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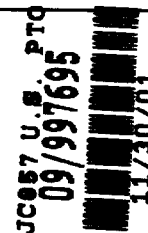
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Brian D. Oyster**, of Damascus, County of Mahoning, and State of Ohio; **David R. Kerns**, of Hanoverton, County of Columbiana and State of Ohio; **Robert C. Holt, Jr.**, of North Canton, County of Stark and State of Ohio; and, **James G. Stout**, of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a

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WHEREAS, Coastal Pet Products, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio and having its principal office and place of business at 911 Leadway Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under any application directed thereto and any Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries which may be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration by us received from Coastal Pet Products, Inc., aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Brian D. Oyster, David R. Kerns, Robert C. Holt, Jr. and James G. Stout, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto Coastal Pet Products, Inc., aforesaid, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries and in, to and under the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by us on the 28th day(s) of November, 2001, and in, to and under any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application thereof or any corresponding application filed in a foreign country, and in, to and under any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in the United States or in any foreign country; and we do hereby covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representatives to assist our said assignee in the prosecution of the said application or applications and in any interference or litigation which may arise involving our said invention or the said patent or patents, and to execute any reissue application thereon,

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or any divisional, continuing, substitute, or foreign application based on or corresponding to the above specifically identified application, as may be requested by our said assignee, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States upon the above specifically identified application for said invention to Coastal Pet Products, Inc., aforesaid, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use and behoof of our assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

Brian D. Oyster
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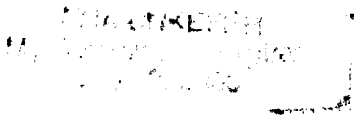
Robert C. Holt, Jr.
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James G. Stout
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STATE OF OHIO)
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COUNTY OF STARK)

I, Tina Untefer, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Brian D. Oyster, David R. Kerns, Robert C. Holt, Jr.** and **James G. Stout**, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 28th day of November, 2001.



Tina Untefer
Notary Public