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Conveying Party(ies)

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Name (line 1) Four Paws Products, LTD.

Name (line 2)

Second Party

Name (line 1)

Name (line 2)

Execution Date
Month Day Year
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12 12 2000

Receiving Party

☐ Mark if additional names of conveying parties attached

Name (line 1) Congress Financial Corporation (Western)

Name (line 2)

Address (line 1) 251 South Lake Avenue, 9th Floor

Address (line 2)

Address (line 3) Pasadena

California

91101

City

State/Country

Zip Code

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Name

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Patent Number(s)

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Number of Properties

Enter the total number of properties involved.

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Fee Amount

Fee Amount for Properties Listed (37 CFR 3.41): \$

600.00

Method of Payment:

Enclosed



Deposit Account



Deposit Account

(Enter for payment by deposit account or if additional fees can be charged to the account)

Deposit Account Number:

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Authorization to charge additional fees:

Yes



No



Statement and Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

Todd Weil

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

2/5/01

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NAME OF PATENT		REGISTRATION/ APPLICATION DATE	REGISTRATION NUMBER	PATENT NUMBER
SCOOP FOR CAT LITTER		02/02/90		5,076,627
SCOOP FOR CAT LITTER		10/03/90		332,675
CLOSURE FOR A FISH TANK		09/24/92		5,255,811
LITTER AND REFUSE RETRIEVAL DEVICE		11/28/94		5,601,321
LITTER RETRIEVER		11/23/94		368,003
METHOD OF HEAT EMBOSsing MATERIAL SUBJECT TO ADHESION		01/19/93		5,322,583
SINGLE LOOP STRAIN REDUCING DOG HARNESS		04/14/98	09/060,013	
SINGLE LOOP STRAIN REDUCING DOG HARNESS		02/09/99		6,085,694
CANINE TOY		09/09/98		418,639
CHEW TOY (ROUND)		09/09/98	29/093,334	
DISPLAY HANGER FOR A DOG LEASH		05/18/99	09/314,473	

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PATENT COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), dated December 12, 2000, is by and between FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD., a New York corporation ("Debtor"), with its chief executive office at 50 Wireless Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788 and CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION (WESTERN), a California corporation ("Secured Party"), having an office at 251 South Lake Avenue, 9th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Debtor has adopted, used and is using, and is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patents and applications therefor described in Exhibit A hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Secured Party and Debtor have entered into or are about to enter into financing arrangements pursuant to which Secured Party has made and may make further loans and advances and provide other financial accommodations to Debtor as set forth in the Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated of even date herewith, by and among Secured Party, Debtor and certain affiliates of Debtor (as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced, the "Loan Agreement") and other agreements, documents and instruments referred to therein or at any time executed and/or delivered in connection therewith or related thereto, including, but not limited to, this Agreement (all of the foregoing, together with the Loan Agreement, as the same now exist or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced, being collectively referred to herein as the "Financing Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce Secured Party to enter into the Loan Agreement and the other Financing Agreements and to make loans and advances and provide other financial accommodations to Debtor pursuant thereto, Debtor has agreed to grant to Secured Party certain collateral security as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Debtor hereby agrees as follows:

1. GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST

As collateral security for the prompt performance, observance and indefeasible payment in full of all of the Obligations (as hereinafter defined), Debtor hereby grants to Secured Party a

continuing security interest in and a general lien upon, and a conditional assignment of, the following (being collectively referred to herein as the "Collateral"): (a) all of Debtor's now existing or hereafter acquired right, title and interest in and to all of Debtor's interest in any patents and all applications, registrations and recordings relating to the foregoing as may at any time be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof, any political subdivision thereof or in any other country, including, without limitation, those patents, applications, registrations and recordings described in Exhibit A hereto, together with all rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to Debtor's use of any patents and all reissues, divisions, continuations, extensions and renewals thereof (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to herein as the "Patents"); (b) all present and future inventions and improvements described and claimed therein; (c) all income, fees, royalties and other payments at any time due or payable with respect thereto, including, without limitation, payments under all licenses at any time entered into in connection therewith; (d) the right to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof; (e) all rights corresponding thereto throughout the world; and (f) any and all other proceeds of any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, all damages and payments or claims by Debtor against third parties for past or future infringement of the Patents.

2. OBLIGATIONS SECURED

The security interest, lien and other interests granted to Secured Party pursuant to this Agreement shall secure the prompt performance, observance and payment in full of any and all obligations, liabilities and indebtedness of every kind, nature and description owing by Debtor to Secured Party and/or its affiliates, including principal, interest, charges, fees, costs and expenses, however evidenced, whether as principal, surety, endorser, guarantor or otherwise, whether arising under this Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the other Financing Agreements or otherwise, whether now existing or hereafter arising, whether arising before, during or after the initial or any renewal term of the Loan Agreement or after the commencement of any case with respect to Debtor under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any similar statute (including, without limitation, the payment of interest and other amounts which would accrue and become due but for the commencement of such case), whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, joint or several, due or not due, primary or secondary, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, and however acquired by Secured Party (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to herein as the "Obligations").

3. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Debtor hereby represents, warrants and covenants with and to Secured Party the following (all of such representations, warranties and covenants being continuing so long as any of the Obligations are outstanding):

- (a) Debtor shall pay and perform all of the Obligations according to their terms.

(b) To the best of Debtor's actual knowledge, all of the existing Collateral is valid and subsisting in full force and effect, and Debtor owns the sole, full and clear title thereto, and the right and power to grant the security interest and conditional assignment granted hereunder. Debtor shall, at Debtor's expense, perform all acts and execute all documents necessary to maintain the existence of the Collateral consisting of registered Patents as registered patents and to maintain all of the Collateral as valid and subsisting, including, without limitation, the filing of any renewal affidavits and applications. The Collateral is not subject to any liens, mortgages, assignments, licenses, security interests, encumbrances or, to the best of Debtor's actual knowledge, claims of any nature whatsoever, except (i) the security interests granted hereunder and pursuant to the Loan Agreement, (ii) the security interests permitted under the Loan Agreement and (iii) the licenses permitted under Section 3(e) below.

(c) Debtor shall not assign, sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, pledge, hypothecate, grant a security interest in or lien upon, encumber, grant an exclusive or non-exclusive license relating to the Collateral, or otherwise dispose of any of the Collateral, in each case without the prior written consent of Secured Party, except as otherwise permitted herein or in the Loan Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed a consent by Secured Party to any such action, except as such action is expressly permitted hereunder.

(d) Debtor shall, at Debtor's expense, promptly perform all acts and execute all documents requested at any time by Secured Party to evidence, perfect, maintain, record or enforce the security interest in and conditional assignment of the Collateral granted hereunder or to otherwise further the provisions of this Agreement. Debtor hereby authorizes Secured Party to execute and file one or more financing statements (or similar documents) with respect to the Collateral signed only by Secured Party or as otherwise determined by Secured Party. Debtor further authorizes Secured Party to have this Agreement or any other similar security agreement filed with the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks or any other appropriate federal, state or government office.

(e) As of the date hereof, to the best of Debtor's knowledge upon due inquiry, Debtor does not have any Patents registered, or subject to pending applications, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any similar office or agency in the United States, any State thereof, any political subdivision thereof or in any other country, other than those described in Exhibit A hereto and has not granted any licenses with respect thereto other than as set forth in Exhibit B hereto.

(f) Debtor shall, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, execute and deliver to Secured Party five (5) originals of a Special Power of Attorney in the form of Exhibit C annexed hereto for the implementation of the assignment, sale or other disposition of the Collateral pursuant to Secured Party's exercise of the rights and remedies granted to Secured Party hereunder.

(g) Secured Party may, in its discretion, pay any amount or do any act which Debtor fails to pay or do as required hereunder or as requested by Secured Party to preserve, defend,

protect, maintain, record or enforce the Obligations, the Collateral or the security interest and conditional assignment granted hereunder, including, but not limited to, all filing or recording fees, court costs, collection charges, attorneys' fees and legal expenses. Debtor shall be liable to Secured Party for any such payment, which payment shall be deemed an advance by Secured Party to Debtor, shall be payable on demand together with interest at the rate then applicable to the Obligations set forth in the Loan Agreement and shall be part of the Obligations secured hereby.

(h) If, after the date hereof, Debtor shall (i) obtain any patent, including any reissue, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, or extension of any patent, file any patent application, including any application for reissue or extension of any patent, or any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency in the United States, any State thereof, any political subdivision thereof or in any other country, or (ii) become the owner of any patent or new patentable inventions used in the United States, any State thereof, any political subdivision thereof or in any other country, the provisions of Section 1 hereof shall automatically apply thereto. Upon the request of Secured Party, Debtor shall promptly execute and deliver to Secured Party any and all assignments, agreements, instruments, documents and such other papers as may be requested by Secured Party to evidence the security interest in and conditional assignment of such Patent in favor of Secured Party.

(i) Debtor has not abandoned any of the Patents and Debtor will not do any act, nor omit to do any act, whereby the Patents may become abandoned, invalidated, unenforceable, avoided or avoidable; provided, that, Debtor may, after written notice to Secured Party, abandon, cancel, not renew or otherwise not maintain a Patent so long as (i) such Patent is no longer used or useful in the business of Debtor or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, (ii) such Patent has not been used in the business of Debtor or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries for a period of six (6) consecutive months, (iii) such Patent is not otherwise material to the business of Debtor or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries in any respect, (iv) such Patent has little or no value, and (v) no Event of Default, or event, act or condition which with notice or passage of time or both would constitute an Event of Default, shall exist or have occurred as of such time. Debtor shall notify Secured Party immediately if it knows or has reason to know of any reason why any application, registration, or recording with respect to the Patents may become abandoned, canceled, invalidated, avoided or avoidable.

(j) Debtor shall render any assistance, as Secured Party shall determine is necessary, to Secured Party in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any federal or state court, or any similar office or agency in the United States, any State thereof, any political subdivision thereof or in any other country, to maintain such application and registration of the Patents as Debtor's exclusive property and to protect Secured Party's interest therein, including, without limitation, filing of renewals, affidavits of use, affidavits of incontestability and opposition, interference, and cancellation proceedings.

(k) To the best of Debtor's actual knowledge, no material infringement or unauthorized use presently is being made of any of the Patents that would, in Debtor's reasonable judgment, adversely affect in any material respect the fair market value of the Patents or the benefits of this Agreement granted to Secured Party, including, without limitation, the remedies of Secured Party hereunder. There has been no judgment holding any of the Patents invalid or unenforceable, in whole or part nor, to the best of Debtor's actual knowledge, is the validity or enforceability of any of the Patents presently being questioned in any litigation or proceeding to which Debtor is a party. Debtor shall promptly notify Secured Party if Debtor (or any affiliate or subsidiary thereof) learns of any use by any person of any other process or product which infringes upon any Patent. If requested by Secured Party, Debtor, at Debtor's expense, shall join with Secured Party in such action as Secured Party, in Secured Party's discretion, may deem advisable for the protection of Secured Party's interest in and to the Patents.

(l) Debtor assumes all responsibility and liability arising from the use of the Patents and Debtor hereby indemnifies and holds Secured Party harmless from and against any claim, suit, loss, damage, or expense (including attorneys' fees and legal expenses) arising out of any alleged defect in any product manufactured, promoted, or sold by Debtor (or any affiliate or subsidiary thereof) in connection with any Patent or out of the manufacture, promotion, labelling, sale or advertisement of any such product by Debtor (or any affiliate or subsidiary thereof). The foregoing indemnity shall survive the payment of the Obligations, the termination of this Agreement and the termination or non-renewal of the Loan Agreement.

(m) Debtor shall promptly pay Secured Party for any and all expenditures made by Secured Party pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or for the defense, protection or enforcement of the Obligations, the Collateral, or the security interests and conditional assignment granted hereunder, including, but not limited to, all filing or recording fees, court costs, collection charges, travel expenses, and attorneys' fees and legal expenses. Such expenditures shall be payable on demand, together with interest at the rate then applicable to the Obligations set forth in the Loan Agreement and shall be part of the Obligations secured hereby.

4. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

All Obligations shall become immediately due and payable, without notice or demand, at the option of Secured Party, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, as such term is defined in the Loan Agreement (each an "Event of Default" hereunder).

5. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

At any time an Event of Default exists or has occurred and is continuing, in addition to all other rights and remedies of Secured Party, whether provided under this Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the other Financing Agreements, applicable law or otherwise, Secured Party shall have the following rights and remedies which may be exercised without notice to, or consent by, Debtor except as such notice or consent is expressly provided for hereunder:

(a) Secured Party may require that neither Debtor nor any affiliate or subsidiary of Debtor make any use of the Patents for any purpose whatsoever. Secured Party may make use of any Patents for the sale of goods, completion of work-in-process or rendering of services or otherwise in connection with enforcing any other security interest granted to Secured Party by Debtor or any subsidiary or affiliate of Debtor or for such other reason as Secured Party may determine.

(b) Subject to the rights of any third party licensees, Secured Party may grant such license or licenses relating to the Collateral for such term or terms, on such conditions, and in such manner, as Secured Party shall in its reasonable discretion deem appropriate. Subject to rights of any third party licensees, such license or licenses may be general, special or otherwise, and may be granted on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis throughout all or any part of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and all foreign countries.

(c) Subject to the rights of any third party licensees, Secured Party may assign, sell or otherwise dispose of the Collateral or any part thereof, either with or without special conditions or stipulations except that if notice to Debtor of intended disposition of Collateral is required by law, the giving of five (5) days prior written notice to Debtor of any proposed disposition shall be deemed reasonable notice thereof and Debtor waives any other notice with respect thereto. Subject to the rights of any third party licensees, Secured Party shall have the power to buy the Collateral or any part thereof, and Secured Party shall also have the power to execute assurances and perform all other acts which Secured Party may, in its discretion, deem appropriate or proper to complete such assignment, sale, or disposition. In any such event, Debtor shall be liable for any deficiency.

(d) In addition to the foregoing, in order to implement the assignment, sale or other disposition of any of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, Secured Party may at any time upon or after the occurrence of any Event of Default execute and deliver on behalf of Debtor, pursuant to the authority granted in the Powers of Attorney described in Section 3(f) hereof, one or more instruments of assignment of the Patents (or any application, registration, or recording relating thereto), in form suitable for filing, recording, or registration. Debtor agrees to pay Secured Party on demand all costs incurred in any such transfer of the Collateral, including, but not limited to, any taxes, fees, and attorneys' fees and legal expenses. Debtor agrees that Secured Party has no obligation to preserve rights to the Patents against any other parties.

(e) Secured Party may first apply the proceeds actually received from any such license, assignment, sale or other disposition of Collateral to the costs and expenses thereof, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and all legal, travel and other expenses which may be incurred by Secured Party. Thereafter, Secured Party may apply any remaining proceeds to such of the Obligations as Secured Party may in its discretion determine. Debtor shall remain liable to Secured Party for any of the Obligations remaining unpaid after the application of such proceeds, and Debtor shall pay Secured Party on demand any such unpaid amount, together with interest at the rate then applicable to the Obligations set forth in the Loan Agreement.

(f) Debtor shall supply to Secured Party or to Secured Party's designee, Debtor's knowledge and expertise relating to the manufacture and sale of the products and services to which the Patents relate and Debtor's customer lists and other records relating to the Patents and the distribution thereof.

(g) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring Secured Party to take any such action at any time. All of Secured Party's rights and remedies, whether provided under, this Agreement, the other Financing Agreements, applicable law or otherwise, shall be cumulative and none is exclusive. Such rights and remedies may be enforced alternatively, successively, or concurrently.

6. JURY TRIAL WAIVER; OTHER WAIVERS
AND CONSENTS; GOVERNING LAW

(a) The validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement and the other Financing Agreements and any dispute arising out of the relationship between the parties hereto, whether in contract, tort, equity or otherwise, shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of California (without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law).

(b) Debtor and Secured Party irrevocably consent and submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California and the United States District Court for the Central District of California and waive any objection based on venue or forum non conveniens with respect to any action instituted therein arising under this Agreement or any of the other Financing Agreements or in any way connected or related or incidental to the dealings of Debtor and Secured Party in respect of this Agreement or the other Financing Agreements or the transactions related hereto or thereto, in each case whether now existing or thereafter arising, and whether in contract, tort, equity or otherwise, and agree that any dispute with respect to any such matters shall be heard only in the courts described above (except that Secured Party shall have the right to bring any action or proceeding against Debtor or its property in the courts of any other jurisdiction which Secured Party deems necessary or appropriate in order to realize on the Collateral or to otherwise enforce its rights against Debtor or its property).

(c) Debtor hereby waives personal service of any and all process upon it and consents that all such service of process may be made by certified mail (return receipt requested) directed to its address set forth herein and service so made shall be deemed to be completed five (5) days after the same shall have been so deposited in the U.S. mails, or, at Secured Party's option, by service upon Debtor in any other manner provided under the rules of any such courts.

(d) DEBTOR AND SECURED PARTY EACH HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION (i) ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE OTHER FINANCING AGREEMENTS OR (ii) IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO THE DEALINGS OF DEBTOR AND SECURED PARTY IN RESPECT OF

THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE OTHER FINANCING AGREEMENTS OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATED HERETO OR THERETO IN EACH CASE WHETHER NO EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING, AND WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, EQUITY OR OTHERWISE. DEBTOR AND SECURED PARTY EACH HEREBY AGREES AND CONSENTS THAT ANY SUCH CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION SHALL BE DECIDED BY COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY AND THAT DEBTOR OR SECURED PARTY MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL COUNTERPART OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT OF DEBTOR AND SECURED PARTY TO THE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.

(e) Secured Party shall not have any liability to Debtor (whether in tort, contract, equity or otherwise) for losses suffered by Debtor in connection with, arising out of, or in any way related to the transactions or relationships contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection herewith, unless it is determined by a final and non-appealable judgment or court order binding on Secured Party that the losses were the result of acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct. In any such litigation, Secured Party shall be entitled to the benefit of the rebuttable presumption that it acted in good faith and with the exercise of ordinary care in the performance by it of the terms of this Agreement and the other Financing Agreements.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) All notices, requests and demands hereunder shall be in writing and deemed to have been given or made: if delivered in person, immediately upon delivery; if by telex, telegram or facsimile transmission, immediately upon sending and upon confirmation of receipt; if by nationally recognized overnight courier service with instructions to deliver the next business day, one (1) business day after sending; and if by certified mail, return receipt requested, five (5) days after mailing. All notices, requests and demands upon the parties are to be given to the following addresses (or to such other address as any party may designate by notice in accordance with this Section):

If to Debtor: Four Paws Products, Ltd.
 c/o Central Garden & Pet Company
 3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite 310
 Lafayette, California 94549
 Attention: Mr. Lee Hines

If to Secured Congress Financial Corporation (Western)
Party: 251 South Lake Avenue, 9th Floor
 Pasadena, California 91101
 Attention: Portfolio Manager

(b) All references to the plural herein shall also mean the singular and to the singular shall also mean the plural. All references to Debtor and Secured Party pursuant to the definitions set forth in the recitals hereto, or to any other person herein, shall include their respective successors and assigns. The words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder," "this Agreement" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not any particular provision of this Agreement and as this Agreement now exists or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced. An Event of Default shall exist or continue or be continuing until such Event of Default is waived in accordance with Section 7(e) hereof. All references to the term "Person" or "person" herein shall mean any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation (including, without limitation, any corporation which elects subchapter S status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), limited liability company, limited liability corporation, limited liability participation, business trust, unincorporated association, joint stock company, trust, joint venture or other entity or any government or any agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof.

(c) This Agreement, the other Financing Agreements and any other document referred to herein or therein shall be binding upon Debtor and its successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Secured Party and its successors and assigns.

(d) If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate this Agreement as a whole, but this Agreement shall be construed as though it did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid or unenforceable and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced only to such extent as shall be permitted by applicable law.

(e) Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof shall be amended, modified, waived or discharged orally or by course of conduct, but only by a written agreement signed by an authorized officer of Secured Party. Secured Party shall not, by any act, delay, omission or otherwise be deemed to have expressly or impliedly waived any of its rights, powers and/or remedies unless such waiver shall be in writing and signed by an authorized officer of Secured Party. Any such waiver shall be enforceable only to the extent specifically set forth therein. A waiver by Secured Party of any right, power and/or remedy on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to or waiver of any such right, power and/or remedy which Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion, whether similar in kind or otherwise.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Debtor and Secured Party have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD.

By: Lee D. Kuei

Title: V.P.

CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(WESTERN)

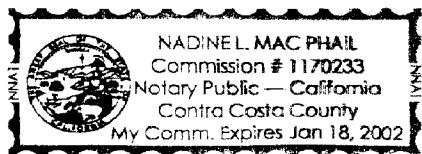
By: C. D. Whitaker

Title: VP

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF Contra Costa SS.:

On this 12 day of December, 2000, before me personally came Lee D. Hines, Jr. to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say, that he is the VP of FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he signed his name thereto by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

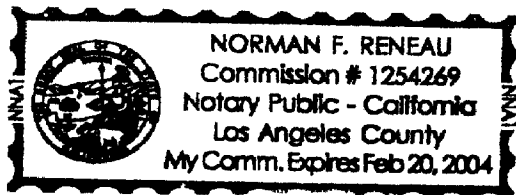



Nadine L. MacPherson
Notary Public

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS.: _____

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS.:

On this 13 day of December, 2000, before me personally came GARY D. WHITAKER, to me known, who, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that he is the VICE PRES of CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION (WESTERN), the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he signed his name thereto by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation.





Notary Public

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AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

LIST OF PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

TITLE	COUNTRY	MATTER#	TYPE	FILED	SERIAL #	ISSUED	PATENT #	STATUS	NXT ANNUITY/MT FEE
<u>SCOOP FOR CAT LITTER</u>									
	UNITED STATES	05589US0	UTL	02/02/90	474,268	12/31/91	5,076,627	ISSUED	06/30/03
<u>SCOOP FOR CAT LITTER</u>									
	UNITED STATES	05929US0	DES	10/03/90	07/592,080	01/19/93	D 332,675	ISSUED	
	CANADA	25929CA0	DES	12/12/90	12-12-90-7	08/20/91	69149	ISSUED	
<u>CLOSURE FOR A FISH TANK</u>									
	UNITED STATES	07481US0	UTL	09/24/92	07/950,019	10/26/93	5,255,811	ISSUED	04/26/01
<u>LITTER AND REFUSE RETRIEVAL DEVICE</u>									
	UNITED STATES	09494US0	UTL	11/28/94	08/358,487	02/11/97	5,601,321	ISSUED	08/11/04
<u>LITTER RETRIEVER</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0A567US0	DES	11/23/94	29/031,375	03/19/96	D 368,003	ISSUED	
<u>METHOD OF HEAT EMBOSsing MATERIALS SUBJECT TO ADHESION</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0C420US0	UTL	01/19/93	5,440	06/21/94	5,322,583	ISSUED	12/21/01
<u>SINGLE LOOP STRAIN REDUCING DOG HARNESS</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0E098US0	UTL	04/14/98	09/060,013			PENDING	
	UNITED STATES	1E098US1	UTL	02/09/99	09/247,478	07/11/00	6,085,694	ISSUED	01/11/04
	UNITED KINGDOM	2E098GB0	UTL	04/14/99	9908520.1			PUBLISHED	04/14/03
<u>CANINE TOY</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0E364US0	DES	09/09/98	29/093,333	01/04/00	D 418,639	ISSUED	
	UNITED KINGDOM	2E364GB0	DES	03/05/99	2081738	07/05/99	2081738	ISSUED	09/09/03
<u>CHEW TOY (ROUND)</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0E365US0	DES	09/09/98	29/093,334			PENDING	
	UNITED KINGDOM	2E365GB0	DES	03/05/99	2081739	07/05/99	2081739	ISSUED	09/09/03
<u>DISPLAY HANGER FOR A DOG LEASH</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0E880US0	UTL	05/18/99	09/314,473			PENDING	
<u>RUBBER BALL ANIMAL TOY</u>									

TITLE	COUNTRY	MATTER#	TYPE	FILED	SERIAL #	ISSUED	PATENT #	STATUS	NXT ANNUITY/NMT FEE
	UNITED STATES	0G029US0	UTL		09/444,132			PENDING	
<u>ANIMAL TOY</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0H170US0	UTL					NOT MAILED	
<u>ROUND ANIMAL TOY (DESIGN)</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0H337US0	DES					NOT MAILED	
<u>CAT TOY (#2)</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0H365US0	DES					NOT MAILED	
<u>BRUSH</u>									
	UNITED STATES	0H463US0	DES					NOT MAILED	

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TO
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SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF _____)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD. ("Debtor"), having an office at 50 Wireless Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788, hereby appoints and constitutes CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION (WESTERN) ("Secured Party"), and each officer thereof, its true and lawful attorney, with full power of substitution and with full power and authority to perform the following acts on behalf of Debtor at any time upon or after the occurrence of any "Event of Default" (as such term is defined in the Security Agreement):

1. Execution and delivery of any and all agreements, documents, instrument of assignment, or other papers which Secured Party, in its discretion, deems necessary or advisable for the purpose of assigning, selling, or otherwise disposing of all right, title, and interest of Debtor in and to any patents and all registrations, recordings, reissues, extensions, and renewals thereof, or for the purpose of recording, registering and filing of, or accomplishing any other formality with respect to the foregoing.

2. Execution and delivery of any and all documents, statements, certificates or other papers which Secured Party, in its discretion, deems necessary or advisable to further the purposes described in Subparagraph 1 hereof.

This Power of Attorney is made pursuant to a Patent Collateral Assignment and Security Agreement, dated of even date herewith, between Debtor and Secured Party (the "Security Agreement") and is subject to the terms and provisions thereof. This Power of Attorney being coupled with an interest, is irrevocable until all "Obligations," as such term is defined in the Security Agreement, are paid in full and the Security Agreement is terminated in writing by Secured Party.

Dated: December ___, 2000

FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD.

By: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) SS.:

COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of December, 2000, before me personally came

_____, to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say, that he is

the _____ of FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD., the corporation described in and

which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he signed his name thereto by order of the

Board of Directors of said corporation.