pets, that is consumed by pets, including items commonly identified in the marketplace as pet treats.

10. The term “action” shall mean the case entitled *Renee Blasowski, et al. v. Mars, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 07-21221, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

11. The term “Complaint” shall mean the operative complaint filed in this action.

12. The word “identify”, when used in reference to a document (including electronically stored information), means and includes the name and address of the custodian of the document, the location of the document, and a general description of the document, including (1) the type of document (*e.g.*, letter or memorandum) and, if electronically stored information, the software application used to create it (*e.g.*, MS Word or MS Excel Spreadsheet); (2) the general subject matter of the document or electronically stored information; (3) the date of the document or electronically stored information; (4) the author of the document or electronically stored information; (5) the addressee of the document or electronically stored information; and (6) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other.

13. “Identify” or “state the identity of”, when used with respect to a natural person or pet (as defined above), means to provide the following:

- a. full name and any alias, including user names, screen names and registered reader names used in connection with posting comments to websites;
- b. current or last known home address;
- c. current or last known business address;
- d. current or last known employment position; and
- e. relationship if any, to the parties in this action.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You shall answer each interrogatory fully, in writing and under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for the objections shall be stated in lieu of an answer.

Your answers shall include all information available to you, including hearsay, which is in the possession, custody, or control of you, your agents, or attorneys. If you cannot provide all of the information requested in each interrogatory, you should provide the information which you can provide and explain all efforts made to obtain the information which you are unable to provide.

2. If you object to fully identifying a document, electronically stored information or oral communication because of a privilege, you must nevertheless provide the following information pursuant to Local Rule 26.1.G.3.(b), unless divulging the information would disclose the privileged information:

- a. the nature of the privilege claimed (including work product);
- b. if the privilege is being asserted in connection with a claim or defense governed by state law, the state privilege rule being invoked;
- c. the date of the document, electronically stored information or oral communication;
- d. if a document: its type (*e.g.*, letter or memorandum) and, if electronically stored information, the software application used to create it (*e.g.*, MS Word or MS Excel Spreadsheet), and the custodian, location, and such other information sufficient to identify the material for a subpoena *duces tecum* or a production request, including where appropriate the author, the addressee, and, if not apparent, the relationship between the author and addressee;
- e. if an oral communication: the place where it was made, the names of the persons present while it was made, and, if not apparent, the relationship of the persons present to the declarant; and

f. the general subject matter of the document, electronically stored information or oral communication.


3. You are under a continuous obligation to supplement your answers to these interrogatories under the circumstances specified in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e).

INTERROGATORIES

6. Describe each way in which you have been damaged by Natura Pet Products, Inc.
7. State the amount of money you contend you have lost as a result of acts or omissions by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Date: October 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was sent via electronic mail to all counsel on the attached service list on October 22, 2008.



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**PLAINTIFF CINDY TREGOE'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT NATURA PET
PRODUCT'S SECOND SET OF SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES**

Pursuant to Rule 33(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Cindy Tregoe ("Plaintiff") hereby responds to Defendant Natural Pet Products, Inc. ("Natura") Second Set of Special Interrogatories, as follows:

GENERAL RESPONSES

1. Plaintiff's response is made to the best of Plaintiff's present knowledge, information, and belief. The investigation and discovery of Plaintiff's claims are ongoing, and consequently, the parties may learn additional facts presently unknown, or may locate additional documents presently not identified, which may alter or invalidate or require the supplementation of this response. This response is at all times subject to such additional or different information that discovery or further investigation may disclose and, while based on the present state of Plaintiff's recollection, is subject to such refreshing of recollection, and such additional knowledge of facts, as may result from further discovery or investigation.

2. No admission of any nature whatsoever is to be implied or inferred from Plaintiff's response. The fact that this response may contain answers or admissions to certain interrogatories or questions should not be taken as an admission or concession of the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such interrogatories or questions, or that such response constitutes evidence of any such fact as set forth or assumed.

3. Plaintiff reserves all objections or other questions as to the competency, relevance, materiality, privilege or admissibility as evidence in any subsequent

proceeding in or trial of this or any other action for any purpose whatsoever of this response and any answer or document or thing identified or produced in response to the Natura's special interrogatories.

4. Plaintiff reserves the right to object on any ground at any time to such other or supplemental special interrogatories as the Natura may at any time propound involving or relating to the subject matter of these special interrogatories.

5. Plaintiff will respond to each special interrogatory requesting identification of documents with documents currently in her possession.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

Plaintiff makes the following general objections, whether or not separately set forth in response to each and every special interrogatory, to each and every definition, and to each and every special interrogatory made in Natura's second set of special interrogatories:

1. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories insofar as any such interrogatory seeks identification of documents or information protected by the attorney-client privilege and the attorney-client work product doctrine. Such documents or information will not be produced in response to the Natura's interrogatories, and any inadvertent production thereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege with respect to such documents or information or of any work produce doctrine which may attach thereto.

2. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories to the extent that they are unreasonably cumulative, duplicative and/or disproportionate subjecting Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense.

3. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories to the extent that they seek identification of all documents, all witnesses or all information in support of Plaintiff's claims at this stage of the litigation of this action subjecting Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense.

4. Plaintiff objects to the introductory definitions and instructions to the Natura's interrogatories to the extent said definitions or instructions purport to enlarge, expand, or alter in any way the plain meaning and scope of any specific interrogatory on the ground that such enlargement, expansion, or alteration renders said interrogatory vague, ambiguous, unintelligible, unduly broad, and uncertain.

5. Plaintiff objects to all instructions, definitions and interrogatories to the extent that they seek identification of documents or information not currently in Plaintiff's possession, custody or control, or refer to persons, entities or events not known to Plaintiff, on the grounds that such instructions, definitions, or interrogatories seek to require more of Plaintiff than any obligation imposed by law, would subject Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense, and would seek to

impose upon Plaintiff an obligation to investigate or discover information or material from third parties or sources who are equally accessible to Natura.

6. Plaintiff objects to all instructions, definitions and interrogatories to the extent they seek identification of documents or information on a continuing basis, on the grounds that such instructions, definitions and interrogatories seek unilaterally to impose an obligation to provide supplemental information greater than the required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seek information that is beyond the scope of permissible discovery (not relevant to the subject matter or likely to lead to discovery of admissible evidence), and would subject Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense. Therefore, all such instructions, definitions and interrogatories will not be regarded as continuing in nature.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS & RESPONSES TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES

Without waiving or limiting in any manner any of the foregoing General Responses and General Objections, but rather incorporating them into each of the following responses to the extent applicable, Plaintiff responds to the specific special interrogatories of Natura's second set of special interrogatories as follows:

Special Interrogatory No. 6:

Describe each way in which you have been damaged by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 6:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is vague, ambiguous and overly board and that it is cumulative on that it seek information already provided by Plaintiff at her deposition of September 25, 2008. In that regard it has also been asked and answered and is therefore argumentative and harassing. Without waiving these objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

I incurred the cost of purchasing the various Natura products I used. I may have also incurred vet bills for the illness one of my dogs experienced once he began eating Natura products. I have also experienced damages related to the illness of my dog in the form of loss of his companionship and emotional distress. I am also requesting that the courts make orders that will force Natura to be truthful in its advertising and not omit important information concerning their products necessary of consumers to make informed decisions regarding their pet food purchases. The products Natura products I purchased have been indentified an my prior deposition testimony and in response to Interrogatory no. 4, of the first set of interrogatories propounded upon me.

Special Interrogatory No. 7:

State the amount of money you contend you have lost as a result of acts or omissions by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 7:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is vague, ambiguous and overly board and that it is cumulative on that it seek information already provided by

Plaintiff at her deposition of September 25, 2008. In that regard it has also been asked and answered and is therefore argumentative and harassing. Without waiving these objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

The amount of money I spent on the Natura products and the amount of vet bills I incurred for having to take my dog to the vet when he became ill when eating Natura products. The vet expenses can be determined for the vet bills previously produced to defendant.

Dated: November 24, 2008

Law Offices of Edgar R. Nield



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VERIFICATION

I, Cindy Tregoe, declare and state foregoing responses to second set of
interrogatories are true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Executed on November 24, 2008.

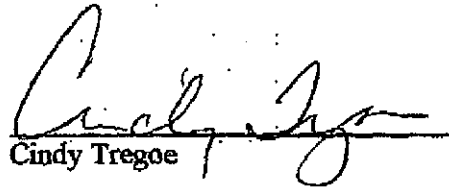

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**DEFENDANT NATURA PET PRODUCTS, INC.'S SECOND SET OF
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Defendant Natura Pet Products, Inc, by their undersigned attorneys, propound the following interrogatories upon Plaintiff Jo-Ann Murphy and request that they be answered separately, fully, and under oath within thirty days of service pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and Local Rule 26.1.G.

DEFINITIONS

1. The words "you," "yours" and/or "yourselves" mean Plaintiff Jo-Ann Murphy and any spouse, relative, directors, officers, employees, agents, investigators, representatives or other persons or entities acting, or purporting to act, on behalf of Plaintiff Jo-Ann Murphy.
2. The singular shall include the plural and vice versa; the terms "and" or "or" shall be both conjunctive and disjunctive; and the term "including" mean "including without limitation."
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INTERROGATORIES

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Date: October 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was sent via electronic mail to all counsel on the attached service list on October 22, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Mardian III", is written over a horizontal line.

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GENERAL OBJECTIONS & RESPONSES TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES

Without waiving or limiting in any manner any of the foregoing General Responses and General Objections, but rather incorporating them into each of the following responses to the extent applicable, Plaintiff responds to the specific special interrogatories of Natura's second set of special interrogatories as follows:

Special Interrogatory No. 6:

Describe each way in which you have been damaged by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 6:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is vague, ambiguous and overly broad and that it is cumulative on that it seeks information already provided by Plaintiff at her deposition of September 27, 2008. In that regard it has been asked and answered and is therefore argumentative and harassing. Without waiving these objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

I have been damaged in the amount of the cost to purchase the various Natura products as identified in my deposition testimony.

Special Interrogatory No. 7:

State the amount of money you contend you have lost as a result of acts or omissions by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 7:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is vague, ambiguous and overly broad and that it is cumulative in that it seeks information already provided by Plaintiff at her deposition of September 27, 2008. In that regard it has been asked and answered and is therefore argumentative and harassing. Without waiving these objections Plaintiff, responds as follows:

The amount of money I spend on the Natura products, as already set out in my deposition testimony, I estimate to be approximately \$100.00 to \$150.00.

Dated: November 24, 2008

Law Offices of Edgar R. Nield



Edgar R. Nield, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Defendants.

VERIFICATION

I, Jo Ann Murphy, declare and state foregoing responses to second set of
interrogatories are true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Executed on November 21, 2008.

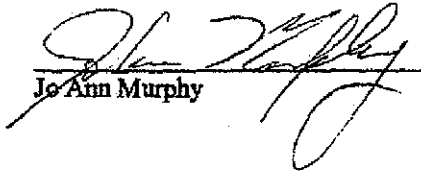

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**DEFENDANT NATURA PET PRODUCTS, INC.'S THIRD SET OF
INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF PATRICIA DAVIS**

Defendant Natura Pet Products, Inc, by their undersigned attorneys, propound the following interrogatories upon Plaintiff Patricia Davis and request that they be answered separately, fully, and under oath within thirty days of service pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and Local Rule 26.1.G.

DEFINITIONS

1. The words "you," "yours" and/or "yourselves" mean Plaintiff Patricia Davis and any spouse, relative, directors, officers, employees, agents, investigators, representatives or other persons or entities acting, or purporting to act, on behalf of Plaintiff Patricia Davis.
2. The singular shall include the plural and vice versa; the terms "and" or "or" shall be both conjunctive and disjunctive; and the term "including" mean "including without limitation."
3. "Date" shall mean the exact date, month and year, if ascertainable or, if not, the best approximation of the date (based upon relationship with other events).

4. The word "document" shall mean any writing, drawing, graph, chart, recording, electronically stored information, photograph, or other data compilation from which you can obtain information that is in your actual or constructive possession, custody, care or control, which pertains directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, either to any of the subjects listed below or to any other matter relevant to the issues in this action, or which are themselves listed below as specific documents, including, but not limited to: correspondence, memoranda, notes, messages, email communications, instant messages, electronic postings, weblogs, diaries, minutes, books, reports, charts, ledgers, invoices, receipts, computer printouts, PowerPoint or other software or computer-based presentations, microfilms, video tapes or tape recordings, transcripts of video tapes or tape recordings, pet food packaging, pet food labels, advertisements, transcripts of advertisements, point of sale information, veterinarian or hospital invoices, reports or records.

5. "Agent" shall mean: any agent, employee, officer, director, attorney, independent contractor or any other person acting at the direction of or on behalf of another.

6. "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, proprietorship, partnership, trust, association or any other entity.

7. The words "pertain to" or "pertaining to" mean: relates to, refers to, contains, concerns, describes, embodies, mentions, constitutes, constituting, supports, corroborates, demonstrates, proves, evidences, shows, refutes, disputes, rebuts, controverts or contradicts.

8. "Pet" shall mean any cat or dog for which you purchased or provided food at any time since May 9, 2003.

9. "Food" shall mean any food, whether or not marketed for pets, that is consumed by pets, including items commonly identified in the marketplace as pet treats.

10. The term "action" shall mean the case entitled *Renee Blaszkowski, et al. v. Mars, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 07-21221, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

11. The term "Complaint" shall mean the operative complaint filed in this action.

12. The word "identify", when used in reference to a document (including electronically stored information), means and includes the name and address of the custodian of the document, the location of the document, and a general description of the document, including (1) the type of document (*e.g.*, letter or memorandum) and, if electronically stored information, the software application used to create it (*e.g.*, MS Word or MS Excel Spreadsheet); (2) the general subject matter of the document or electronically stored information; (3) the date of the document or electronically stored information; (4) the author of the document or electronically stored information; (5) the addressee of the document or electronically stored information; and (6) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other.

13. "Identify" or "state the identity of", when used with respect to a natural person or pet (as defined above), means to provide the following:

- a. full name and any alias, including user names, screen names and registered reader names used in connection with posting comments to websites;
- b. current or last known home address;
- c. current or last known business address;
- d. current or last known employment position; and
- e. relationship if any, to the parties in this action.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You shall answer each interrogatory fully, in writing and under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for the objections shall be stated in lieu of an answer.

Your answers shall include all information available to you, including hearsay, which is in the possession, custody, or control of you, your agents, or attorneys. If you cannot provide all of the information requested in each interrogatory, you should provide the information which you can provide and explain all efforts made to obtain the information which you are unable to provide.

2. If you object to fully identifying a document, electronically stored information or oral communication because of a privilege, you must nevertheless provide the following information pursuant to Local Rule 26.1.G.3.(b), unless divulging the information would disclose the privileged information:

- a. the nature of the privilege claimed (including work product);
- b. if the privilege is being asserted in connection with a claim or defense governed by state law, the state privilege rule being invoked;
- c. the date of the document, electronically stored information or oral communication;
- d. if a document: its type (*e.g.*, letter or memorandum) and, if electronically stored information, the software application used to create it (*e.g.*, MS Word or MS Excel Spreadsheet), and the custodian, location, and such other information sufficient to identify the material for a subpoena *duces tecum* or a production request, including where appropriate the author, the addressee, and, if not apparent, the relationship between the author and addressee;
- e. if an oral communication: the place where it was made, the names of the persons present while it was made, and, if not apparent, the relationship of the persons present to the declarant; and

f. the general subject matter of the document, electronically stored information or oral communication.

3. You are under a continuous obligation to supplement your answers to these interrogatories under the circumstances specified in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e).

INTERROGATORIES

8. Describe each way in which you have been damaged by Natura Pet Products, Inc.
9. State the amount of money you contend you have lost as a result of acts or omissions by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Date: October 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was sent via electronic mail to all counsel on the attached service list on October 22, 2008.



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**PLAINTIFF PATRICIA DAVIS' RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT NATURA PET
PRODUCT'S THIRD SET OF SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES**

Pursuant to Rule 33(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Patricia Davis ("Plaintiff") hereby responds to Defendant Natural Pet Products, Inc. ("Natura") Third Set of Special Interrogatories, as follows:

GENERAL RESPONSES

1. Plaintiff's response is made to the best of Plaintiff's present knowledge, information, and belief. The investigation and discovery of Plaintiff's claims are ongoing, and consequently, the parties may learn additional facts presently unknown, or may locate additional documents presently not identified, which may alter or invalidate or require the supplementation of this response. This response is at all times subject to such additional or different information that discovery or further investigation may disclose and, while based on the present state of Plaintiff's recollection, is subject to such refreshing of recollection, and such additional knowledge of facts, as may result from further discovery or investigation.

2. No admission of any nature whatsoever is to be implied or inferred from Plaintiff's response. The fact that this response may contain answers or admissions to certain interrogatories or questions should not be taken as an admission or concession of the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such interrogatories or questions, or that such response constitutes evidence of any such fact as set forth or assumed.

3. Plaintiff reserves all objections or other questions as to the competency, relevance, materiality, privilege or admissibility as evidence in any subsequent

proceeding in or trial of this or any other action for any purpose whatsoever of this response and any answer or document or thing identified or produced in response to the Natura's special interrogatories.

4. Plaintiff reserves the right to object on any ground at any time to such other or supplemental special interrogatories as the Natura may at any time propound involving or relating to the subject matter of these special interrogatories.

5. Plaintiff will respond to each special interrogatory requesting identification of documents with documents currently in her possession.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

Plaintiff makes the following general objections, whether or not separately set forth in response to each and every special interrogatory, to each and every definition, and to each and every special interrogatory made in Natura's third set of special interrogatories:

1. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories insofar as any such interrogatory seeks identification of documents or information protected by the attorney-client privilege and the attorney-client work product doctrine. Such documents or information will not be produced in response to the Natura's interrogatories, and any inadvertent production thereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege with respect to such documents or information or of any work produce doctrine which may attach thereto.

2. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories to the extent that they are unreasonably cumulative, duplicative and/or disproportionate subjecting Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense.

3. Plaintiff objects to all interrogatories to the extent that they seek identification of all documents, all witnesses or all information in support of Plaintiff's claims at this stage of the litigation of this action subjecting Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense.

4. Plaintiff objects to the introductory definitions and instructions to the Natura's interrogatories to the extent said definitions or instructions purport to enlarge, expand, or alter in any way the plain meaning and scope of any specific interrogatory on the ground that such enlargement, expansion, or alteration renders said interrogatory vague, ambiguous, unintelligible, unduly broad, and uncertain.

5. Plaintiff objects to all instructions, definitions and interrogatories to the extent that they seek identification of documents or information not currently in Plaintiff's possession, custody or control, or refer to persons, entities or events not known to Plaintiff, on the grounds that such instructions, definitions, or interrogatories seek to require more of Plaintiff than any obligation imposed by law, would subject Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense, and would seek to

impose upon Plaintiff an obligation to investigate or discover information or material from third parties or sources who are equally accessible to Natura.

6. Plaintiff objects to all instructions, definitions and interrogatories to the extent they seek identification of documents or information on a continuing basis, on the grounds that such instructions, definitions and interrogatories seek unilaterally to impose an obligation to provide supplemental information greater than the required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seek information that is beyond the scope of permissible discovery (not relevant to the subject matter or likely to lead to discovery of admissible evidence), and would subject Plaintiff to unreasonable and undue annoyance, oppression, burden, and expense. Therefore, all such instructions, definitions and interrogatories will not be regarded as continuing in nature.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS & RESPONSES TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES

Without waiving or limiting in any manner any of the foregoing General Responses and General Objections, but rather incorporating them into each of the following responses to the extent applicable, Plaintiff responds to the specific special interrogatories of Natura's third set of special interrogatories as follows:

Special Interrogatory No. 8:

Describe each way in which you have been damaged by Natrua Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 8:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it vague, ambiguous and overly broad. It is also cumulative in that it seeks information already testified to by the plaintiff during her deposition of September 24, 2008. Therefore has been asked and answered and is harassing. Without waving these objections Plaintiff responds as follows:

Natura made false and misleading representations and omissions concerning the nature and quality of its pet food products including that the ingredients in their products were human grade, of the highest human quality and food you could eat yourself. (See response to Interrogatory No. 10). This caused me to pick up the free samples of their Innova Senior Dry Dog Food and feed it to my pet when I would not have done so otherwise. This has created harm not only to me but other pet food consumers throughout the state of Florida.

Special Interrogatory No. 9:

State the amount of money you contend you have lost as a result of acts or omissions by Natura Pet Products, Inc.

Response to Special Interrogatory No. 9:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is cumulative in that it seeks information already testified to by the plaintiff during her deposition of September 24, 2008. Therefore has been asked and answered and is harassing. Without waving these objections defendant responds as follows:

I was provided free samples of the Natura product I used. That product was Innova Senior Dry Dog Food.

Dated: November 24, 2008

Law Offices of Edgar R. Nield

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgar R. Nield", written in a cursive style.

Edgar R. Nield, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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VERIFICATION

I, Patricia Davis, declare and state foregoing responses to third set of
interrogatories are true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Executed on November 24, 2008.


Patricia Davis