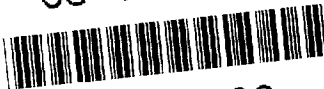


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Ralston Purina Company

Individual(s) Association
 General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation-State Missouri
 Other _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: Unique Pet Care Company
Internal Address: _____
Address: _____
Street Address: 1116 First State Blvd.
City: Wilmington State: DE Zip: 19804

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 General Partnership _____
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 Corporation-State Delaware
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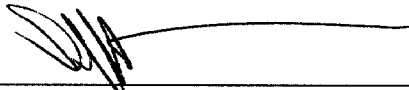
TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, RALSTON PURINA COMPANY, a Missouri corporation, with its principal office located at Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63164, has applied for, registered or acquired the trademarks and application and registration reflected on the attached Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, UNIQUE PET CARE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 1116 First State Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19804 is desirous of acquiring the rights represented by such registration and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, RALSTON PURINA COMPANY does hereby assign unto said UNIQUE PET CARE COMPANY all rights, title and interest, if any, it may have in the U.S.A. in and to the said trademarks together with the goodwill of its business symbolized by the trademarks and the application and registration enumerated in the attached Schedule.

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY



Alpheus E. Forsman, Assistant Secretary

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