FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Bubbly Paws businesses operate retail centers that provide full service pet grooming services and self-service pet washing and sell ancillary retail products ("Bubbly Paws Business(es)").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Bubbly Paws franchised business is between \$195,009 and \$368,520. This includes between \$44,700 and \$47,700 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s). The total investment necessary to begin operation of two Bubbly Paws franchised businesses under a Multi-2 franchise is between \$383,643 and \$730,665. This includes between \$83,025 and \$89,025 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s). The total investment necessary to begin operation of three Bubbly Paws franchised businesses under a Multi-3 franchise is between \$568,027 and \$1,088,560. This includes between \$117,100 and \$126,100 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s).

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Keith Miller at 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407, 612-605-3245 or franchising@bubblypaws.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
How much can I earn?	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibit D.
How much will I need to invest?	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?	Item 21 or Exhibit B includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
Will my business be the only Bubbly Paws business in my area?	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?	Items 3 and 4 <i>tell</i> you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
What's it like to be a(n) Bubbly Paws franchisee?	Item 20 or Exhibit D lists current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
What else should I know?	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.

What You Need To Know About Franchising Generally

<u>Continuing responsibility to pay fees</u>. You may have to pay royalties and other fees even if you are losing money.

Business model can change. The franchise agreement may allow the franchisor to change its manuals and business model without your consent. These changes may require you to make additional investments in your franchise business or may harm your franchise business.

<u>Supplier restrictions</u>. You may have to buy or lease items from the franchisor or a limited group of suppliers the franchisor designates. These items may be more expensive than similar items you could buy on your own.

<u>Operating restrictions</u>. The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business during the term of the franchise. There are usually other restrictions. Some examples may include controlling your location, your access to customers, what you sell, how you market, and your hours of operation.

<u>Competition from franchisor</u>. Even if the franchise agreement grants you a territory, the franchisor may have the right to compete with you in your territory.

Renewal. Your franchise agreement may not permit you to renew. Even if it does, you may have to sign a new agreement with different terms and conditions in order to continue to operate your franchise business.

<u>When your franchise ends</u>. The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business after your franchise ends even if you still have obligations to your landlord or other creditors.

Some States Require Registration

Your state may have a franchise law, or other law, that requires franchisors to register before offering or selling franchises in the state. Registration does not mean that the state recommends the franchise or has verified the information in this document. To find out if your state has a registration requirement, or to contact your state, use the agency information in Exhibit A.

Your state also may have laws that require special disclosures or amendments be made to your franchise agreement. If so, you should check the State Specific Addenda. See the Table of Contents for the location of the State Specific Addenda.



Special Risks to Consider About *This* Franchise

Certain states require that the following risk(s) be highlighted:

- 1. <u>Out-of-State Dispute Resolution</u>. The franchise agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation only in Minnesota. Out-of-state mediation, arbitration, or litigation may force you to accept a less favorable settlement for disputes. It may also cost more to mediate, arbitrate, or litigate with the franchisor in Minnesota than in your own state.
- 2. <u>Mandatory Minimum Payments</u>. You must make mandatory minimum royalty payments or advertising contributions regardless of your sales levels. Your inability to make these payments may result in termination of your franchise and loss of your investment.
- 3. <u>Non-exclusive Territory</u>. The territory is not exclusive. You may face competition from other franchisees, from franchisor owned outlets of from other channels of distribution or competitive brands franchisor controls.
- 4. **Spousal Liability**. Your spouse must sign a document that makes your spouse liable for all financial obligations under the Franchise Agreement, even if your spouse has no ownership interest in the franchise. This Guarantee will place both your and your spouse's marital and personal assets (perhaps including your house) at risk if your franchise fails.

Certain states may require other risks to be highlighted. Check the "State Specific Addenda" (if any) to see whether your state requires other risks to be highlighted.



NOTICE REQUIRED BY STATE OF MICHIGAN

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROHIBITS CERTAIN UNFAIR PROVISIONS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN THESE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS, THE PROVISIONS ARE VOID AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST YOU.

Each of the following provisions is void and unenforceable if contained in any documents relating to a franchise:

- (a) A prohibition on the right of a franchisee to join an association of franchisees.
- (b) A requirement that the franchisee assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver, or estoppel which deprives a franchisee of rights and protections provided in this act. This shall not preclude a franchisee, after entering into a franchise agreement, from settling any and all claims.
- (c) A provision that permits a franchisor to terminate a franchise prior to the expiration of its terms except for good cause. Good cause shall include the failure of the franchisee to comply with any lawful provision of the franchise agreement and to cure such failure after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than 30 days, to cure such failure.
- (d) A provision that permits a franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise without fairly compensating the franchisee by repurchase or other means for the fair market value at the time of expiration of the franchisee's inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor and inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchise business are not subject to compensation. This subsection applies only if: (i) the term of the franchise is less than 5 years and (ii) the franchisee is prohibited by the franchise or other agreement from continuing to conduct substantially the same business under another trademark, service mark, trade name, logotype, advertising, or other commercial symbol in the same area subsequent to the expiration of the franchise or the franchisee does not receive at least six (6) months advance notice of franchisor's intent not to renew the franchise.
- (e) A provision that permits the franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise on terms generally available to other franchisees of the same class or type or under similar circumstances. This section does not require a renewal provision.
- (f) A provision requiring that arbitration or litigation be conducted outside this state. This shall not preclude the franchisee from entering into an agreement, at the time of arbitration, to conduct arbitration at a location outside this state.
- (g) A provision which permits a franchisor to refuse to permit a transfer of ownership of a franchise, except for good cause. This subdivision does not prevent a franchisor from exercising a right of first refusal to purchase the franchise. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to:
 - (i) The failure of the proposed transferee to meet the franchisor's then-current reasonable qualifications or standards.
 - (ii) The fact that the proposed transferee is a competitor of the franchisor or subfranchisor.



- (iii) The unwillingness of the proposed transferee to agree in writing to comply with all lawful obligations.
- (iv) The failure of the franchisee or proposed transferee to pay any sums owing to the franchisor or to cure any default in the franchise agreement existing at the time of the proposed transfer.
- (h) A provision that requires the franchisee to resell to the franchisor items that are not uniquely identified with the franchisor. This subdivision does not prohibit a provision that grants to a franchisor a right of first refusal to purchase the assets of a franchise on the same terms and conditions as a bona fide third party willing and able to purchase those assets, nor does this subdivision prohibit a provision that grants the franchisor the right to acquire the assets of a franchise for the market or appraised value of such assets if the franchisee has breached the lawful provisions of the franchise agreement and has failed to cure the breach in the manner provided in subdivision (c).
- (i) A provision which permits the franchisor to directly or indirectly convey, assign, or otherwise transfer its obligations to fulfill contractual obligations to the franchisee unless provision has been made for providing the required contractual services.

The fact there is a notice of this offering on file with the attorney general does not constitute approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the attorney general.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Department of Attorney General, State of Michigan, 670 Williams Building, Lansing, Michigan 48913, telephone (517) 373-7117.

THE MICHIGAN NOTICE APPLIES ONLY TO FRANCHISEES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN OR LOCATE THEIR FRANCHISES IN MICHIGAN.



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ITEM 1 THE FRANCHISOR, AND ANY PARENTS, PREDECESSORS, AND AFFILIATES

To simplify the language in this Franchise Disclosure Document, "<u>BPF</u>," "<u>we</u>," "<u>us</u>" and "<u>our</u>" means Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, the franchisor. "<u>You</u>," "<u>your</u>" and "<u>Franchisee</u>" means the person, and its owners if the Franchisee is a business entity, who buys the franchise from BPF.

The Franchisor

BPF is a Minnesota limited liability company formed in April 2021. We operate under our corporate name and the name Bubbly Paws. Our principal business address is 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407. We offer franchises ("Bubbly Paws Franchise(s)" or "Franchise(s)") for Bubbly Paws Businesses and have done so since June 2021. We do not conduct business under any other name or in any other line of business and we do not offer franchises in any other line of business. We do not conduct, and have never conducted, a business of the type described in this Franchise Disclosure Document. We do not have a parent entity or predecessor.

Our affiliate Bubbly Paws LLC ("<u>BP</u>") operates four Bubbly Paws Businesses and has done so since 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017. BP also owns the Bubbly Paws intellectual property and licenses it to us. BP shares our principal address. Our affiliate, BP Holdings Idaho, LLC ("<u>BPI</u>") operates a Bubbly Paws Business, and has done so since November 2021. We also have one affiliate, Pampered Pooch Playground, LLC, that operates a doggie day care that also provides grooming services. None of our affiliates offer franchises in any line of business.

Our agent for service of process in Minnesota is United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 1600 University Ave., Suite 208 Saint Paul, MN 55104. Our agents for service of process for other states are identified by state in Exhibit A. If a state is not listed, we have not appointed an agent for service of process in that state in connection with the requirements of franchise laws. There may be states in addition to those listed above in which we have appointed an agent for service of process. There may also be additional agents appointed in some of the states listed.

The Franchise

Bubbly Paws franchised businesses offer a unique combination of full service, self-service, and membership-based product and service discounts. Customers of Bubbly Paws franchised businesses have access to our proprietary software, which includes a "pet profile," appointment booking and tracking, and a custom pet report card, as well as our proprietary lines of products. Our operating system includes recognizable design, décor and color scheme; uniform standards, specifications, rules and procedures of operation; techniques; philosophies; quality and uniformity of products and services offered; and procedures ("System"). We grant franchises to operate Bubbly Paws Businesses using the System and our trade names, trademarks, service marks, emblems, logos, slogans and copyrights ("Marks") as authorized by us from an approved retail location. You must operate your Bubbly Paws Business from an approved retail location ("Premises").

We offer three different franchise packages depending on the number of Bubbly Paws Businesses you wish to purchase: a single Bubbly Paws Business, a Multi-2 Franchise, and a Multi-3 Franchise. If you purchase multiple Franchises at the same time, you will sign the "Multi-Franchise Addendum" attached to this Disclosure Document in Exhibit G and the Bubbly Paws franchise agreement attached to the Franchise Disclosure Document. There is no development territory or development schedule to open additional Bubbly Paws Businesses. Prior to opening each additional Bubbly Paws Business under the Multi-Franchise Addendum, you must sign the then-current Bubbly Paws franchise agreement, which may differ



from the current Franchise Agreement included with this Franchise Disclosure Document. The Multi-Franchise Addendum supplements the terms of the Franchise Agreement in relation to the opening of additional Bubbly Paws Franchises. You are not granted any territorial rights or any other rights except those granted under the Franchise Agreements for the additional Bubbly Paws Businesses. You must sign our standard franchise agreement attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document as Exhibit C ("Franchise Agreement"). You may operate one Bubbly Paws Business for each Franchise Agreement you sign.

Market and Competition

The primary market for the products and services offered by the Bubbly Paws Business is the general public. The products and services offered by Bubbly Paws Businesses are not seasonal. The pet grooming market, as a whole, is well-developed and highly competitive and includes retail units and mobile businesses selling various types of products and services. You may have to compete with numerous other independent and chain-affiliated businesses, some of which may be franchised. Many pet grooming businesses systems, in particular, have already established national and international brand recognition.

Industry-Specific Laws

You must obtain all required licenses, permits, and approvals to operate your Bubbly Paws Business. Some states and municipalities may require licensing for the individuals providing the actual grooming services. You alone are responsible for investigating, understanding and complying with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and requirements applicable to you and your Bubbly Paws Business, despite any advice or information that we may give you. You should consult with a legal advisor about whether these and/or other requirements apply to your Bubbly Paws Business. Failure to comply with laws and regulations is a material breach of the Franchise Agreement.

ITEM 2 BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Chief Executive Officer: Keith Miller

Keith Miller is our Chief Executive Officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since April 2021. Mr. Miller is also the Chief Executive Officer of BP in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since January 2011. Mr. Miller is also the Chief Executive Officer of Pampered Pooch Playground LLC in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since January 2008. Mr. Miller is also the Chief Executive Officer of BPI in Meridian, Idaho and has been since September 2021.

President: Patrycia Miller

Patrycia Miller is our President in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since April 2021. Ms. Miller is also the President of BP in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since January 2011. Ms. Miller is also the President of Pampered Pooch Playground LLC in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since January 2008. Ms. Miller is also the President of BPI in Meridian, Idaho and has been since September 2021.

General Manager: Julie McMullen

Julie McMullen is our General Manager in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since April 2021. Ms. Miller is also the General Manager of Bubbly Paws LLC in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been since October 2016. Prior to that, Ms. McMullen served as Admissions Director for Regency Beauty Institute in St. Louis Park, Minnesota from October 2014 until October 2016.



ITEM 3 LITIGATION

No litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

ITEM 4 BANKRUPTCY

No bankruptcy is required to be disclosed in this Item.

ITEM 5 INITIAL FEES

Initial Franchise Fee

The "<u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>" for a single Bubbly Paws Business is \$42,500. If you purchase multiple Franchises at the same time, you will sign the Multi-Franchise Addendum. To open additional Bubbly Paws Franchises, you will be required to sign the then-current Bubbly Paws franchise agreement. You must pay us the Initial Franchise Fee when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is uniform, fully earned by us once paid, and is non-refundable.

The Initial Franchise Fee for multiple Bubbly Paws Franchises is:

Franchise Type	Number of Bubbly Paws Businesses	Initial Franchise Fee
Multi-2	Up to 2	\$78,625
Multi-3	Up to 3	\$110,500

To honor those men and women who have served in our county in the U.S. Armed Forces or in the role of first responders, we offer a ten percent (10%) discount of the Initial Franchise Fee(s) for a single Bubbly Paws Business, a Multi-2 Franchise, or a Multi-3 Franchise (contingent upon verification and, as applicable, honorable separation).

The Initial Franchise Fee is uniform, fully earned by us once paid and is non-refundable under any circumstances. The Initial Franchise Fee is payable when you sign your Franchise Agreement.

Franchise Starter Package

We require all franchisees to purchase a "<u>Franchise Starter Package</u>" of start-up items from us prior to the opening of their Bubbly Paws Business. The Franchise Starter Package includes our proprietary shampoo and conditioner, cleaning accessories and customer aprons, business cards, marketing postcards and other miscellaneous products. The Franchise Starter Package ranges from \$2,200 to \$5,200.



ITEM 6 OTHER FEES

Type of Fee ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Royalty ⁽²⁾	3% - 6% of Gross Sales	Due on 1st day of each month	The "Royalty" is based on "Gross Sales" during the previous month. The Royalty is not due for a period of twelve (12) months starting at the time the franchised business first opens to the public. From months 13 to 24 from the time the franchised business first opens to the public, the Royalty will be 3%. From months 25+ from the time the franchised business first opens to the public, the Royalty will be 6%.
Brand Fund Contribution	1% of your month Gross Sales	Same as Royalty	This "Brand Fund Contribution" is used for a system-wide "Brand Fund" for our use in promoting and building the Bubbly Paws brand. See Item 11 for more information.
Local Advertising Payment	The difference between the amount you spent on local advertising each month and your required local advertising expenditure (greater of 2% of Gross Sales or \$3,000 per quarter)	Payable after receipt of invoice	If you fail to meet your required local advertising requirement on local advertising, you must pay the difference between the amount you spent and the required advertising expenditure, which will be contributed to the Brand Fund, if established, or us.
Local and Regional Advertising Cooperatives ⁽³⁾	Established by cooperative members	Established by cooperative members	We currently do not have a cooperative but reserve the right to require one to be established in the future. Item 11 contains more information about advertising cooperatives.
Unauthorized Advertising Fee	\$500 per occurrence	On demand	This fee is payable to us or, if established, the Brand Fund, if you use unauthorized advertising in violation of the terms of the Franchise Agreement.
Insurance	Reimbursement of our costs, plus a 20% administration charge	On demand	If you fail to obtain insurance, we may obtain insurance for you, and you must reimburse us for the cost of insurance obtained plus 20% of the premium for an administrative cost of obtaining the insurance.



Type of Fee ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Additional Training or Assistance Fees	The then-current fee (currently \$1,000 per additional person for initial training; \$500 per attendee per day for additional training; and \$300 per person per day for onsite training)	Within ten days after invoicing	We provide initial training at no charge for up to three people. We may charge you for training additional persons, newly-hired personnel, refresher training courses, remedial training, advanced training courses, and additional or special assistance or training you need or request. We may waive any training fee if you attend an already scheduled training session. You are responsible for any expenses incurred by you or your employees in connection with attending training, including transportation, lodging, meals, wages and other incidentals. If the training program is conducted at the Premises of your Bubbly Paws Business, then you must reimburse us for the expenses we or our representatives incur in providing the training.
Technology Fee ⁽⁵⁾	The then-current fee (currently \$500 per month)	Same as Royalty	This fee covers certain technologies used in the operation of your Bubbly Paws Business including our proprietary pet profile, scheduling, and tracking software, phone, in-store music, a presence on our corporate website, and up to three bubblypaws.com email addresses. You can purchase additional email addresses at \$15 per email per month.
			This fee includes fees paid to third-party vendors and it may be adjusted to reflect their price increases. You will also be responsible for any increase in fees that result from any third-party vendor price increases upgrades, modifications or additional software.
Conference Fee	The then-current fee (currently estimated to be \$500 per person)	Upon receipt of written notice that such convention is being held	Your "Responsible Owner" or "Franchise Manager," (both defined in Item 15) if any, must attend any national or regional conferences we hold. This fee defrays the cost of your attendance. It is due regardless of whether or not you attend.
Supplier and Product Evaluation Fee	Costs of inspection (estimated to be approximately \$100 to \$500)	Within ten days after invoicing	Payable if we inspect a new product, service or proposed supplier nominated by you.

Type of Fee ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Replacement of Franchise Operations Manual	\$500	On demand	Payable if your copy of the Franchise Operations Manual is lost, stolen, destroyed or significantly damaged.
Customer Issue Resolution	The reasonable costs we incur for responding to a customer complaint (typically be between \$50 to \$100)	After receipt of invoice	Payable if a customer of your Bubbly Paws Business contacts us with a complaint and we provide a gift card, refund or other value to the customer as part of our addressing the issue.
Payment Service Fee	Up to 4% of total charge	As incurred	We may charge this fee if you make a payment to us or our affiliate by credit card.
Late Payment Fee	\$100 per occurrence, plus the lesser of the daily equivalent of 18% per year simple interest or the highest rate allowed by law	As incurred	Payable if any payment due to us or our affiliate is not made by the due date. Interest accrues from the original due date until payment is received in full.
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$100 per occurrence, plus the lesser of the daily equivalent of 18% per year simple interest or the highest rate allowed by law	As incurred	Payable if any check or electronic payment is not successful due to insufficient funds, stop payment or any similar event.
Failure to Submit Required Report Fee	\$100 per occurrence and \$100 per week	Your bank account will be debited for failure to submit any requested report or financial statement when due	Payable if you fail to submit any required report or financial statement when due. You will continue to incur this fee until you submit the required report.
Audit Expenses	Cost of audit and inspection, any understated amounts, and any related accounting, legal and travel expenses	On demand	You will be required to pay this if an audit reveals that you understated weekly Gross Sales by more than 3% or you fail to submit required reports.
Quality Control	Actual costs incurred by us	As invoiced	Payable if we engage a third-party to perform periodic quality assurance audits, including mystery shopper programs.

Type of Fee ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Due Date	Remarks	
Management Fee	\$250 per day, plus costs and expenses	As incurred	Payable if we manage your Bubbly Paws Business after: (1) you cease to perform your responsibilities (whether due to retirement, death, disability, or for any other reason) and you fail to find an adequate replacement Responsible Owner (defined in Item 15) within 30 days; (2) you are in material breach of this Franchise Agreement; or (3) upon a crisis management event.	
Professional Fees and Expenses	Will vary under circumstances	As incurred	You must reimburse us for any legal, accounting or other professional fees ("Professional Fees") that we incur as a result of any breach or termination of your Franchise Agreement or as a result of your indemnity obligations. You must reimburse us if we are required to incur any expenses in enforcing our rights against you under the Franchise Agreement.	
Indemnification	Will vary under circumstances	As incurred	You must indemnify and reimburse us for any expenses or losses, including Professional Fees, that we or our representatives incur related in any way to your Bubbly Paws Business or Franchise.	
Renewal Fee	\$3,000	At the time you sign the successor franchise agreement	Payable if you qualify to renew your Franchise Agreement and choose to enter into a successor franchise agreement.	
Relocation Fee	Our costs (including attorney fees)	Upon relocation	You must reimburse us for our reasonable expenses if we permit you to relocate your Bubbly Paws Business.	
De-Identification	All amounts incurred by us related to de- identification	As incurred	Payable if we must de-identify your Bubbly Paws Franchise upon its termination, relocation or expiration.	



Type of Fee ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Transfer Fee	50% of the then- current Initial Franchise Fee	\$1,000 non-refundable deposit at time of transfer application submittal and the remaining balance of fee at time of the approved transfer	Payable in connection with the transfer of your Bubbly Paws Business, a transfer of ownership of your legal entity, or the Franchise Agreement (this does not apply to the transfer of an entity you control—see below). If we are not offering Franchises at the time of your transfer, the transfer fee will be 50% of the initial franchise fee listed in the most recent Franchise Disclosure Document.
Transfer to Entity Fee	Our actual costs	On demand	If you are transferring the Franchise Agreement to an entity that you control, you will not be required to pay a transfer fee, but you must pay our actual costs.
Liquidated Damages ⁽⁴⁾	Will vary under the circumstances	Within 15 days after termination of the Franchise Agreement	Due only if we terminate the Franchise Agreement before the end of the term because of your material breach, or you terminate the Franchise Agreement without legal cause.
Broker Fees	Our actual cost of the brokerage commissions, finder's fees or similar charges	As incurred	If you transfer your Bubbly Paws Business to a third party or purchaser, you must reimburse all of our actual costs for commissions, finder's fees and similar charges.

Notes:

- 1. Fees. All fees paid to us or our affiliates are uniform and not refundable under any circumstances once paid. Fees paid to vendors or other suppliers may be refundable depending on the vendors and suppliers. We currently require you to pay fees and other amounts due to us or our affiliates via electronic funds transfer ("EFT") or other similar means. You are required to complete the ACH authorization (in the form attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document in Exhibit G. We can require an alternative payment method or payment frequency for any fees or amounts owed to us or our affiliates under the Franchise Agreement. All fees are current as of the Issuance Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document. Certain fees that we have indicated may increase over the term of the Franchise Agreement.
- 2. Royalty. "Gross Sales" means the total of all revenues, income and consideration from the sale of all Bubbly Paws merchandise, products and services to your customers whether or not sold or performed at or from the physical location of the Bubbly Paws Business, and whether received in cash, coupon, in services in kind, from barter or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is received) or otherwise. Gross Sales includes all proceeds from any business interruption insurance. If you offer any services, all receipts from these services are included in Gross Sales. You may deduct from Gross Sales for purposes of this computation (but only to the extent they have been included) the amount of all sales tax receipts or similar tax receipts which, by law, are chargeable to customers, if the taxes are separately stated when the customer is charged and if

the taxes are paid to the appropriate taxing authority. You may also deduct from Gross Sales the amount of any documented refunds, chargebacks, credits, charged tips and allowances you give in good faith to your customers. All barter or exchange transactions in which you furnish products or services in exchange for products or services provided to you by a vendor, supplier or customer will, for the purpose of determining Gross Sales, be valued at the full retail value of the products or services so provided to you. Gross Sales will also include any insurance proceeds due to business interruption as a result of your Bubbly Paws Business being closed as a result of a casualty event or any other reason. We provide a 12 month royalty-free period from the time the Franchised Business first opens to the public. Additionally, we provide a 12 month reduced royalty period for month 13 - 24 of the operation of the Bubbly Paws Business as discussed in the chart above.

- 3. <u>Local and Regional Advertising Cooperatives</u>. If a local or regional advertising cooperative is established, contribution amounts will be established by the cooperative members, subject to our approval. We anticipate that each Bubbly Paws franchisee and each Bubbly Paws Franchise that we own will have one vote for each Bubbly Paws Franchise operated in the designated market. Each Bubbly Paws Franchise we own that exists within the cooperative's area will contribute to the cooperative on the same basis as franchisees. No local or regional advertising cooperatives have been established as of the Issuance Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document.
- 4. <u>Liquidated Damages</u>. Liquidated damages are determined by multiplying the combined monthly average of Royalties and Brand Fund Contributions (without regard to any fee waivers or other reductions) that are owed by you to us, beginning with the date you open your Bubbly Paws Business through the date of early termination, multiplied by the lesser of: (i) 36; or (ii) the number of months remaining in the term of the Franchise Agreement, except that liquidated damages will not, under any circumstances, be less than \$30,000.
- 5. Technology Fee. We will provide you with certain technical services in exchange for your monthly technology fee, which may change from time to time based on changes to the technical services we provide and/or our costs to provide these services. The current technology fee is \$500 per month beginning the month you begin operations. We reserve the right to license, sublicense, and create software and technology that Bubbly Paws franchisees must pay for and use. We can change the software and technology that must be used by our franchisees at any time, which may result in changes to the technology fee.

ITEM 7 ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

Towns of Francis distance	Amount		Method	When Due	To Whom
Type of Expenditure	Low	High	of Payment	when Due	Payment is to be Paid
Initial Franchise Fee (1)	\$42,500	\$42,500	Lump sum	Upon signing	Us
Leasehold Improvements (2)	\$88,000	\$181,500	As Incurred	As Incurred	Designated Suppliers, Contractors, and other Third Parties



Type of Expenditure	Am	ount	Method of	When Due	To Whom Payment is to be
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Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (3)	\$30,599	\$58,400	As Incurred	As Incurred	Suppliers
Plans Permits & Licenses ⁽⁴⁾	\$100	\$500	As Required	As Required	Governmental Agencies
Signs (5)	\$4,500	\$14,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Suppliers
Initial Supplies & Inventory (6)	\$4,000	\$9,200	Before Opening	Upon Ordering	Us and other Suppliers
Grand Opening Advertising (7)	\$2,500	\$5,000	Before and during opening	As Incurred	Suppliers, Media Companies
Initial Training Expenses (8)	\$500	\$6,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Airlines, Hotels, Meals, Etc.
Professional fees (9)	\$200	\$5,500	As Incurred	As Incurred	Legal Counsel, Accounting Professionals, Others
Utility Deposits (10)	\$610	\$3,620	As Required	As Incurred	Utility Provider(s)
Lease Deposits (11)	\$6,000	\$16,000	As Incurred	Prior to Occupying	Landlord
Insurance (12)	\$500	\$1,300	Upon purchasing insurance	As Incurred	Insurance Carrier or Broker
Additional Funds (13)	\$15,000	\$25,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Suppliers, and other Third Parties
TOTAL ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT ⁽¹⁴⁾	\$195,009	\$368,520			
Multi-2 Franchise	If you purchase a Multi-2 Franchise under the Multi-Franchise Addendum, you will incur all of the costs listed above for each Bubbly Paws Business you open except that the Initial Franchise Fee will total \$78,625 and allow you to open up to two Bubbly Paws Businesses. If you were to open two Bubbly Paws Businesses using the same estimated initial expenses above, we estimate this total cost to range between \$383,643 to \$730,665 These costs may increase in the future depending on when you open the additional Bubbly Paws Businesses.				
Multi-3 Franchise	If you purchase a Multi-3 Franchise under the Multi-Franchise Addendum, you will incur all of the costs listed above for each Bubbly Paws Business you open except that the Initial Franchise Fee will total \$110,500 and allow you to open up to three Bubbly Paws Businesses. If you were to open three Bubbly Paws Businesses using the same estimated initial expenses above, we estimate this total cost to range between \$568,027 to \$1,088,560. These costs may increase in the future depending on when you open the additional Bubbly Paws Businesses.				



Notes:

These estimated initial expenses are our best estimate of the costs you may incur in establishing and operating your Bubbly Paws Business. We do not offer direct or indirect financing for these items. Our estimates are based on our experience, the experience of our affiliates, and our current requirements for Bubbly Paws Franchises. The factors underlying our estimates may vary depending on several variables, and the actual investment you make in developing and opening your Bubbly Paws Business may be greater or less than the estimates given, depending upon the location of your Bubbly Paws Business and current relevant market conditions. Your costs will also depend on factors such as how well you follow our methods and procedures; your management skills; your business experience and capabilities; local economic conditions; the local market for our products and services; the prevailing wage rates; competition; and sales levels reached during your initial phase of business operations. All expenditures paid to us or our affiliates are uniform and non-refundable under any circumstances once paid. All expenses payable to third parties are non-refundable, except as you may arrange for utility deposits and other payments.

- 1. <u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>. See Item 5 for more information on the Initial Franchise Fee.
- Leasehold Improvements. This estimate assumes that the Premises includes four bare walls and ceiling, electric and gas in place, and an existing HVAC system. Leasehold improvements include remodeling plumbing, electrical, sheet rock, framing, painting, wall coverings, lights, fixtures, and interior decoration, etc. You may be able to negotiate with your landlord for a landlord contribution for these expenses. Build-out costs can fluctuate widely based on the size of your Premises and local construction costs. The low end of the range is based on a Premises located in a market with lower construction costs and at 1,100 square feet. The high end of the range is based on a Premises with higher construction costs and at 1,750 square feet. You may be able to negotiate various terms with you landlord for a significant landlord contribution for these expenses known as Tenant Improvement ("TI").
- 3. <u>Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment</u>. This estimate involves the furniture, fixtures, equipment and décor you will need to open a Bubbly Paws Franchise, such as chairs, tables, shelving and other items. You are required to purchase a computer and POS system with register. See Item 11 for additional information about the required hardware and software. Some of these expenses will depend on the Premises size, shipping distances, supplier chosen and your credit history.
- 4. <u>Plans, Permits and Licenses</u>. This estimate includes the permits and license you will need to operate your Bubbly Paws Business and includes grooming permits.
- 5. <u>Signs</u>. This estimate is for two exterior signs, and assumes you purchase these signs. The type and size of the signage you install will be based upon the zoning and property use requirements and restrictions. Certain signage may not be permitted because of zoning or use restrictions.
- 6. <u>Initial Supplies & Inventory</u>. This includes the Franchise Starter Package, packaging, bags and miscellaneous supplies for use in the operation of the Bubbly Paws Franchise and will last approximately 3 months.
- 7. <u>Grand Opening Program.</u> You must spend at least \$2,500 on our required grand opening advertising campaign.
- 8. <u>Initial Training Expenses</u>. We provide training at our training center in Minneapolis, Minnesota or at another location designated by us. You must pay for airfare, meals, transportation costs, lodging



and incidental expenses for all initial training program attendees. Initial training is provided at no charge for up to three people, one of which must be a Responsible Owner, so long as the individuals attend the same initial training program. If additional initial training is required, or more people must be trained, an additional fee will be assessed.

- 9. <u>Professional Fees</u>. We strongly recommend that you hire a lawyer, accountant or other professional to advise you on this Franchise offering and to assist you in setting up your Bubbly Paws Business. Rates for professionals can vary significantly based on area and experience.
- 10. <u>Utility Deposits</u>. This estimate includes security deposits required by the cable and utility companies.
- 11. <u>Security Deposits</u>. This estimate includes security deposits required by the landlord.
- 12. <u>Insurance</u>. You must obtain and maintain, at your own expense, the insurance coverage we require, and satisfy other insurance-related obligations. Please note that if you have had prior issues or claims from previous operations unrelated to the operation of a Bubbly Paws Business, your rates may be significantly higher than those estimated above.
- Additional Funds. These amounts represent our estimate of the amount needed to cover your expenses for the initial three-month start-up phase of your Bubbly Paws Business. They include payroll, administrative, maintenance, utilities, rent, software license fees, working capital and other items. These figures do not include standard pre-opening expenses, Royalties, or other fees payable under the Franchise Agreement or debt service, and assume that none of your expenses are offset by any sales generated during the start-up phase. For purposes of this disclosure, we estimated the start-up phase to be three months from the date your Bubbly Paws Business opens for business. Your costs will depend on factors such as: how well you follow our methods and procedures; your management skills, experience, and business acumen; local economic conditions; the local market for your products and services; the prevailing wage rate; competition; the sales level reached during the start-up period; and the size of the Premises of your Bubbly Paws Business. Additional funds for the operation of your Bubbly Paws Business will be required after the first three months of operation if sales produced by the Bubbly Paws Business are not sufficient to produce positive cash flow.
- 14. <u>Figures May Vary</u>. You should review these figures carefully with a business advisor before making any decision to purchase the Franchise.

ITEM 8 RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

You must operate your Bubbly Paws Business according to our System and specifications. This includes purchasing or leasing all products, services, supplies, fixtures, equipment, inventory, computer hardware and software, and real estate related to establishing and operating the Bubbly Paws Franchise under our specifications, which may include purchasing these items from: (i) our designees; (ii) approved suppliers; and/or (iii) us or our affiliates. You must not deviate from these methods, standards and specifications without our prior written consent, or otherwise operate in any manner which reflects adversely on our Marks or the System.

Our confidential operations manual ("Franchise Operations Manual") states our standards, specifications and guidelines for all products and services we require you to obtain in establishing and operating your Bubbly Paws Franchise and approved vendors for these products and services. We will



notify you of new or modified standards, specifications and guidelines through periodic amendments or supplements to the Franchise Operations Manual or through other written communication (including electronic communication such as email or through a system-wide intranet).

You must purchase, install, maintain in sufficient supply and only use fixtures, furnishings, equipment, signs and supplies that conform to the standards and specifications described in the Franchise Operations Manual or otherwise in writing.

We are currently the only approved supplier for the Franchise Starter Package and our proprietary shampoo and conditioner. We are also an approved supplier of Bubbly Paws branded merchandise. We and our affiliates reserve the right to become approved suppliers in the future. Two of our officers, Keith Miller and Patrycia Miller, own an interest in BPF, an approved supplier.

You must use the computer hardware and software, including the point-of-sale system that we periodically designate to operate your Bubbly Paws Business. You must obtain the computer hardware, software licenses, maintenance and support services and other related services that meet our specifications from the suppliers we specify. You may be required to use approved suppliers for certain technology business solutions at your expense that will support your business efficiencies, which may include phone systems, security systems, scheduling software, employee shift/task management software, inventory solutions and any other solutions we may require from time to time in the Franchise Operations Manual.

You must obtain the insurance coverage required under the Franchise Agreement, including: (1) commercial general liability insurance with limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence, at least \$4 million aggregate, and at least \$2 million per person, with \$5,000 per person medical benefits, and a maximum deductible of \$2,500; (2) all risks coverage insurance on all furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory, supplies and other property used in the operation of the Premises (including flood and/or earthquake coverage where there are known risks) for full replacement value; (3) unemployment and workers compensation insurance consistent with applicable law; (4) combined single limit, automobile, bodily injury and all-risk property damage insurance and all other occurrences against claims of any person, employee, customer, agent or otherwise in an amount per occurrence of not less than such amount set forth in the Franchise Operations Manual and adjusted by us periodically in our sole discretion; and (5) any other additional insurance required by the terms of any lease or lender for the Premises.

The insurance company must be authorized to do business in the state where your Bubbly Paws Business is located, and must be approved by us. It must also be rated "A" or better by A.M. Best & Company, Inc. We may periodically increase the amounts of coverage required under these insurance policies and/or require different or additional insurance coverage at any time. All insurance policies must name us and any affiliates we designate as additional named insured parties. Your policy must provide that the insurer will not cancel or materially alter the policies without giving us at least 30 days' prior written notice.

We will provide you with a list of our designated and approved suppliers in our Franchise Operations Manual. If you want to use or sell a product or service that we have not yet evaluated, or if you want to purchase or lease a product or service from a supplier or provider that we have not yet approved (for products and services that require supplier approval), you must notify us and submit to us the information, specifications and samples we request. We will use commercially reasonable efforts to notify you within 30 days after receiving all requested information and materials whether you are authorized to purchase or lease the product or service from that supplier or provider. We reserve the right to charge a fee to evaluate the proposed product, service or supplier. We apply the following general criteria in approving a proposed supplier: (1) quality of services; (2) production and delivery capability; (3) proximity to Bubbly Paws Franchises to ensure timely deliveries of the products or services; (4) the dependability of the supplier;



and (5) other factors. The supplier may also be required to sign a supplier agreement with us. We may periodically re-inspect approved suppliers' facilities and products, and we reserve the right to revoke our approval of any supplier, product or service that does not continue to meet our specifications. We will send written notice of any revocation of an approved supplier, product or service. We do not provide material benefits to you based solely on your use of designated or approved sources.

We estimate that approximately 64% to 88% of purchases required to open your Bubbly Paws Business and 53% to 78% of purchases required to operate your Bubbly Paws Business will be from us or from other approved suppliers or under our specifications. We and our affiliates may receive rebates from some suppliers based on your purchase of products and services and we have no obligation to pass them on to our franchisees or use them in any particular manner. During our last fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, neither we nor our affiliates derived revenue or other material consideration as a result of franchisees' required purchases or leases.

We may negotiate purchase arrangements with suppliers and distributors for the benefit of our franchisees, and we may receive rebates or volume discounts from our purchase of equipment and supplies that we resell to you. We currently do not have any purchasing or distribution cooperatives.

ITEM 9 FRANCHISEE'S OBLIGATIONS

This table lists your principal obligations under the franchise and other agreements. It will help you find more detailed information about your obligations in these agreements and in other items of this disclosure document.

	Obligation	Section in Franchise Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
a.	Site selection and acquisition/lease	Section 7	Items 7 and 11
b.	Pre-opening purchases/leases	Sections 7, 12.6 and 13.3	Items 7, 8 and 11
c.	Site development and other pre-opening requirements	Sections 7 and 19	Items 7 and 11
d.	Initial and ongoing training	Sections 5 and 8	Items 6, 7 and 11
e.	Opening	Sections 5, 7, 12.6 and 19	Items 6, 7, 9 and 11
f.	Fees	Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 20	Items 5, 6 and 7
g.	Compliance with standards and policies/Franchise Operations Manual	Sections 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19	Items 8, 11, 12, 14 and Exhibit G
h.	Trademarks and proprietary information	Sections 10, 12, 13, 17 and 26	Items 13 and 14
i.	Restrictions on products/services offered	Sections 7, 9 and 12	Items 8 and 16
j.	Warranty and customer service requirements	Section 13	Items 1 and 11
k.	Territorial development and sales quotas	Sections 4, 7 and 16	Items 1, 11 and 12
1.	Ongoing product/service purchases	Sections 12 and 13.3	Items 8 and 16
m.	Maintenance, appearance and remodeling requirements	Section 13	Items 7, 8 and 11
n.	Insurance	Section 19	Items 6, 7 and 8



	Obligation	Section in Franchise Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
0.	Advertising	Sections 11, 12 and 17	Items 11, 13 and 14
p.	Indemnification	Section 22	Not Applicable
q.	Owner's participation/management and staffing	Section 8 and 10	Items 11, 15 and 17
r.	Records and reports	Section 20	Item 11
s.	Inspections and audits	Section 21	Items 6 and 11
t.	Transfer	Sections 3, 15 and 16	Item 17
u.	Renewal	Section 5	Item 17
v.	Post-termination obligations	Section 26	Item 17
w.	Non-competition covenants	Section 18.3	Item 17 and Exhibit G-2
х.	Dispute resolution	Section 28	Item 17

ITEM 10 FINANCING

We do not offer direct or indirect financing. We do not guarantee your note, lease or obligation.

ITEM 11 FRANCHISOR'S ASSISTANCE, ADVERTISING, COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND TRAINING

Except as listed below, BPF is not obligated to provide you with any assistance.

Pre-opening Obligations

Before you open your Bubbly Paws Business, we (or our designee) will provide the following assistance and services to you:

- 1. Provide an initial training program (See Franchise Agreement Section 8.1). We will not provide general business or operations training to your employees or independent contractors; however, we may provide limited training on the System and brand standards to your key employees. You will be responsible for hiring, training, directing, scheduling and supervising your employees and independent contractors in the day-to-day operations of the Bubbly Paws Business.
- 2. Loan you one copy of the Franchise Operations Manual. The Franchise Operations Manual contains approximately 174 pages. The table of contents for the Franchise Operations Manual is attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document as Exhibit F (See Franchise Agreement Section 9.1).
- 3. Provide you with advice in identifying a suitable location for your Bubbly Paws Business if you request assistance (See Franchise Agreement Section 7). Although we will consult with you on your site and require your site be subject to our final authorization, you have the ultimate responsibility in choosing, obtaining and developing the site for your Bubbly Paws Business. We do not guarantee the suitability or success of the accepted site. We must approve the site before you sign the lease.



In evaluating proposed premises, we consider such factors as general location and neighborhood, traffic patterns, parking, size, lease terms, income per capita, existence of competitors, and other physical characteristics. Before leasing or purchasing the site for your Bubbly Paws Business, you must submit to us, in the form we specify, a description of the site, with other information and materials we may reasonably require. We will have 30 days after we receive the information and materials to evaluate the proposed site. If we disapprove of the proposed site, you must select another site, subject to our consent. You must purchase or lease the site for your Bubbly Paws Business within 180 days after signing the Franchise Agreement. We generally do not own the premises for the Bubbly Paws Business and lease it to you.

The determination of the territory and the site selection and acceptance process for each Bubbly Paws Business under a Multi-Franchise Addendum is the same as that for a single Bubbly Paws Business and will be governed by the then-current standards for sites and territories and the Franchise Agreement signed for that location.

- 4. Review your lease agreement for the Premises of your Bubbly Paws Business to ensure that its terms contain our required provisions and otherwise meet our minimum standards (See Franchise Agreement Section 7.3). You and your attorney are solely responsible for negotiating the legal issues in your lease for the Premises, including negotiating the terms of the Lease Addendum (attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document in <u>Exhibit G</u>) into your lease.
- 5. Once you have an approved Premises for your Bubbly Paws Business, we will designate a territory. (See Franchise Agreement Section 2).
- 6. We will provide a copy of our basic specifications for the design and layout for the Premises of the Bubbly Paws Business. You are responsible for the costs of preparing architectural, engineering and construction drawings and site plans, which you must submit to us for our review and approval before you begin construction of the Premises for your Bubbly Paws Business. You are responsible for the costs of construction and remodeling (Franchise Agreement Section 7.4.)
- 7. Provide you with materials and consultation in connection with the grand opening marketing for your Bubbly Paws Business (See Franchise Agreement Section 12.6).

We do not provide the above services to renewal franchisees and may not provide all of the above services to franchisees that purchase existing Bubbly Paws Businesses.

Schedule for Opening

The typical length of time between signing the Franchise Agreement or the payment of any fees and the opening of your Bubbly Paws Business can vary from nine to 12 months. Some factors which may affect this timing are your ability to acquire a location through lease or purchase negotiations; your ability to secure any necessary financing; your ability to comply with local zoning and other ordinances; your ability to obtain any necessary permits and certifications; the timing of the delivery of equipment, tools and inventory; and the time to convert, renovate or build out the Premises for your Bubbly Paws Business.

You must open your Bubbly Paws Business to the public within 12 months of signing the Franchise Agreement, or we may terminate the Franchise Agreement.

Continuing Obligations

During the operation of your Bubbly Paws Business, we (or our designee) will provide the following assistance and services to you:



- 1. Inform you of mandatory standards, specifications and procedures for the operation of your Bubbly Paws Business (See Franchise Agreement Sections 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, and 18).
- 2. Upon reasonable request, provide advice regarding your Bubbly Paws Business's operation based on reports or inspections. Advice will be given during our regular business hours and through written materials, electronic media, telephone or other methods in our discretion (See Franchise Agreement Section 9.2).
- 3. Provide additional training to you for newly-hired personnel on the Bubbly Paws brand and System guidelines, refresher training courses and additional training or assistance that, in our discretion, you need or request. You may be required to pay additional fees for this training or assistance (See Franchise Agreement Section 8).
- 4. Allow you to continue to use confidential materials, including the Franchise Operations Manual and the Marks (See Franchise Agreement Sections 12.1, 12.2, 14.2 and 17).

Optional Assistance

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, we (or our designee) may, but are not required to, provide the following assistance and services to you:

- 1. Modify, update or change the System, including the adoption and use of new or modified trade names, trademarks, service marks or copyrighted materials, new products, new menu items, new equipment or new techniques.
- 2. Make periodic visits to the Bubbly Paws Business for the purpose of assisting in all aspects of the operation and management of the Bubbly Paws Business, prepare written reports concerning these visits outlining any suggested changes or improvements in the operation of the Bubbly Paws Business, and detailing any problems in the operations which become evident as a result of any visit. If provided at your request, you must reimburse our expenses and pay our then-current training charges.
- 3. Maintain and administer a Brand Fund. We may dissolve the Brand Fund upon written notice (See Franchise Agreement Section 11).
- 4. Hold periodic national or regional conferences to discuss business and operational issues affecting Bubbly Paws franchisees.

Advertising

Brand Fund

We have established a Brand Fund for marketing, developing, and promoting the System, the Marks and Bubbly Paws Franchises. You must contribute 1% of your monthly Gross Sales to the Brand Fund ("Brand Fund Contribution"). Your Brand Fund Contribution will be in addition to all other advertising requirements set out in this Item 11. Each franchisee will be required to contribute to the Brand Fund, but certain franchisees may contribute on a different basis depending on when they signed their Franchise Agreement. Bubbly Paws Businesses owned by us will contribute to the Brand Fund on the same basis as franchisees.



The Brand Fund will be administered by us, or our affiliate or designees, at our discretion, and we may use a professional advertising agency or media buyer to assist us. The Brand Fund will be in a separate bank account, commercial account or savings account.

We have complete discretion on how the Brand Fund will be utilized. We may use the Brand Fund for any expenditure that we, in our sole discretion, deem necessary or appropriate to promote or improve the System or the Bubbly Paws brand and any other purpose to promote the Marks. For example, we may use the Brand Fund for: (i) developing, maintaining, administering, directing, preparing or reviewing advertising and marketing materials, promotions and programs, including social media management; (ii) public awareness of any of the Marks; (iii) public and consumer relations and publicity; (iv) brand development; (v) research and development of technology, products and services; (vi) website development (including social media) and search engine optimization; (vii) development and implementation of quality control programs; (viii) conducting market research; (ix) changes and improvements to the System; (x) the fees and expenses of any advertising agency we engage to assist in producing or conducting advertising or marketing efforts; (xi) collecting and accounting for Brand Fund Contributions; (xii) preparing and distributing financial accountings of the Brand Fund; (xiii) conducting quality assurance programs and other reputation management functions; and (xiv) our and our affiliates' expenses associated with direct or indirect labor, administrative, overhead, or other expenses incurred in relation to any of these activities. Unless specifically directed by us in writing, you must participate in all advertising, marketing, secret shopper programs, promotions, research, and public relations programs instituted by the Brand Fund.

We do not guarantee that advertising expenditures from the Brand Fund will benefit you or any other franchisee directly, on a pro rata basis, or at all. We are not obligated to spend any amount on advertising in the geographical area where you are or will be located. We will not use the Brand Fund Contributions for advertising that is principally a solicitation for the sale of Franchises, but we reserve the right to include a notation in any advertisement or website indicating "Franchises Available" or similar phrasing.

We assume no fiduciary duty to you or other direct or indirect liability or obligation to collect amounts due to the Brand Fund or to maintain, direct or administer the Brand Fund. Any unused funds that were collected in any calendar year will be applied to the following year's funds, and we reserve the right to contribute or loan additional funds to the Brand Fund on any terms we deem reasonable.

The Brand Fund is not audited. Upon your written request, we will make available an annual accounting for the Brand Fund that shows how the Brand Fund proceeds have been spent for the previous year. We did not collect or spend any Brand Fund Contributions during our last fiscal year, ended on September 30, 2021.

Local Advertising

In addition to the Brand Fund Contributions, you must spend the greater of 2% of Gross Sales or \$3,000 per calendar quarter on local advertising ("Local Advertising Requirement"). If you fail to spend the Local Advertising Requirement, you will be required to pay the difference to the Brand Fund. You agree, at your sole cost and expense, to issue and offer such rebates, giveaways and other promotions in accordance with advertising programs established by us, and further agree to honor the rebates, giveaways and other promotions issued by other Bubbly Paws franchisees under any such program, so long as such compliance does not contravene any applicable law, rule or regulation. You will not create or issue any gift cards/certificates and will only sell gift cards/certificates that have been issued or sponsored by us and which are accepted at all Bubbly Paws Businesses, and you will not issue coupons or discounts of any type except as approved by us.



You may be required to participate in any local or regional advertising cooperatives for Bubbly Paws Franchises that are established. The area of each local and regional advertising cooperative will be defined by us, based on our assessment of the area. Franchisees in each cooperative will contribute an amount to the cooperative for each Bubbly Paws Business that the franchisee owns that exists within the cooperative's area. These contributions will count towards the Local Advertising Requirement. Each Bubbly Paws Business we own that exists within the cooperative's area will contribute to the cooperative on the same basis as franchisees. Members of the cooperative will be responsible for administering the cooperative, including determining the amount of contributions from each member. We may require that each cooperative operate with governing documents and prepare annual unaudited financial statements. We reserve the right to form, change, dissolve or merge any advertising cooperative formed in the future. If we elect to form such cooperatives, or if such cooperatives already exist near your territory, you will be required to participate in compliance with the provisions of the Franchise Operations Manual, which we may periodically modify at our discretion.

If you wish to advertise online, you must follow our online policy which is contained in our Franchise Operations Manual. Our online policy may change as technology and the Internet changes. We may restrict your use of social media. We may not allow you to independently market on the Internet, or use any domain name, address, locator, link, metatag or search technique with words or symbols similar to the Marks. We intend that any franchisee website will be accessed only through our home page.

We may require you to order sales and marketing material from us or our designated suppliers. It is a material breach of the Franchise Agreement to use other marketing material without obtaining our prior written approval. If you desire to use your own advertising materials, including your own website, you must obtain our prior approval, which may be granted or denied in our sole discretion. We will review your request and we will respond in writing within five business days from the date we receive all requested information. Our failure to notify you in the specified time frame will be deemed a disapproval of your request. Use of logos, Marks and other name identification materials must follow our approved standards. You may not use our logos, Marks and other name identification materials on items to be sold or services to be provided without our prior written approval. If you use unauthorized advertising materials, you must pay a fee of \$500 per occurrence to the Brand Fund.

Grand Opening Program

You are required to spend a minimum of \$2,500 on approved grand opening marketing, advertising and promotion for your Bubbly Paws Business during the period beginning 60 days before and ending seven days after the opening of your Bubbly Paws Business. All expenditures for grand opening marketing, advertising and promotion will be in addition to your other marketing, advertising and promotion obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

System Website

We have established a website for Bubbly Paws Businesses ("<u>System Website</u>"). We intend that any franchisee website will be accessed only through our System Website. We have the right to use the Brand Fund's assets to develop, maintain and update the System Website. We may update and modify the System Website from time to time. You must promptly notify us whenever any information on your listing changes or is not accurate. We have final approval rights of all information on the System Website. We may modify, update or add to the System Website at any time. We are only required to reference your Bubbly Paws Business on the System Website while you are in full compliance with your Franchise Agreement and all System standards.



Advisory Council

We currently do not have, but may form, an advisory council ("Council") to advise us on advertising policies. The Council would be governed by bylaws. Members of the Council would consist of both franchisees and corporate representatives. Members of the Council would be selected by way of a voting method specified in the Council's bylaws. The Council would serve in an advisory capacity only. We will have the power to form, change or dissolve the Council, in our sole discretion.

Computer System

You are required to purchase a computer system ("Computer System") that consists of the following hardware and software: (a) iMac computer with 21.5 inch screen, iPads, digital signage flat panel (minimum size 52") and computer; and (b) Ring Central, our designated scheduling software, and QuickBooks online. We estimate the cost of purchasing the Computer System will be between \$3,850 - \$9,850. The Computer System will manage the daily workflow of the Bubbly Paws Business, coordinate the customer ordering experience, track inventory, retail sales and other information. You must record all Gross Sales on the Computer System. You must store all data and information in the Computer System that we designate, and report data and information in the manner we specify. The Computer System will generate reports on the Gross Sales of your Bubbly Paws Business. You must also maintain a high-speed Internet connection at the Premises of the Bubbly Paws Business. In addition to offering and accepting Bubbly Paws gift cards and loyalty cards, you must accept all credit cards and debit cards that we determine.

We are not required to provide you with any ongoing maintenance, repairs, upgrades, updates or support for the Computer System (Franchise Agreement - Section 14). You must arrange for installation, maintenance and support of the Computer System at your cost. There are no limitations in the Franchise Agreement regarding the costs of such required support, maintenance, repairs or upgrades relating to the Computer System.

The cost of maintaining, updating, or upgrading the Computer System or its components will depend on your repair history, costs of computer maintenance services in your area, and technological advances. We estimate the annual cost will range between \$750 and \$1,500 per year, but this could vary (as discussed above). We may revise our specifications for the Computer System periodically.

You must pay our then-current technology business solutions fees to approved suppliers for certain business solutions that will support your business efficiencies, which may include phone systems, security systems, scheduling software, employee shift/task management software, music subscription, inventory solutions and any other solutions we may require from time to time in the Franchise Operations Manual for your Bubbly Paws Business. We reserve the right to upgrade, modify and add new systems and software, which may result in additional initial and ongoing expenses that you will be responsible for. You will be responsible for any increase in fees that result from any upgrades, modifications or additional systems or software and for any increase in fees from third-party providers.

We (or our designee) have the right to independently access the electronic information and data relating to your Bubbly Paws Business and to collect and use your electronic information and data in any manner, including to promote the System and the sale of Franchises. This may include posting financial information of each franchisee on an intranet website. There is no contractual limitation on our right to receive or use information through our proprietary data management and intranet system. We may access the electronic information and data from your Computer System remotely, in your Bubbly Paws Business or from other locations.



Training

Initial Training Program

You (and your Designated Manager if different than you), must successfully complete the Initial Training Program. The Initial Training Program may occur any time after you sign the lease for your Designated Location, but no later than 2 weeks prior to opening the Franchised Business to the public. The Initial Training Program will be conducted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, or at another location we specify. This training will be held on an as needed basis as we award franchises. There is no charge to you or your Manager for this training, but you are responsible for all travel and living expenses you and your attendees incur in attending the training. If you or any other attendee fail this training, we can terminate the Franchise Agreement. Included in the training are spaces for 3 people, if you would like to bring additional people to the training, we may charge \$500 per person (as discussed in Item 6).

Our Initial Training Program as of the date of this Disclosure Document consists of approximately 5 days (weekdays) of training as follows: We strongly believe that the best training is hands on, which is why we encourage more on the job training rather than a classroom setting. Some of our training, and systems can be trained online at our discretion.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Subject	Hours of	Hours Of On-	Location
	Classroom	The-Job	
	Training	Training	
History/Philosophy/Use of	3	0	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
Manual			Online
Introduction to self-service and	2	0	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
dog grooming, how-to, systems,			Online
(terms, breeds)			
Company Culture	1	0	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
			Online
Recruiting/Grand	3	0	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
Opening/Marketin			Online
g			
Daily Operating	2	3	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
Procedures/Reporting/Accounting			Online
Product	1	7	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
Knowledge/ Merchandising/			Online
Manager Duties			
Inventory Management/Grooming	4	7	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
Procedures/POS System/Pawtastic			Online
Hands on training	0	7	Minneapolis, Minnesota or
			Online
Total Training Time	16	24	

Notes:

1. We reserve the right to vary the length and content of the initial training program based upon the experience and skill level of the individual attending the initial training program. We will use the Franchise Operations Manual as the primary instruction materials during the initial training



program.

2. The officer in charge of our Initial Training Program is Bubbly Paws CEO Keith Miller. Keith is one of the co-founders of the Bubbly Paws brand, and has been involved in the pet grooming business since 2011. Each instructor providing this training will have been affiliated with us for at least 1 year and have at least 1 year of experience in the subject matter they are training in. Our Operations Manual serves as our primary instructional material during the Initial Training Program.

Ongoing Training

From time to time, we may require that you or your principal owner, Franchise Managers and other employees attend system-wide refresher or additional training courses. Some of these courses may be optional, while others may be required. If you appoint a new Responsible Owner or transfer ownership, or if you hire a new Franchise Manager, that person must attend and successfully complete our initial training program before assuming responsibility for the management of your Bubbly Paws Business. You may also request that we provide additional training (either at corporate headquarters or at your Bubbly Paws Business). You must pay us \$500 per attendee per day for additional training, and you must pay for airfare, meals, transportation costs, lodging and incidental expenses for all of your training program attendees. If we determine that you are not operating your Bubbly Paws Business in compliance with the Franchise Agreement or the Franchise Operations Manual, we may require that your Responsible Owner, Franchise Manager and other employees attend remedial training. You will be required to pay us the then-current training fee for any such training. If the training program is conducted at your Bubbly Paws Business, you must reimburse us for the expenses we or our representatives incur in providing the training.

In addition to participating in ongoing training, you will be required to attend any national or regional meeting or conference of franchisees. You are responsible for any conference fee and all travel and expenses for your attendees.

ITEM 12 TERRITORY

You may operate your Bubbly Paws Business only at the approved location. The approved location for your Bubbly Paws Business will be listed in the Franchise Agreement. If you have not identified an approved location for your Bubbly Paws Business when you sign the Franchise Agreement, as is typically the case, you and we will agree on the approved location in writing and amend the Franchise Agreement after you select and we approve the approved location. You are not guaranteed any specific approved location, and you may not be able to obtain your top choice as your approved location. You may not conduct your Bubbly Paws Business from any other location. You may not relocate your Bubbly Paws Business without our prior written approval. We may approve a request to relocate your Bubbly Paws Business in accordance with the provisions of the Franchise Agreement that provide for the relocation of your Bubbly Paws Business, and our then-current site selection policies and procedures.

You will receive a non-exclusive territory ("Territory"). Except as described below, we will not establish or franchise others to establish another Bubbly Paws Business within your designated Territory during the term of the Franchise Agreement, provided you are in compliance. You will not receive an exclusive territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control. The Territory is determined based on the geographic area and populations properties within that area and other relevant demographic characteristics and will typically be a 3-mile radius around the Premises and will contain a population of approximately 150,000 people. We may not grant you this right if your Bubbly Paws Business is located



in a metropolitan area (areas in which the population during any 24-hour period exceeds 50,000 persons per square mile). In addition, we may not grant you this right if your Bubbly Paws Business will be located in a non-traditional location such as an airport, hotel, convention center, sports arena or stadium, college campus, amusement park, within the premises of another business or a similar venue.

You are not prohibited from directly marketing to or soliciting customers whose principal residence is outside of your Territory. If you renew your Franchise, your Territory may be modified depending on the then-current demographics of the Territory, and on our then-current standards for territories.

We and our affiliates have the right to operate, and to license others to operate, Bubbly Paws Businesses at any location outside the Territory, even if doing so will or might affect your operation of your Bubbly Paws Business. You are not granted any rights to use the Internet as a channel of distribution and may not independently market on the Internet or conduct e-commerce unless we have expressly allowed you to do so. We may disallow any online activity upon written notice to you.

We retain all territory rights (for ourselves and our affiliates) not expressly granted to you. We may use the Marks or the System to sell any products or services similar to those which you will sell through any alternate channels of distribution or non-traditional locations within or outside of the Territory. We may use trademarks other than the Marks to sell any products or services similar to those which you will sell within or outside of the Territory. Although we reserve the rights described, neither we nor any affiliate, operates, franchises or has plans to operate or franchise a business under a different trademark that sells or will sell goods or services similar to those offered by you or our other Franchises. We may purchase, be purchased by, merge or otherwise acquire competitive businesses within and outside the Territory. If such a situation occurs, the newly acquired businesses may not operate under the Marks in the Territory but may operate under the System. We may implement multi-area marketing programs which may allow us or others to solicit or sell to customers anywhere. We have the right to issue mandatory policies to coordinate such multi-area marketing programs.

We are not required to pay you if we exercise any of our rights within your Territory. The continuation of the Territory is not dependent upon your achievement of a certain sales volume, market penetration or other contingency (other than complying with the terms of the Franchise Agreement). We will not be required to pay any compensation for soliciting or accepting orders inside your Territory.

The Multi-Franchise Addendum grants you the right to enter into Franchise Agreements to open additional franchises subject to the terms of the Franchise Agreement signed for each additional franchise. You are not subject to a specific time period or development schedule regarding the opening of each of your Bubbly Paws Franchises under the Multi-Franchise Addendum. The determination of the territory and the site selection and acceptance process for each Bubbly Paws Business under a Multi-Franchise Addendum is the same as that for a single Bubbly Paws Business and will be governed by the then-current standards for sites and territories and the Franchise Agreement signed for that location. You will not receive an exclusive Territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

You do not receive the right to acquire additional Bubbly Paws Businesses unless you have purchased a Multi-2 or Multi-3 Franchise. You are not granted any territorial rights or territorial exclusivity under the Multi-Franchise Addendum. If you wish to purchase an additional Bubbly Paws Franchise, you must apply to us, and we may, at our discretion, offer an additional Bubbly Paws Franchise to you. We consider a variety of factors when determining whether to grant additional Bubbly Paws Franchises. Among the factors we consider, in addition to the then-current requirements for new Bubbly Paws franchisees, are whether or not the franchisee is in compliance with the requirements under their current Franchise Agreement.



ITEM 13 TRADEMARKS

The Marks and the System are owned by BP, and are licensed exclusively to us. The Franchise Agreement and your payment of Royalties grant you the nonexclusive right and license to use the System, which includes the use of the Marks. BP has granted us an exclusive license ("<u>Trademark License</u>") to use the Marks to franchise the System around the world. The Trademark License is for 10 years and began on April 2, 2021. It will automatically renew for subsequent 10-year periods so long as we are not in default or do not materially breach the Trademark License by engaging in any activity which damages the Marks or the goodwill of the System. If the Trademark License is terminated, BP has agreed to license the Marks directly to our franchisees until each franchise agreement expires or is otherwise terminated. Except for the Trademark License, no agreement significantly limits our right to use or license the Marks in any manner material to the Bubbly Paws Franchise. BP has registrations with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("<u>USPTO</u>") for the following Marks:

Trademark	Registration Number	Date of Registration	Status
BUBBLY PAWS	4,747,841	June 2, 2015	Registered on the Principal Register
OUR SOAP IS DOPE	6,602,570	December 28, 2021	Registered on the Principal Register

BP has applied to register the following trademark with the USPTO:

Mark	Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
PAWTASTIC	90,524,035	February 10, 2021	Pending on the Principal Register

We do not have a federal registration for the trademark listed above. Therefore, this trademark does not have as many legal benefits and rights as a federally-registered trademark. If our right to use this trademark is challenged, you may have to change to an alternative trademark, which may increase your expenses.

There are no effective adverse material determinations of the USPTO, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board or the trademark administrator of any state, or any court, and no pending infringement, opposition or cancellation proceedings or material litigation involving the Marks. All required affidavits and renewals have been filed.

We do not know of any superior prior rights or infringing uses that could materially affect your use of the trademarks. You must follow our rules when using the Marks. You cannot use our name or Mark as part of a corporate name or with modifying words, designs or symbols unless you receive our prior written consent. You must indicate to the public in any contract, advertisement and with a conspicuous sign in the Premises of your Bubbly Paws Business that you are an independently-owned and operated licensed franchisee of Bubbly Paws. You may not use the Marks in the sale of unauthorized products or services or in any manner we do not authorize. You may not use the Marks in any advertising for the transfer, sale or other disposition of the Bubbly Paws Franchise, or any interest in the Bubbly Paws Franchise. All rights and goodwill from the use of the Marks accrue to us.



We will defend you against any claim brought against you by a third party that your use of the Marks, in accordance with the Franchise Agreement, infringes upon that party's intellectual property rights. We may require your assistance, but we will exclusively control any proceeding or litigation relating to our Marks. We have no obligation to pursue any infringing users of our Marks. If we learn of an infringing user, we will take the action appropriate, but we are not required to take any action if we do not feel it is warranted. You must notify us within three business days if you learn that any party is using the Marks or a trademark that is confusingly similar to the Marks. We have the sole discretion to take such action as we deem appropriate to exclusively control any litigation or administrative proceeding involving a trademark licensed by us to you.

If it becomes advisable at any time, in our sole discretion, for us and/or you to modify or discontinue using any Mark and/or use one or more additional or substitute trademarks or service marks, you must comply with our directions within 30 days after receiving notice. We will not reimburse you for your direct expenses of changing signage, for any loss of revenue or other indirect expenses due to any modified or discontinued Mark, or for your expenses of promoting a modified or substituted trademark or service mark.

You must not directly or indirectly contest our right to the Marks. We may acquire, develop and use additional marks not listed here, and may make those marks available for your use and for use by other franchisees.

ITEM 14 PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

The information in the Franchise Operations Manual is proprietary and is protected by copyright and other laws. The designs contained in the Marks, the layout of our advertising materials, the ingredients and formula of our products and recipes, and any other writings and recordings in print or electronic form are also protected by copyright and other laws. Although we have not applied for copyright registration for the Franchise Operations Manual, our advertising materials, the content and format of our products or any other writings and recordings, we claim common law and federal copyrights in these items. We grant you the right to use this proprietary and copyrighted information ("Copyrighted Works") for the operation of your Bubbly Paws Franchise, but such copyrights remain our sole property.

There are no effective determinations of the United States Copyright Office or any court regarding any Copyrighted Works of ours, nor are there any proceedings pending, nor are there any effective agreements between us and third parties pertaining to the Copyrighted Works that will or may significantly limit using our Copyrighted Works.

Our Franchise Operations Manual, electronic information and communications, sales and promotional materials, the development and use of our System, standards, specifications, policies, procedures, information, concepts and systems on, knowledge of, and experience in the development, operation and franchising of Bubbly Paws Franchises, our training materials and techniques, information concerning product and service sales, operating results, financial performance and other financial data of Bubbly Paws Franchises and other related materials are proprietary and confidential ("Confidential Information") and are our property to be used by you only as described in the Franchise Agreement and the Franchise Operations Manual. Where appropriate, certain information has also been identified as trade secrets ("Trade Secrets"). You must maintain the confidentiality of our Confidential Information and Trade Secrets and adopt reasonable procedures to prevent unauthorized disclosure of our Trade Secrets and Confidential Information.



We will disclose parts of the Confidential Information and Trade Secrets to you as we deem necessary or advisable for you to develop your Bubbly Paws Franchise during training and in guidance and assistance furnished to you under the Franchise Agreement, and you may learn or obtain from us additional Confidential Information and Trade Secrets during the term of the Franchise Agreement. The Confidential Information and Trade Secrets are valuable assets of ours and are disclosed to you on the condition that you, and your owners if you are a business entity, and employees agree to maintain the information in confidence by entering into a confidentiality agreement we can enforce. Nothing in the Franchise Agreement will be construed to prohibit you from using the Confidential Information or Trade Secrets in the operation of other Bubbly Paws Franchises during the term of the Franchise Agreement.

You must notify us within three business days after you learn about another's use of language, a visual image or a recording of any kind that you perceive to be identical or substantially similar to one of our Copyrighted Works or use of our Confidential Information or Trade Secrets, or if someone challenges your use of our Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets. We will take whatever action we deem appropriate, in our sole and absolute discretion, to protect our rights in and to the Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets, which may include payment of reasonable costs associated with the action. However, the Franchise Agreement does not require us to take affirmative action in response to any apparent infringement of, or challenge to, your use of any Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets or claim by any person of any rights in any Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets. You must not directly or indirectly contest our rights to our Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets. You may not communicate with anyone except us, our counsel or our designees regarding any infringement, challenge or claim. We will take action as we deem appropriate regarding any infringement, challenge or claim, and the sole right to control, exclusively, any litigation or other proceeding arising out of any infringement, challenge or claim under any Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets. You must sign any and all instruments and documents, give the assistance and do acts and things that may, in the opinion of our counsel, be necessary to protect and maintain our interests in any litigation or proceeding, or to protect and maintain our interests in the Copyrighted Works, Confidential Information or Trade Secrets.

No patents or patents pending are material to us at this time.

ITEM 15 OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS

We require that you either directly operate your Bubbly Paws Business or designate a manager ("Franchise Manager") who has been approved by us. The "Responsible Owner" is an individual who will be principally responsible for communicating with us about the Bubbly Paws Business. The Responsible Owner must have the authority and responsibility for the day-to-day operations of your Bubbly Paws Business. If you are an individual, you are the Responsible Owner. If you are a legal entity, you must appoint an individual that has at least a ten percent (10%) equity interest in the legal entity to be the Responsible Owner. Your Responsible Owner and your Franchise Manager, if any, must successfully complete our training program (See Item 11). We do not require that the Franchise Manager have an ownership interest in the legal entity of the Franchise owner. If you replace your Responsible Owner or Franchise Manager, the new Responsible Owner or Franchise Manager must satisfactorily complete our training program at your own expense.

If you are a legal entity, each owner (i.e., each person holding an ownership interest in you) must sign a Franchise Owner Agreement, which is attached to the Franchise Agreement as Attachment D. We also require that the spouses of the Franchise owners sign the Franchise Owner Agreement. Any Franchise Manager and all of your employees, independent contractors, agents or representatives that may have access



to our confidential information must sign a confidentiality agreement, the current form of which is attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document in Exhibit G.

ITEM 16 RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THE FRANCHISEE MAY SELL

You must sell or offer for sale only those products and services authorized by us, and which meet our standards and specifications. You must sell or offer for sale all types of products and services specified by us. We may change or add to our required products and services, at our discretion, with prior notice to you. If we change or add to our required products and services, the changes or additions will remain in permanent effect, unless we specify otherwise.

ITEM 17 RENEWAL, TERMINATION, TRANSFER AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP

This table lists certain important provisions of the franchise agreement and related agreements. You should read these provisions in the agreements attached to this disclosure document.

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
a. Length of the franchise term	Section 5.1	10 years.
b. Renewal or extension	Section 5.2	If you are in good standing and you meet other requirements, you may add two successor terms of 5 years.
c. Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Section 5.2	The term "renewal" refers to extending our franchise relationship at the end of your initial term and any other renewal or extension of the initial term. Your successor franchise rights permit you to remain as a Franchise after the initial term of your Franchise Agreement expires if you are in good standing and you meet other requirements. You must sign our thencurrent Franchise Agreement and ancillary documents for the successor term, and this new franchise agreement may have materially different terms and conditions (including, e.g., higher royalty and advertising contributions) from the Franchise Agreement that covered your original term.
d. Termination by franchisee	Section 23	You may terminate the Franchise Agreement if you are in compliance with it, and we are in material breach, and we fail to cure that breach within 30 days of receiving written notice, subject to applicable state law.
e. Termination by franchisor without cause	ut Not Applicable	Not Applicable.



	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Section 24	We can terminate the Franchise Agreement only upon certain violations of the Franchise Agreement by you.
g.	"Cause" defined - curable defaults	Section 24.3	You have 30 days to cure defaults listed in Section 24.
h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable defaults	Section 24.2	Non-curable defaults: the defaults listed in Section 24 of the Franchise Agreement.
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/non-renewal	Sections 5, 6.5, 16.3.14, 17.1, 17.5, 18.3, 20.1 23 and 26	Obligations include complete de-identification, payment of amounts due and return of confidential Franchise Operations Manual, all Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and records.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 15	No restriction on our right to assign.
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee – defined	Section 16	Includes any voluntary, involuntary, direct or indirect assignment, sale, gift, exchange, grant of a security interest or change of ownership in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchise or interest in the Franchise.
1.	Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Section 16.1	We have the right to approve all transfers.
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer	Section 16.3	If you are in good standing and meet other requirements listed in Section 19.2, we may approve your transfer to a new owner.
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 16.2 and 16.3.9	We have 30 days to match any offer for your business.
0.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Section 27	We may, but are not required to, purchase your Franchise, inventory or equipment at fair market value if your Franchise is terminated for any reason.
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Section 16.5	The franchise agreement must be transferred or assigned to a qualified party within 180 days of death or disability or the Franchise Agreement may be terminated. Your estate or legal representative must apply to us for the right to transfer to the next of kin within 120 calendar days of your death or disability.
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 18.2	You may not participate in a diverting business, have owning interest of more than 5%, inducing any customer to transfer their business to you or perform services for a competitive business anywhere. You may not interfere with our or our other franchisees' Bubbly Paws Franchises. All subject to applicable state law.



	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 18.3	Owners may not have an interest in, own, manage, operate, finance, control or participate in any competitive business within 10 miles of the Bubbly Paws Business or any Bubbly Paws Business for two years. If you or your Responsible Owner engages in any activities prohibited by the Franchise Agreement during the restricted period (other than having an interest in a competitive business that is permitted under Section 18.3, then the restricted period applicable to you or the non-compliant Responsible Owner shall be extended by the period of time during which you or the non-compliant Responsible Owner, as applicable, engaged in the prohibited activities). All subject to applicable state law.
s.	Modification of agreement	Section 31.8 and Attachment C	No modifications of the Franchise Agreement during the term unless agreed to in writing, but the Franchise Operations Manual is subject to change at any time in our discretion. Modifications are permitted on renewal.
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 31.8	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements are binding (subject to applicable state law). Any representations or promises outside of this Franchise Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable.
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Section 28	Except for certain claims, all disputes must be mediated and arbitrated in the principal city closest to our principal place of business (currently Minneapolis, Minnesota), subject to applicable state law.
v.	Choice of forum	Section 28	All disputes must be mediated, arbitrated, and if applicable, litigated in the principal city closest to our principal place of business (currently Minneapolis, Minnesota), subject to applicable state law.
w.	Choice of law	Section 28	The state where the Bubbly Paws Business is located, subject to applicable state law.

ITEM 18 PUBLIC FIGURES

We do not use any public figure to promote our Franchise.



ITEM 19 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS

The FTC's Franchise Rule permits a franchisor to disclose information about the actual or potential financial performance of its franchised and/or franchisor-owned outlets, if there is a reasonable basis for the information, and the information is included in the disclosure document. Financial performance information that differs from that included in Item 19 may be given only if: (1) a franchisor provides the actual records of an existing outlet you are considering buying; or (2) a franchisor supplements the information provided in this Item 19, for example, by providing information about performance at a particular location or under particular circumstances.

The representation below is a historic financial performance representation about our affiliates' existing outlets. Written substantiation for the financial performance representation will be made available to the prospective franchisee upon reasonable request.

As of September 30, 2021, there were four Bubbly Paws Businesses owned by our affiliates (each, an "<u>Affiliate-Owned Business</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Affiliate Businesses</u>"). These Affiliate Businesses have reasonably similar operations to franchised Bubbly Paws Businesses, including degree of competition, services or goods sold, and services supplied by us. These Affiliate Businesses do not pay Royalties, Brand Fund Contributions, or technology fees, and they are not subject to the Local Advertising Requirement. We have included information about each Affiliate Business opened, the size of the Affiliate Business's facility, and the location of the Affiliate Business below.

Affiliate Business	Open Date	Square Footage	Location
Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #1 – St Louis Park, MN	4/2011	Approx. 1500	Strip Mall / shopping center
Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #2 – Saint Paul, MN	8/2013	Approx. 1450	Historic retail district
Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #3 – Maple Grove, MN	12/2015	Approx. 2200	Strip Mall / shopping center
Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #4 – Minneapolis, MN	1/2018	Approx. 1500	Retail district

We provide Gross Sales data for multiple consecutive reporting periods (each, a "Measurement Period"). We refer to the Measurement Period starting October 2018 and ending in September 2019 as the "2018 – 2019 Measurement Period." We refer to the Measurement Period starting October 2019 and ending in September 2020 as the "2019 – 2020 Measurement Period." We refer to the Measurement Period starting



October 2020 and ending in September 2021 as the "2020 - 2021 Measurement Period." In Tables 1 to 3, we include the individual monthly and yearly Gross Sales for each Affiliate Business, as well as the cumulative Gross Sales for each Affiliate Business (the "<u>Total Gross Sales</u>") for each Measurement Period on a monthly and yearly basis.

We also provide the total number of transactions per Affiliate Business location for the 2019 - 2020 Measurement Period and the 2020 - 2021 Measurement Period. We did not gather this data prior to the 2019 - 2020 Measurement Period.

The financial and transactional information was prepared from sales records and reports. The numbers have not been audited but we have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

Our Affiliate Businesses were open for the full 2018 - 2019 Measurement Period and 2020 - 2021 Measurement Period. During the 2019 - 2020 Measurement Period, these businesses were temporarily closed during part of March 2020 and the entirety of April 2020. From May 2020 to June 2021, all Affiliate Businesses were open, but the self-service wash had a capacity limit of 50% capacity placed on it by the State of Minnesota due to Covid-19. One Affiliate Business operates in a substantially larger space than a franchisee. One Affiliate Business operates from a location that does not have adequate space to provide all services that a Bubbly Paws Business provides, and has certain other characteristics, such as a shared entrance, that do not the requirements for new Bubbly Paws Businesses. Other differences between the Affiliate Businesses and the franchised business offered include the managerial and operational expertise of these Affiliate Businesses' managers.

Table 1 Monthly and Total Gross Sales Data for Reporting Group During the 2018 – 2019 Measurement Period								
	Saint Louis Park	Saint Paul	Maple Grove	Minneapolis	Monthly Total (all four locations)			
Oct 2018	\$38,147	\$29,473	\$22,520	\$23,902	\$114,042			
Nov 2018	\$38,820	\$28,557	\$24,060	\$23,149	\$114,586			
Dec 2018	\$40,964	\$32,429	\$26,371	\$26,259	\$126,023			
Jan 2019	\$33,606	\$25,975	\$19,450	\$19,957	\$98,989			
Feb 2019	\$29,445	\$22,626	\$18,223	\$16,436	\$86,730			
Mar 2019	\$38,532	\$30,511	\$24,416	\$26,128	\$119,588			
Apr 2019	\$36,490	\$28,230	\$23,133	\$24,957	\$112,810			
May 2019	\$36,452	\$30,178	\$27,267	\$27,576	\$121,473			
Jun 2019	\$36,028	\$30,320	\$27,000	\$27,877	\$121,226			
Jul 2019	\$38,951	\$30,566	\$28,636	\$29,400	\$127,553			
Aug 2019	\$39,679	\$33,724	\$30,699	\$29,911	\$134,013			
Sep 2019	\$37,465	\$30,476	\$26,496	\$24,999	\$119,436			
Total Gross Sales	\$444,580	\$353,066	\$298,271	\$300,553	\$1,396,470			



Table 2 Monthly and Total Gross Sales Data for Reporting Group During the 2019 – 2020 Measurement Period								
	Saint Louis Park	Saint Paul	Maple Grove	Minneapolis	Monthly Total (all four locations)			
Oct 2019	\$41,275	\$34,084	\$29,372	\$29,548	\$134,278			
Nov 2019	\$49,322	\$35,063	\$30,515	\$34,033	\$148,934			
Dec 2019	\$43,276	\$35,224	\$31,474	\$32,424	\$142,397			
Jan 2020	\$38,314	\$31,504	\$25,086	\$26,682	\$121,587			
Feb 2020	\$39,863	\$33,973	\$29,645	\$29,308	\$132,789			
Mar 2020	\$38,185	\$25,856	\$25,009	\$24,568	\$113,617			
Apr 2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
May 2020	\$31,495	\$22,843	\$14,984	\$23,394	\$92,715			
Jun 2020	\$32,855	\$30,700	\$23,538	\$27,200	\$114,293			
Jul 2020	\$35,574	\$28,100	\$22,757	\$26,846	\$113,278			
Aug 2020	\$37,487	\$24,963	\$28,220	\$30,452	\$121,121			
Sep 2020	\$37,507	\$28,481	\$28,046	\$26,582	\$120,617			
Total Gross Sales	\$425,154	\$330,790	\$288,646	\$311,037	\$1,355,627			

Table 3 Monthly and Total Gross Sales Data for Reporting Group During the 2020 – 2021 Measurement Period							
	Saint Louis Park	Saint Paul	Maple Grove	Minneapolis	Monthly Total (all four locations)		
Oct 2020	\$35,624	\$25,939	\$29,479	\$27,775	\$118,816		
Nov 2020	\$44,061	\$29,739	\$27,711	\$30,846	\$132,358		
Dec 2020	\$41,152	\$37,344	\$33,714	\$33,371	\$145,581		
Jan 2021	\$39,328	\$33,676	\$29,825	\$33,409	\$136,238		
Feb 2021	\$40,437	\$34,146	\$29,247	\$34,217	\$138,047		
Mar 2021	\$45,790	\$37,004	\$39,977	\$43,249	\$166,021		
Apr 2021	\$38,189	\$32,660	\$33,430	\$37,080	\$141,358		
May 2021	\$41,303	\$35,395	\$31,623	\$35,977	\$144,298		
Jun 2021	\$48,219	\$40,853	\$35,191	\$44,988	\$169,251		
Jul 2021	\$46,392	\$41,066	\$32,359	\$45,997	\$165,814		
Aug 2021	\$49,098	\$38,629	\$37,610	\$47,781	\$173,118		
Sep 2021	\$47,761	\$37,424	\$39,595	\$47,155	\$171,934		
Total Gross Sales	\$517,355	\$423,876	\$399,760	\$461,845	\$1,808,424		



Table 1 to 3 Notes:

- 1. For purposes of this Item 19, the term "<u>Gross Sales</u>" means the total of all revenues, income and consideration from the sale of all Bubbly Paws merchandise, products and services.
- 2. Our Affiliate received \$266,000 in Paycheck Protection Program loans as authorized by The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. We have not included any of these funds in the tables above.
- 3. The earnings claims figures in Tables 1 to 3 do not reflect the costs of sales, operating expenses, or other costs or expenses that must be deducted from the Gross Sales figures to obtain your net income or profit. You should conduct an independent investigation of the costs and expenses you will incur in operating your franchised business.

Table 4 Monthly and Total Transactions for Reporting Group During the 2019 – 2020 Measurement Period								
	Saint Louis Park	Saint Paul	Maple Grove	Minneapolis	Monthly Total (all four locations)			
Oct 2019	\$1,431	\$1,184	\$1,032	\$1,138	\$4,785			
Nov 2019	\$1,648	\$1,299	\$1,170	\$1,262	\$5,379			
Dec 2019	\$1,606	\$1,328	\$1,152	\$1,326	\$5,412			
Jan 2020	\$1,095	\$934	\$773	\$859	\$3,661			
Feb 2020	\$1,191	\$1,060	\$919	\$962	\$4,132			
Mar 2020	\$1,119	\$806	\$726	\$766	\$3,417			
Apr 2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
May 2020	\$733	\$514	\$405	\$546	\$2,198			
Jun 2020	\$893	\$816	\$707	\$805	\$3,221			
Jul 2020	\$1,015	\$819	\$683	\$877	\$3,394			
Aug 2020	\$1,056	\$715	\$801	\$917	\$3,489			
Sep 2020	\$1,082	\$814	\$790	\$718	\$3,404			
12 Month Total Transactions	\$10,990	\$9,994	\$11,066	\$13,879	\$45,929			



Table 5 Monthly and Total Transactions for Reporting Group During the 2020 – 2021 Measurement Period							
	Saint Louis				Monthly Total (all		
	Park	Saint Paul	Maple Grove	Minneapolis	four locations)		
Oct 2020	\$836	814	\$777	\$1,010	\$3,437		
Nov 2020	\$965	\$965	\$968	\$1,325	\$4,223		
Dec 2020	\$1,073	\$1,073	\$1,174	\$1,307	\$4,627		
Jan 2021	\$847	\$847	\$865	\$1,046	\$3,605		
Feb 2021	\$874	\$705	\$809	\$1,000	\$3,388		
Mar 2021	\$1,086	\$978	\$963	\$1,154	\$4,181		
Apr 2021	\$937	\$923	\$919	\$1,027	\$3,806		
May 2021	\$1,023	\$896	\$978	\$1,156	\$4,053		
Jun 2021	\$1,037	\$875	\$880	\$1,064	\$3,856		
Jul 2021	\$1,154	\$945	\$993	\$1,185	\$4,277		
Aug 2021	\$1,124	\$1,035	\$914	\$1,157	\$4,230		
Sep 2021	\$1,161	\$1,108	\$925	\$1,220	\$4,414		
12 Month Total							
Transactions	\$12,117	\$11,164	\$11,165	\$13,651	\$48,097		

Notes to Tables 4 and 5

- 1. In August of 2021, the Affiliate Businesses began offering a monthly membership-based model (the "Membership Program"). The Membership Program allows participating customers access to unlimited self-service baths. Each monthly payment for the Membership Program is considered a transaction.
- 2. If a customer participating in the Membership Program uses the self-service bath, it is not considered a transaction unless the participating customer requests an optional upgrade or makes any additional retail purchase.

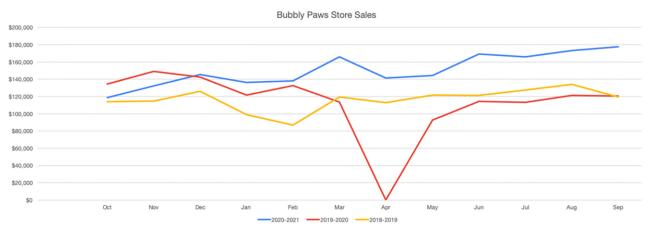
Figures 1 - 5

The information in the figures below provide a graph of the year-over-year sales data for the four Affiliate Businesses representing the total Gross Sales generated during each of the three Measurement Periods. Total Gross Sales refers to the cumulative Gross Sales generated an Affiliate Business in the respective Measurement Period. Figure 1 contains the Gross Sales generated by all four Affiliate Businesses in the respective Measurement Period and does not include average or individual Gross Sales for Affiliate Businesses.

Figures 2-5 contain the Gross Sales generated by each Affiliate Business individually, and also do not include averages or individual Gross Sales for other Affiliate Businesses.



Figure 1: Affiliate Businesses Total Gross Sales



Notes to Figure 1

Figure 1 contains a graph representing the combined Total Gross Sales generated by all four Affiliate Businesses in the respective Measurement Period and does not include average or individual Gross Sales for Affiliate Businesses.

Notes to Figures 2-5

Figures 2-5 contain graphs representing the Total Gross Sales generated by each Affiliate Business during the 2018 - 2019 Measurement Period, 2019 - 2020 Measurement Period, and the 2020 – 2021 Measurement Period.

Figure 2: Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #1 (St. Louis Park) Total Gross Sales

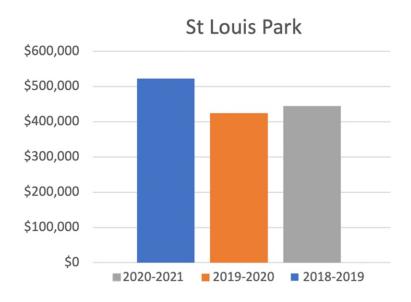


Figure 3: Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #2 (Saint Paul) Total Gross Sales



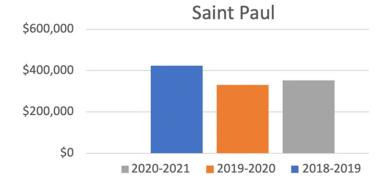


Figure 4: Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #3 (Maple Grove) Total Gross Sales

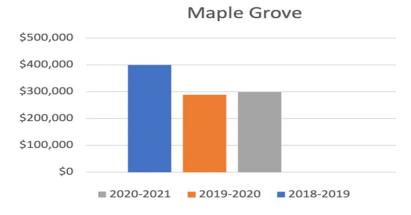
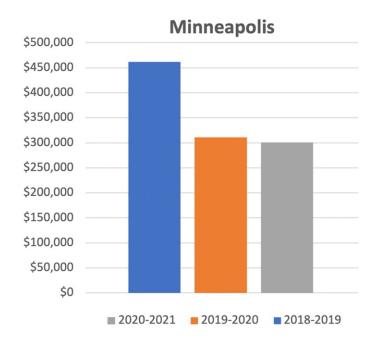


Figure 5: Bubbly Paws Affiliate Business #3 (Minneapolis) Total Gross Sales





The earnings claims figures in the chart above do not reflect the costs of sales, operating expenses, or other costs or expenses that must be deducted from the Gross Sales figures to obtain your net income or profit. You should conduct an independent investigation of the costs and expenses you will incur in operating your franchised business.

Some outlets have sold this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you'll sell as much.

Other than the preceding financial performance representations, we do not make any representations about a franchisee's future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Keith Miller 4737 Chicago Ave.. Minneapolis. Minnesota 55407. Franchising@bubblypaws.com, the Federal Trade Commission and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

ITEM 20 OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

Table No. 1

<u>Systemwide Outlet Summary</u> For Years 2018-2019 to 2020-2021

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
Franchised Outlets	2018-2019	0	0	0
	2019-2020	0	0	0
	2020-2021	0	0	0
Company-Owned	2018-2019	4	4	4
	2019-2020	4	4	4
	2020-2021	4	4	4
Total Outlets	2018-2019	4	4	4
	2019-2020	4	4	4
	2020-2021	4	4	4



<u>Table No. 2</u>

<u>Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners (other than the Franchisor)</u>

<u>For Years 2018-2019 to 2020-2021</u>

State	Year	Number of Transfers
Totals	2018-2019	0
	2019-2020	0
	2020-2021	0

Table No. 3

Status of Franchise Outlets For Years 2018-2019 to 2020-2021

State	Year	Outlets at Start of the Year	Outlets Opened	Termina- tions	Non- Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations- Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
Total	2018-2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2019-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2020-2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table No. 4

Status of Company-Owned Outlets For Years 2018-2019 to 2020-2021

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired From Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of Year
Idaho*	2018-2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2019-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2020-2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	2018-2019	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2019-2020	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2020-2021	4	0	0	0	0	4



State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired From Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of Year
Total Outlets	2018-2019	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2019-2020	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2020-2021	4	0	0	0	0	4

^{*}Our affiliate opened a Bubbly Paws Business in November 2021

Table No. 5

Projected Openings as of September 30, 2021

State	Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year
Florida	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	1	0
North Dakota	0	0	1
Total	0	2	1

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of our current franchisees are attached to this Franchise Disclosure Document as Exhibit D. The name and last known address and telephone number of every current franchisee and every franchisee who has had a Bubbly Paws Franchise terminated, canceled, not renewed or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under our franchise agreement during the one-year period ending September 30, 2021, or who has not communicated with us within ten weeks of the Issuance Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document, is listed in Exhibit D. In some instances, current and former franchisees may sign provisions restricting their ability to speak openly about their experiences with the Bubbly Paws System. During the last three years, we have not had any franchisees sign confidentiality provisions that would restrict their ability to speak openly about their experience with the Bubbly Paws Franchise System. You may wish to speak with current and former franchisees, but know that not all such franchisees can communicate with you. If you buy a Bubbly Paws Franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system.

As of the Issuance Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document, there are no franchise organizations sponsored or endorsed by us and no independent franchise organizations have asked to be included in this Franchise Disclosure Document. We do not have any trademark specific franchisee organizations.



ITEM 21 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Exhibit B contains the financial statements required to be included with this Franchise Disclosure Document: audited financial statements as of September 30, 2021. The franchisor has not been in business for three years or more, and cannot include the same financial statements as a franchisor that has been in business for three or more years. Our fiscal year end is September 30.

ITEM 22 CONTRACTS

Exhibit C	Franchise Agreement
Exhibit E	State Addenda and Agreement Riders
Exhibit G	Contracts for use with the Bubbly Paws Franchise
Exhibit H	Franchise Disclosure Questionnaire

ITEM 23 RECEIPTS

The last pages of this Franchise Disclosure Document, <u>Exhibit J</u> are a detachable document, in duplicate. Please detach, sign, date and return one copy of the Receipt to us, acknowledging you received this Franchise Disclosure Document. Please keep the second copy for your records.



EXHIBIT A

STATE ADMINISTRATORS AND AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS



STATE ADMINISTRATORS AND AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

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Department of Financial Protection
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Clerk of the State Corporation Commission 1300 E. Main Street, 1st Floor Richmond, VA 23219

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EXHIBIT B

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC

Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2021



Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Minneapolis, MN

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, which comprise the balance sheet as of September 30, 2021, and the related statements of operations, members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC as of September 30, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- · Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
 the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

St. George, Utah October 21, 2021

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Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2021

Assets Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 378,076
Total current assets	378,076
Total current assets	3/8,0/6
Intangible assets	51,131
Total assets	\$ 429,207
Liabilities and Members' equity Current liabilities	
Due to related party	89,255
Total current liabilities	89,255
Total liabilities	89,255
Members' equity	339,952
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 429,207

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements



Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Statement of Operations For the year ended September 30, 2021

Operating revenues	\$ -
Operating Expenses	
Professional fees	151,146
Advertising and marketing	16,516
General and administrative	2,386
Total Operating Expenses	170,048
Net loss	\$ (170,048)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements

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Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Statement of Members' Equity For the year ended September 30, 2021

Balance at April 2, 2021	\$ -
Member contributions	510,000
Net loss	(170,048)
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$ 339,952

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements



Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended September 30, 2021

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net loss	\$ (170,048)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to	
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Due to related party	89,255
Net cash used by operating activities	(80,793)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Investment in software	(51,131)
Net cash used by investing activities	(51,131)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Member contributions	510,000
Net cash provided by financing activities	510,000
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	378,076
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 378,076
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow	
Cash paid for interest and taxes	\$ -

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements



Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 2021

(1) Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Nature of Business

Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC (the "Company") was formed on April 2, 2021 as a Minnesota limited liability company. The Company offers a unique pet grooming service with headquarters in Minnesota.

The Company uses the accrual basis of accounting, and their accounting period is the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year.

(b) Accounting Standards Codification

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has issued the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") that became the single official source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), other than guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), superseding existing FASB, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, emerging Issues Task Force and related literature. All other literature is not considered authoritative. The ASC does not change GAAP; it introduces a new structure that is organized in an accessible online research system.

(c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. Also included within cash equivalents are deposits in-transit from banks for payments related to third-party credit card and debit card transactions. As of September 30, 2021, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$378,076.

(e) Income Taxes

The Company is structured as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of Minnesota. Accordingly, the income or loss of the Company will be included in the income tax returns of the members. Therefore, there is no provision for federal and state income taxes.

The Company follows the guidance under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. ASC Topic 740 prescribes a more-likely-than-not measurement methodology to reflect the financial statement impact of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the tax return. If taxing authorities were to disallow any tax positions taken by the Company, the additional income taxes, if any, would be imposed on the members rather than the Company. Accordingly, there would be no effect on the Company's financial statements.

The Company's income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for a period of three years from the date they are filed. As of September 30, 2021, no tax years are subject to examination.



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(f) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with finite lives (such as internal use software) are amortized over their estimated useful lives. The Company has established intangible assets for the cost of internal-use software. The useful life of an intangible asset is the period over which it is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. Internal use software costs are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of four years.

(g) Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense for the year ended September 30, 2021 was \$16,516.

(h) Financial Instruments

For certain of the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, long term notes receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short maturities. The amounts shown for notes payable also approximate fair value because current interest rates and terms offered to the Company for similar debt are substantially the same.

(i) Concentration of Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risks on cash or cash equivalents.

(2) Intangible Assets

As of September 30, 2021, the Company's intangible assets consisted of the following:

	2021
Internal use software Accumulated amortization	\$ 51,131
	\$ 51,131

As the software was not yet operating as of September 30, 2020, no amortization was recorded.

(3) Related Party Transactions

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company incurred legal fees paid for by an affiliate through common ownership. The loan does not bear interest and is due upon demand. As of September 30, 2021, the amount due to related parties is \$89,255.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company has not incurred rent or other typical operating expenses. An affiliate through common ownership provides office space, telephone services, and labor at no charge. The Company is not expected to reimburse these costs. Were these expenses to be charged, the Company's net loss would increase, and members' equity would decrease for the period presented.

(4) Equity

The Company has two members who made contributions of \$510,000 during the year ended September 30, 2021.



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(5) Commitments and Contingencies

The Company may be subject to various claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In accounting for legal matters and other contingencies, the Company follows the guidance in ASC Topic 450 Contingencies, under which loss contingencies are accounted for based upon the likelihood of incurrence of a liability. If a loss contingency is "probable" and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated, it is accrued. If a loss contingency is "probable" but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated, disclosure is made. If a loss contingency is "reasonably possible," disclosure is made, including the potential range of loss, if determinable. Loss contingencies that are "remote" are neither accounted for nor disclosed.

In the opinion of management, all matters are of such kind, or involve such amounts, that unfavorable disposition, if any, would not have a material effect on the financial position of the Company.

(6) Subsequent Events

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the outbreak of a new strain of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") as a pandemic. The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States began in mid-March 2020 and has continued through 2020 and subsequent to the fiscal year end. It is continuing to disrupt supply chains and affect production and sales across a range of industries. Management believes the pandemic has had a material effect on the Company's operations, reducing revenue from new franchisees. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's future operational and financial performance continues to evolve and will depend on certain ongoing developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on the Company's customers and vendors all of which are uncertain and cannot be reasonably estimated. At this point, the full extent to which COVID-19 may impact the Company's future financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

Management has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events through October 21, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were issued.



EXHIBIT C

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT



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BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT



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BUBBLY PAWS

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ("<u>Franchise Agreement</u>") is made, entered into and effective as of the "<u>Effective Date</u>" set forth in <u>Attachment A</u> to this Franchise Agreement, by and between Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company ("<u>we</u>," "<u>us</u>," or "<u>our</u>"), and the franchisee set forth in Attachment A to this Franchise Agreement ("you" or "your").

1. INTRODUCTION

This Franchise Agreement includes several attachments, each of which are legally binding and are a part of the complete Franchise Agreement. It is your responsibility to read through the entire Franchise Agreement. This Franchise Agreement creates legal obligations that you must follow. We recommend that you consult with a legal professional to ensure that you understand these obligations. If you have any questions, or if you do not understand a certain provision or section, please review it with us or your legal and financial advisors before you sign this Franchise Agreement.

This Franchise Agreement has defined terms. A defined term is a shorthand reference within a document that refers to another name or idea in the document. Defined terms are underlined and surrounded by double quotes, typically with capitalized first letters, and may be contained in parentheses throughout the Franchise Agreement.

2. GRANT OF FRANCHISE

As a Bubbly Paws franchisee, you will operate a Bubbly Paws business that provides full service pet grooming services and self-service pet washing and sells ancillary retail products ("<u>Franchised Business</u>"). The Franchised Business will operate under our service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, slogans and commercial symbols as we may from time to time authorize or direct you to use in connection with the operation (the "Marks").

We hereby grant you a non-exclusive license to own and operate a Franchised Business using the business formats, methods, procedures, signs, designs, standards, specifications, distinguishing elements, and intellectual property (the "System") that we authorize from a single location that we approve ("Premises") strictly in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Franchise Agreement You recognize and acknowledge the distinctive significance to the public of the System and Marks and acknowledge and understand our high and uniform standards of quality, appearance and service to the value of the System. You acknowledge that we may change, improve or otherwise modify the System as we deem appropriate in our discretion and you agree to promptly accept and comply with any such changes, improvements or modifications. You further acknowledge that our grant to operate a Franchised Business is based on the representations contained in your application. You acknowledge and agree that this Franchise Agreement does not grant you the right or option to open any additional Franchised Businesses or any right to sublicense or subfranchise any of the rights we grant you in this Franchise Agreement. You may only open an additional Franchised Business under a separate franchise agreement with us, which we may grant in our sole discretion.



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3. FRANCHISEE AS ENTITY

3.1 Entity Representations

For purpose of this Franchise Agreement, "Owner(s)" means any person holding a direct or indirect ownership interest (whether of record, beneficially, or otherwise) or voting rights in you, this Franchise Agreement, or the Franchised Business. If you are a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other form of business entity ("Entity"), you agree and represent that:

- 3.1.1 <u>Authority.</u> You have the authority to execute, deliver, and perform your obligations under this Franchise Agreement and all related agreements and are duly organized or formed, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the state of your incorporation or formation.
- 3.1.2 <u>Company Documents.</u> At our request, you will furnish copies of all documents and contracts governing the rights and obligations of your Owners (such as, Articles of Incorporation or Organization and partnership, operating or shareholder agreements or similar documents, the "<u>Company Documents</u>"). You will not alter, change, or amend your Company Documents, without obtaining our prior written approval, which approval we will not unreasonably deny or withhold, and will grant if such changes will not prevent you from performing your obligations under this Franchise Agreement.
- 3.1.3 <u>Transfer Restrictions.</u> Your Company Documents will recite that this Franchise Agreement restricts the issuance and transfer of any ownership interests in you, and all certificates and other documents representing ownership interests in you will bear a legend referring to this Franchise Agreement's restrictions.
- 3.1.4 <u>Naming.</u> You agree not to use the name "Bubbly Paws" or any similar wording in the name of your Entity.
- 3.1.5 <u>Owner Identification.</u> You certify that <u>Attachment B</u> to this Franchise Agreement completely and accurately describes all of your Owners and their interests in you as of the Effective Date. You agree to sign and deliver to us a revised <u>Attachment B</u> to reflect any permitted changes in the information that Attachment B now contains.
- 3.1.6 <u>Single Purpose Entity.</u> The Franchised Business will be the only business that the Entity may operate, and your organizational documents must reflect this (although the Owners in the Entity may have other business interests subject to any restrictions on competitive businesses contained in this Franchise Agreement).
- 3.1.7 <u>Franchise Owner Agreement.</u> All Owners and their spouses must sign the Franchise Owner Agreement, attached as <u>Attachment C</u> to this Franchise Agreement. You agree that, if any person or Entity ceases to be one of your Owners, or if any individual or Entity becomes an Owner of you (such ownership change must comply with the "<u>Transfer Conditions</u>" discussed later in this Franchise Agreement), you will require the new Owner (and the new Owner's spouse) to execute all documents required by us, including the Franchise Owner Agreement.
- 3.1.8 <u>No Offerings.</u> You agree that you will not offer any securities (in a public or private offering or otherwise) or engage in any type of fundraising (like crowdfunding) without our prior written consent, which may be withheld in our sole discretion.



4. TERRITORIAL RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS

We may grant you a designated territory consisting of the geographic area identified in <u>Attachment A</u> ("<u>Territory</u>"). If you receive a Territory for the Franchised Business, we will not operate, or grant a franchise or license to a third party to operate, a Franchised Business that is physically located within your Territory, except as otherwise provided in this Section. We, and our affiliates, have the right to operate, and to license others to operate, Franchised Businesses at any location outside the Territory, even if doing so will or might affect your operation of your Franchised Business.

We retain all territorial rights not expressly granted to you. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to (i) to own, franchise, or operate Franchised Businesses at any location outside of the Territory, regardless of the proximity to your Franchised Business; (ii) to use the Marks and the System to sell any products or services, similar to those which you will sell, through any alternate channels of distribution within or outside of the Territory, including, but not limited to, other channels of distribution such as television, mail order, catalog sales, wholesale to unrelated retail outlets, or over the Internet; (iii) to use and license the use of other proprietary and non-Marks or methods which are not the same as or confusingly similar to the Marks, at any location, including within the Territory, which may be similar to or different from the Franchised Business; (iv) to engage in any transaction, including to purchase or be purchased by, merge or combine with, to convert to the System or be converted into a new system with any business whether franchised or corporately owned, including a business that competes directly or indirectly with your Franchised Business, whether located inside or outside the Territory, provided that any competing businesses located inside the Territory will not operate under the Marks; (v) to implement multi-area marketing programs which may allow us or others to solicit or sell to customers anywhere; and (vi) to engage in any other business activities not expressly prohibited by this Franchise Agreement. We are not required to pay you compensation for soliciting or accepting orders inside your Territory, or for exercising any of our rights within or outside of your Territory.

If your Franchised Business will be located in a "Metropolitan Area" or is operated from a "Non-Traditional Location," you will not receive a Territory. "Metropolitan Area" means any area in which the population during any 24-hour period exceeds 50,000 persons per square mile. A "Non-Traditional Location" means a location other than a standard brick and mortar retail location that is within another primary business or in conjunction with other businesses or at institutional settings, including toll roads, train stations, amusement parks, and all properties controlled by the amusement park, travel stations, hotels and motels, ships, ports, piers, casinos, stadiums, airports, theaters, big box retailers, building supply stores, warehouse club stores, colleges and universities, schools, hospitals, military and other governmental facilities, office or in-plant food service facilities, shopping mall food courts operated by a master concessionaire, grocery stores, outlet malls, supermarkets and convenience stores and any site for which the lessor, owner or operator shall have indicated its intent to prefer or limit the operation of its food service facilities to a master concessionaire or contract food service provider.

5. TERM AND RENEWAL

5.1 Generally

The term of this Franchise Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and continue for 10 years ("<u>Term</u>"). If this Franchise Agreement is the initial franchise agreement for your Franchised Business, you may enter into a maximum of two successor franchise agreements (a "<u>Successor Franchise Agreement</u>"), as long as you meet the conditions for renewal specified below. The Successor Franchise Agreement shall be the current form of franchise agreement that we use in granting Bubbly Paws franchises as of the expiration of the Term. The terms and conditions of the Successor Franchise Agreement may vary



materially and substantially from the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement. Each successor term will be five years. If you are signing this Franchise Agreement as a Successor Franchise Agreement, the references to "Term" shall mean the applicable renewal term of the Successor Franchise Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, you will have no further right to operate your Franchised Business following the expiration of the successor term unless we grant you the rights to enter into another franchise agreement, in our sole discretion. If you are renewing a prior franchise agreement with us under this Franchise Agreement, the renewal provisions in your initial franchise agreement will dictate the length of the Term of this Franchise Agreement, as well as your remaining renewal rights, if any.

5.2 Renewal Requirements

In order to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement, you must:

- 5.2.1 <u>Notice.</u> Notify us in writing of your desire to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement not less than 60 days nor more than 180 days before the expiration of the Term;
- 5.2.2 <u>No Defaults.</u> Not be in default under this Franchise Agreement or any other agreement with us or any affiliate of ours at the time you send the renewal notice or the time you sign the Successor Franchise Agreement and have received no more than three separate written notices of default from us in the 12-month period preceding your renewal notice or at the time you sign the Successor Franchise Agreement;
- 5.2.3 <u>Successor Franchise Agreement.</u> Sign the Successor Franchise Agreement and all ancillary documents that we require franchisees to sign;
- 5.2.4 <u>General Release.</u> Sign our current form of general release which contains a release of all claims by you and your individual owners (if applicable) against us and our affiliates and subsidiaries, and our and their respective members, officers, directors, agents and employees, in both their corporate and individual capacities;
- 5.2.5 <u>Renewal Fee.</u> Pay us a non-refundable renewal fee of \$3,000 at the time you sign the Successor Franchise Agreement;
- 5.2.6 <u>Modifications.</u> At least 60 days but not more than 180 days before the expiration of the Term, you must renovate, upgrade any equipment, tools, technology and other operations to comply with our then-current standards and specifications;
- 5.2.7 <u>Premises.</u> Have the right under your lease to maintain possession of the premises where your Premises is located for the duration of the successor term; and
- 5.2.8 <u>Renovations.</u> You must also make such renovations, refurbishments and modernizations to the Premises and the Franchised Business within the time frame required by us, including the design, equipment, signs, décor, inventory, fixtures, furnishings, trade dress, presentation of Marks, supplies and other products and materials as necessary to meet our then-current System standards for a newly opened Franchised Business.
 - 5.2.9 <u>Additional Actions.</u> Take any additional actions that we reasonably require.



5.3 **Interim Term**

If you do not sign a Successor Franchise Agreement after the expiration of the Term and you continue to accept the benefits of this Franchise Agreement, then, at our option, this Franchise Agreement may be treated either as: (i) expired as of the date of the expiration with you then operating without a valid franchise agreement and in violation of our rights; or (ii) continued on a month-to-month basis ("<u>Interim Term</u>") until either party provides the other party with 30 days' prior written notice of their intention to terminate the Interim Term. In the latter case, all of your obligations will remain in full force and effect during the Interim Term as if this Franchise Agreement had not expired, and all obligations, restrictions and covenants imposed on you upon the expiration or termination of this Franchise Agreement will be deemed to take effect upon the termination of the Interim Term. Except as permitted by this Section, you have no right to continue to operate your Franchised Business following the expiration of the Term.

6. FEES

6.1 Late Fee

If any sums due under this Franchise Agreement have not been received by us when due then, in addition to those sums, you must pay us \$100 per occurrence, plus the lesser of the daily equivalent of eighteen percent (18%) per year simple interest or the highest rate allowed by law ("<u>Late Fees</u>"). If no due date has been specified by us, then interest accrues from the original due date until payment is received in full.

6.2 **Payment Methods**

You must complete our automated clearing house (ACH) authorization form allowing us to electronically debit a bank account that you designate ("Franchise Account") for: (i) all fees payable to us under this Franchise Agreement (other than the Initial Franchise Fee); and (ii) any other amounts that you owe to us or any of our affiliates including, but not limited to, those owed for the purchase of products or services. We will debit your Franchise Account for these payments on or after the due date. You must sign and deliver to us any other documents that we or your bank may require authorizing us to debit your Franchise Account for these amounts.

You must deposit all revenue that you generate from the operation of your Franchised Business into the Franchise Account. You must make sufficient funds available for withdrawal from the Franchise Account by electronic transfer before each due date. If any check or electronic payment is not successful due to insufficient funds, stop payment or any similar event, any excess amounts that you owe will be payable upon demand, together with a non-sufficient funds fee of \$100 per occurrence plus Late Fees. If we allow you make any payment to us or our affiliate(s) by credit card for any fee required, we may charge a payment service fee of up to 4% of the total charge. We reserve the right to periodically specify (in the Franchise Operations Manual or otherwise in writing) different required payment methods for any payment due to us or our affiliates.

6.3 Payment Frequency

We reserve the right to periodically specify (in the Franchise Operations Manual or otherwise in writing) different payment frequencies (for example, weekly/biweekly/monthly payments) for any payment due to us or our affiliates.



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6.4 **Application of Payments**

We have sole discretion to apply any payments from you to any past due indebtedness of yours or in any other manner we feel appropriate. We will not be bound by any instructions for allocation you specify.

6.5 Payment Obligations

Your obligations to pay us the fees under this Franchise Agreement are absolute and unconditional, and will remain in full force and effect throughout the entire duration of this Franchise Agreement, and shall continue for such period of time thereafter as you owe us fees under this Franchise Agreement. You will have no right to offset any fees paid to us and must pay us all fees regardless of any claims you may have against us. We will have the right, at any time before or after termination of this Franchise Agreement, without notice to you, to offset any amounts or liabilities that you may owe to us against any amounts or liabilities that we may owe you under this Franchise Agreement or any other agreement, loan, transaction or relationship between the parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, you agree that you will not, on grounds of the alleged nonperformance by us of any of our obligations, withhold any fees due to us or our affiliates or amounts due to us for purchases by you or any other amounts due to us.

6.6 Gross Sales

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "Gross Sales" means the total of all revenue, income and consideration from the sale of all Franchised Business merchandise, products and services to your customers, whether or not sold or performed at or from the Franchised Business, and whether received in cash, coupon, in services in kind, from barter or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is received) or otherwise. You may deduct from Gross Sales for purposes of this computation (but only to the extent they have been included) the amount of all sales tax receipts or similar tax receipts which, by law, are chargeable to customers, if the taxes are separately stated when the customer is charged and if the taxes are paid to the appropriate taxing authority. You may also deduct from Gross Sales the amount of any documented refunds, chargebacks, credits, charged tips and allowances you give in good faith to your customers. All barter or exchange transactions in which you furnish products or services in exchange for goods or services provided to you by a vendor, supplier or customer will, for the purpose of determining Gross Sales, be valued at the full retail value of the goods or services so provided to you. Gross Sales will also include any insurance proceeds due to business interruption as a result of your Premises being closed as a result of a casualty event or any other reason.

6.7 Initial Franchise Fee

You agree to pay us the "<u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>" listed in <u>Attachment A</u> in one lump sum at the time you sign this Franchise Agreement. You may, at the time you sign this Franchise Agreement, purchase the rights to open either (1) a single Franchise; (2) up to two Franchises (a "<u>Multi-2</u>"); or (3) up to three Franchises (a "<u>Multi-3</u>"). If you purchase either a Multi-2 or Multi-3, you will sign the "<u>Multi-Franchise Addendum</u>," the form of which is attached to the Franchise Disclosure Document in Exhibit G. To open additional Bubbly Paws Businesses under a Multi-2 or Multi-3, you will be required to sign our then-current form of franchise agreement, but you will not be required to pay an Initial Franchise Fee (all other fees will apply). The Initial Franchise Fee is fully earned by us when received and is not refundable under any circumstances (even if you fail to open one or more Franchises). The Initial Franchise Fee is fully earned by us and is non-refundable once this Franchise Agreement has been signed. If this Franchise Agreement is the renewal of a prior franchise agreement with us for an existing Franchised Business or the transfer of the Franchised Business from another franchisee, then no Initial Franchise Fee is due.



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6.8 **Royalty**

You agree to pay us a graduated royalty fee ("<u>Royalty</u>") which shall be based on a percentage of your Gross Sales during the previous month, as follows: (1) from the Effective Date through the first 12 months after you first open the Franchised Business to the public, no Royalty shall be due; (2) for months 13 to 24 after opening, the Royalty shall be 3% of Gross Sales; and (3) beginning on month 25 after opening through the remainder of Term, the Royalty shall be 6% of Gross Sales. The Royalty is due on the 1st day of each month (or such other date as we designate).

6.9 **Brand Fund Contribution**

On the same day your Royalty payment is due, you must pay a "Brand Fund Contribution" of 1% of your Gross Sales. The Brand Fund Contribution will be used for the Bubbly Paws brand fund ("Brand Fund") to promote public awareness of our brand and to improve our System.

6.10 **Technology Fee**

You are required to pay us our then-current technology fee ("Technology Fee") throughout the Term of this Franchise Agreement beginning on the date your Franchised Business opens. The Technology Fee is an ongoing fee for the use of certain technologies used in the Franchised Business, including our proprietary pet profile, scheduling and tracking software, phone, in-store music, a presence on our corporate website, and up to three email addresses (additional email address shall be subject to an additional fee). We can change the software and technology that must be used by Franchised Business at any time we deem appropriate in our sole discretion, which may result in changes to the Technology Fee. An increase in third-party fees may also cause the Technology Fee to increase. You will be responsible for any increase in fees that result from any upgrades, modification, or additional software by us or by third- party vendors. We may modify the Technology Fee upon written notice to you.

You must also pay our then-current technology business solutions fees to approved suppliers for certain business solutions that will support your business efficiencies. These may include phone systems, security systems, scheduling software, employee shift/task management software, inventory solution and any other solutions we may require from time to time in the Franchise Operations Manual for your Franchised Business. We reserve the right to upgrade, modify and add new systems, which may result in additional initial and ongoing expenses that you will be responsible for. You will be responsible for any increase in fees that result from any upgrades, modifications or additional systems and for any increase in fees from third-party providers. We may include these third-party fees in the Technology Fee and pay suppliers directly on our behalf.

6.11 Franchise Starter Package

You are required to purchase a franchise starter package ("<u>Franchise Starter Package</u>") of start-up items from us for our then-current fee. The Franchise Starter Package includes our proprietary shampoo and conditioner, cleaning accessories and customer aprons, business cards, marketing postcards and other miscellaneous products. The Franchise Starter Package fee is not refundable under any circumstances.



6.12 Quality Assurance Fees

You are required to pay us any fees incurred by us related to the conduct of quality assurance programs designated by us, including periodic inspections of your Franchised Business, mystery shopper and other monitoring programs or evaluations.

6.13 Other Fees and Payments

You agree to pay all other fees, expense reimbursements, and all other amounts specified in this Franchise Agreement in a timely manner. You also agree to promptly pay us an amount equal to all taxes levied or assessed against us based upon products or services that you sell or based upon products or services that we furnish to you (other than income taxes that we pay based on amounts).

7. ESTABLISHING YOUR FRANCHISED BUSINESS

7.1 **Opening**

You must open your Franchised Business to the public within 12 months after the Effective Date. You may not open your Franchised Business before: (i) all required attendees have successfully completed the initial training program; (ii) you purchase all required insurance; (iii) you obtain all required licenses, permits and other governmental approvals required to establish, open and operate the Franchised Business; (iv) we provide our written approval of the construction, buildout and layout of your Premises; (v) and you receive our written approval.

If you believe we have failed to adequately provide pre-opening services or training to you as provided in this Franchise Agreement, you shall notify us in writing within 30 days following the opening of the Franchised Business. Absent the timely provision of such notice us, you shall be deemed to conclusively acknowledge that all pre-opening and opening services and training required to be provided by us were sufficient and satisfactory in your judgment.

7.2 Site Selection

We will provide you with advice and general specifications for identifying a suitable location for the Premises. If you and we have not agreed on a Premises as of the Effective Date, you will not receive any territory rights until we have approved the site for the Premises.

The Premises must conform to our minimum site selection criteria. You must send us a complete site report (containing the demographic, commercial and other information, photographs and videos that we may reasonably require) for your proposed site. We may require that you obtain a feasibility study for the proposed site at your sole cost. We have the right to accept or reject all proposed sites in our commercially reasonable judgment. We will use our best efforts to accept or reject a proposed site within 30 days after we receive all of the requisite materials. Your site is deemed disapproved if we fail to issue our written approval within the 30-day period. If we disapprove of the proposed site, you must select another site, subject to our consent. Our approval shall be evidenced by the execution of Attachment A-1 by you and us. You must only operate the Franchised Business at the location specified in Attachment A-1 and your Franchised Business may not offer products or services from any other location. You acknowledge that our approval of a site does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, of the suitability of the site for the Premises. Our approval of the site indicates only that we



believe the site meets our minimum criteria. You agree to locate and obtain our approval of the Premises within 180 days after the Effective Date.

7.3 Lease

If you lease the Premises, you must submit to us, in the form we specify, a description of the site, a proposed copy of the lease and such other information and materials we may reasonably require at least ten days before signing the lease. If you own, otherwise control the Premises, including the land, building and related real estate, or own 51% or more of an entity that owns, leases or otherwise controls the Premises, then you will, as the lessee, enter into a lease for the Premises for a term coextensive with the term of this Franchise Agreement. You will ensure the lease either: (1) contains the "Lease Addendum" that is attached to the franchise disclosure document in Exhibit G; or (2) incorporates the terms of the Lease Addendum into the lease for the Premises. If your landlord refuses, we have the right to disapprove of your lease, in which case you must find a new site for your Premises. You and the landlord must sign the lease and Lease Addendum within 180 days of the Effective Date.

We will only review the lease to determine that it complies with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and will not review the lease for or provide you with any business, economic, legal or real estate analysis or advice. You are solely responsible for the terms of the lease and any site acceptance letter we provide for the lease does not provide any representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, concerning the terms of the lease or the viability or suitability of the site for the Premises. You must promptly send us a copy of your fully executed lease and any Lease Addendum for our records. The lease may not be materially amended, assigned or terminated without our written approval. If the landlord terminates the lease for the Premises, that termination will constitute a material breach of this Franchise Agreement.

7.4 Construction

We will provide you with specifications for the design and layout for a Premises. You must hire an architect approved by us in order to modify these plans to comply with all local ordinances, building codes, permits requirements, and lease requirements and restrictions applicable to the Premises. You must first review and accept the architect's drafted floor plan and submit your floor plan to us for our review and acceptance. Once we accept your floor plan, the architect must develop your full construction drawings for the Premises. Upon your review and acceptance, you must submit your construction drawings to us for our final review and approval. Once we accept your floor plan and approve your construction drawings, drawings and specifications may not be changed or modified without our prior written approval. Once accepted by us, you must, at your sole expense, construct and equip the Premises to the specifications contained in the Franchise Operations Manual and purchase (or lease) and install the equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signs and other items that we require. All exterior and interior signs of the Premises must comply with the specifications that we provide to you. We must approve the architects, contractors and other suppliers you use to construct your Premises. You agree to provide us with weekly status updates as to construction of the Premises. You acknowledge these requirements are necessary and reasonable to preserve the identity, reputation and goodwill we developed and the value of the Bubbly Paws System. We must approve the layout of your Premises prior to opening. We may conduct a pre-opening inspection of your Premises and you agree to make any changes we require before opening.

7.5 Catastrophe

If your Premises is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty and the Term of this Franchise Agreement and the lease for your Premises has at least two years remaining, you will: (i) within 30 days



after the date of such destruction or damage of your Premises, commence all repairs and reconstruction necessary to restore the Premises to its condition prior to such casualty; or (ii) relocate the Premises pursuant to the relocation provisions contained in this Section and the Term shall be extended for the period from the date the Premises closed due to the destruction or damage until it reopens.

7.6 Use of Premises

You may not use your Premises or permit your Premises to be used for any purpose other than offering the products and services that we authorize and you may only offer the products and services that we authorize from your Premises.

7.7 Relocation

You may relocate your Premises within your Territory with our prior written approval, which we will not unreasonably withhold. If we allow you to relocate within your Territory, you must: (i) comply with all requirements of the Franchise Agreement with respect to the selection, construction and decoration your new Bubbly Paws Premise; (ii) open your new Premises and resume operations within 30 days after closing your prior Premises; and (iii) reimburse us for our reasonable expenses (including attorney fees and costs). You may not relocate your Premises outside of your Territory without our prior written approval, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. We may require that your Territory be modified as a condition to our approval of you relocating your Premises. Upon our approval of the relocation of your Premises, Attachment A shall be updated with the new location (and Territory, if necessary), and the remainder of this Franchise Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

8. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

8.1 **Initial Training Program**

We will provide our initial training program at no charge for up to three people so long as all persons attend the initial training program simultaneously. The initial training program must be completed after you sign the lease for your Franchised Business, but no later than two weeks prior to opening the Franchised Business to the public. You must pay us our then-current training fee as specified in our Franchise Operations Manual for: (i) each additional person that attends our initial training program before you open; (ii) each additional person that attends after you open your Franchised Business; and (iii) any person who must retake training after failing to successfully complete training on a prior attempt.

8.2 Additional Training

We may offer periodic refresher training courses or develop additional training courses. Attendance at these training programs may be optional or mandatory. You may be required to pay the then-current fee for this training as specified in our Franchise Operations Manual.

8.3 Requested Training

Upon your written request, we may provide additional assistance or training to you at a mutually convenient time. You may be required to pay the then-current fee for this training as specified in our Franchise Operations Manual.



8.4 Remedial Training

If we determine, in our sole discretion, that you are not operating your Franchised Business in compliance with this Franchise Agreement and/or the Franchise Operations Manual, we may require that you, your employees and other designees attend remedial training that is relevant to your operational deficiencies. You must pay us the then-current training fee as specified in our Franchise Operations Manual.

8.5 Conferences

We may hold periodic national or regional conferences to discuss various business issues and operational and general business concerns affecting Bubbly Paws franchisees. Attendance at these conferences may be mandatory or optional. You are responsible for paying our then-current conference fee, whether or not you attend the conference in any given year.

8.6 Training Expenses

You are solely responsible for all expenses and costs that your trainees incur for all trainings and conferences under this Section, including wages, travel, lodging, food and living expenses. You also agree to reimburse us for all expenses and costs that we incur to travel to your Franchised Business under this Section, including travel, food, lodging and living expenses. All training fees and expense reimbursements must be paid to us within ten days after invoicing.

9. OTHER FRANCHISOR ASSISTANCE

9.1 Franchise Operations Manual

We will lend you our confidential franchise operations manual (the "Franchise Operations Manual") in text or electronic form for the Term of this Franchise Agreement. The Franchise Operations Manual will help you establish and operate your Franchised Business in accordance with the System. The information in the Franchise Operations Manual is confidential and proprietary and may not be disclosed to third parties without our prior written approval. The Franchise Operations Manual may be updated and modified throughout the Term, both formally through amendments to the Franchise Operations Manual and informally through email or other written materials we make available to you. You acknowledge that your compliance with the Franchise Operations Manual is vitally important to us and other System franchisees and is necessary to protect our reputation and the goodwill of the Marks and to maintain the uniform quality of operation throughout the System.

You agree to establish and operate your Franchised Business strictly in accordance with the Franchise Operations Manual. The Franchise Operations Manual may contain, among other things: (i) a description of the authorized products and services that you may offer at your Franchised Business; (ii) mandatory and suggested specifications, operating procedures, and quality standards for goods, products, services, that you use or offer at your Franchised Business; (iii) policies and procedures that we prescribe from time to time for our franchisees; (iv) mandatory reporting and insurance requirements; (v) policies and procedures pertaining to any gift card program that we establish; and (vi) a written list of furniture, fixtures, equipment, products and services (or specifications for such items) you must purchase for the development and operation of your Franchised Business and a list of any designated or approved suppliers for such items. The Franchise Operations Manual is designed to establish and protect our brand standards and the uniformity and quality of the products and services offered by our franchisees. We can modify the Franchise Operations Manual at any time. The modifications will become binding immediately when we



send you notice of the modification. All mandatory provisions contained in the Franchise Operations Manual (whether they are included now or in the future) are binding on you. You agree to If the copy of the Franchise Operations Manual loaned to you is lost, stolen, destroyed or significantly damaged before you return it to us, you must pay us a \$500 replacement fee.

While the Franchise Operations Manual is intended to protect our reputation and goodwill of the Marks, you will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of your Franchised Business and the Franchise Operations Manual is not designed to control the day-to-day operation of the Franchised Business.

9.2 General Guidance

We will, upon reasonable request, provide advice or guidance regarding your Franchised Business's operation based on reports or inspections or discussions with you. We will provide reasonable marketing consulting, guidance and support throughout the Term that we deem appropriate. Any advice will be given during our regular business hours and via written materials, electronic media, telephone or other methods, in our discretion.

9.3 Website

We will maintain a website for Franchised Businesses that will include the information about your Franchised Business that we deem appropriate. We may modify the content of and/or discontinue the website at any time in our sole discretion. We are only required to reference your Franchised Business on our website while you are in full compliance with this Franchise Agreement and all System standards. We must approve all content about your Franchised Business. We will own the website (including any webpages for your Franchised Business) and domain names at all times. We intend that any franchisee website will be accessed only through this website.

9.4 **Supplier Agreements**

We may, but are not required to, negotiate agreements with suppliers to obtain products or services for our franchisees. If we succeed in negotiating an agreement, we may arrange for you to be able to purchase the products directly from the supplier. We may receive rebates from these suppliers based on your purchases. We may also purchase certain items from suppliers in bulk and resell them to you at our cost (including overhead and salaries), plus shipping fees and a reasonable markup, in our sole discretion.

10. MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING

10.1 **Owner Participation**

If you are an Entity, you must designate an Owner who will be principally responsible for communicating with us about the Franchised Business ("Responsible Owner"). If you are an individual, you are the Responsible Owner. The Responsible Owner must have the authority and responsibility for the day-to-day operations of your Franchised Business and must have at least ten percent (10%) equity. You acknowledge that a major requirement for the success of your Franchised Business is the active, continuing and substantial personal involvement and hands-on supervision by your Responsible Owner, who must at all times be actively involved in the operation of the Franchised Business on a full-time basis and provide on-site management and supervision, unless we permit you to delegate management functions to a Franchise Manager, see below. The Responsible Owner and Franchise Manager (if applicable) must attend and successfully complete the initial training program. If you appoint a new Responsible Owner, the new Responsible Owner, must attend and successfully complete our then-current initial training program.



10.2 Franchise Manager

You may hire a manager to assume responsibility for the daily in-person on-site management and supervision of your Franchised Business ("<u>Franchise Manager</u>"), but only if: (i) we approve the Franchise Manager in our commercially reasonable discretion; (ii) the Franchise Manager successfully completes the initial training program; and (iii) your Responsible Owner agrees to assume responsibility for the on-site management and supervision of your Franchised Business if the Franchise Manager is unable to perform his or her duties due to death, disability, termination of employment, or for any other reason, until such time that you obtain a suitable replacement Franchise Manager. If you hire a new Franchise Manager, the new Franchise Manager must attend and successfully complete our then-current initial training program.

10.3 **Staff**

You must determine appropriate staffing levels for your Franchised Business to ensure full compliance with this Franchise Agreement and our System standards. You are solely responsible to hire, train and supervise employees or independent contractors to assist you with the proper operation of the Franchised Business. You must pay all wages, commissions, fringe benefits, worker's compensation premiums and payroll taxes (and other withholdings levied or fixed by any city, state or federal governmental agency, or otherwise required by law) due for your employees or as applicable, for your independent contractors. These employees and independent contractors will be employees or contractors of yours and not of ours. We do not control the day-to-day activities of your employees or independent contractors or the manner in which they perform their assigned tasks. You must inform your employees and independent contractors that you are exclusively responsible for supervising their activities and dictating the manner in which they perform their assigned tasks. In this regard, you must use your legal business entity name (not our Marks or a fictitious name) on all employee applications, paystubs, pay checks, employment agreements, consulting agreements, time cards and similar items.

You have sole responsibility and authority for all employment-related decisions, including employee selection and promotion, firing, hours worked, rates of pay and other benefits, work assignments, training and working conditions, compliance with wage and hour requirements, personnel policies, recordkeeping, supervision and discipline. We will not provide you with any advice or guidance on these matters. You must require your employees and independent contractors to review and sign any acknowledgment form we prescribe that explains the nature of the franchise relationship and notifies the employee or independent contractor that you are his or her sole employer. You must also post a conspicuous notice for employees and independent contractors in the back-of-the-house area explaining your franchise relationship with us and that you (and not we) are the sole employer. We may prescribe the form and content of this notice. You agree that any direction you receive from us regarding employment/engagement policies should be considered as examples, that you alone are responsible for establishing and implementing your own policies, and that you understand that you should do so in consultation with local legal counsel competent in employment law.

10.4 Assumption of Management

10.4.1 <u>Interim Manager.</u> In order to prevent any interruption of operations which would cause harm to Franchised Business, thereby depreciating the value thereof, we have the right, but not the obligation, to step-in and designate an individual or individuals of our choosing ("<u>Interim Manager</u>") for so long as we deem necessary and practical to temporarily manage your Franchised Business ("<u>Step-In Rights</u>"): (i) if you fail to comply with any System standard or provision of this Franchise Agreement and do not cure the failure within the time period specified by the Franchise Agreement or us; (ii) if we determine in our sole judgment that the operation of your Franchised Business is in jeopardy; (iii) if we



determine in our sole discretion that operational problems require that we operate your Franchised Business; (iv) if you abandon or fail to actively operate your Franchised Business; (v) upon your Responsible Owner or your Franchise Manager's absence, termination, illness, death, incapacity or disability; (vi) if we deem your Responsible Owner or your Franchise Manager incapable of operating your Franchised Business; or (vii) upon a "Crisis Management Event."

A "<u>Crisis Management Event</u>" means any event or series of events that occurs at the Franchised Business that has or may cause harm or injury to customers or employees, or any other circumstance which may damage the System, Marks or image or reputation of the Franchised Business or us or our affiliates. We may establish emergency procedures which may require you to temporarily close the Franchised Business to the public, in which case you agree that we will not be held liable to you for any losses or costs. You agree to notify us immediately by telephone and email upon the occurrence of a Crisis Management Event.

10.4.2 Step-In Rights. If we exercise the Step-In Rights: (i) you agree to pay us, in addition to all other amounts due under this Franchise Agreement, an amount equal to \$250 per day per Interim Manager that manages your Franchised Business ("Management Fee"), plus the Interim Manager's direct out-of-pocket costs and expenses; (ii) all monies from the operation of your Franchised Business during such period of operation by us shall be kept in a separate account, and the expenses of the Franchised Business, including compensation and direct out-of-pocket costs and expenses for the Interim Manager, shall be charged to said account; (iii) you acknowledge that the Interim Manager will have a duty to utilize only reasonable efforts and will not be liable to you or your owners for any debts, losses, or obligations your Franchised Business incurs, or to any of your creditors for any supplies, products, or other assets or services your Franchised Business purchases, while Interim Manager manages it; (iv) the Interim Manager will have no liability to you except to the extent directly caused by its gross negligence or willful misconduct. We will have no liability to you for the activities of an Interim Manager unless we are grossly negligent in appointing the Interim Manager, and you will indemnify and hold us harmless for and against any of the Interim Manager's acts or omissions, as regards to the interests of you or third parties; and (v) you agree to pay all of our reasonable attorneys' fees, accountant's fees, and other professional fees and costs incurred as a consequence of our exercise of the Step-In Rights.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent us from exercising any other right which we may have under this Franchise Agreement, including, without limitation, termination.

11. BRAND FUND

The Brand Fund is used for marketing, developing, and promoting the System, the Marks and Bubbly Paws Businesses. You will be required to pay the Brand Fund Contribution. The Brand Fund may be administered by us or our affiliate or designees, at our discretion. We may use the Brand Fund for any expenditure that we, in our sole discretion, deem necessary or appropriate to promote or improve the System or the Bubbly Paws brand or the Marks.

To illustrate, these may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) developing, maintaining, administering, directing, preparing or reviewing advertising and marketing materials, promotions and programs, including social media management; (ii) public awareness of any of the Marks; (iii) public and consumer relations and publicity; (iv) brand development; (v) research and development of technology, products and services; (vi) website development (including social media) and search engine optimization; (vii) development and implementation of quality control programs and other reputation management functions; (viii) conducting market research; (ix) changes and improvements to the System; (x) the fees and expenses of any advertising agency we engage to assist in producing or conducting advertising or marketing efforts; (xi) the proportionate salary share of our employees that devote time and provide services for



advertising, promotion, collection, accounting or administration of the Brand Fund; (xii) preparing and distributing financial accountings of the Brand Fund; (xiii) conducting quality assurance programs and other reputation management functions; and (xiv) our and our affiliates' expenses associated with direct or indirect labor, administrative, overhead, or other expenses incurred in relation to any of these activities. Unless specifically directed by us in writing, you must participate in all advertising, marketing, secret shopper programs, promotions, research, and public relations programs instituted by the Brand Fund.

We have sole discretion in determining the content, concepts, materials, media, endorsements, frequency, placement, location, and all other matters pertaining to any of the foregoing activities. Any surplus of monies in the Brand Fund may be invested. Any unused funds that were collected in any calendar year will be applied to the following year's funds, and we reserve the right to contribute or loan additional funds to the Brand Fund on any terms we deem reasonable. The Brand Fund is not a trust, and we have no fiduciary obligations to you with respect to our administration of the Brand Fund. An unaudited financial accounting of the operations of the Brand Fund, including deposits into and disbursements from the Brand Fund, will be prepared annually and made available to you upon written request.

We do not ensure that our expenditures from the Brand Fund in or affecting any geographic area are proportionate or equivalent to the Brand Fund Contribution by our franchisees operating in that geographic area or that any of our franchisees benefit directly or in proportion to their Brand Fund Contribution. We reserve the right to change, merge, re-form or dissolve the Brand Fund in our discretion. We will not use the Brand Fund for advertising that is principally a solicitation for the sale of franchises, but we reserve the right to include a notation in any advertisement or website indicating "franchises available" or similar phrasing. We may, upon 30 days' prior written notice to you, reduce or suspend Brand Fund Contribution and operations for one or more periods of any length and terminate and/or reinstate the Brand Fund. We will spend all amounts prior to any termination of the Brand Fund.

12. FRANCHISEE MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

12.1 Standards

All advertisements and promotions that you create or use must be completely factual and conform to the highest standards of ethical advertising and comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as well as our standards and requirements set forth in the Franchise Operations Manual. You must ensure that your advertisements and promotional materials do not infringe upon the intellectual property or legal rights of others.

12.2 **Promotional Programs**

We may periodically create advertising and sales promotion programs and materials to enhance the collective success of all Bubbly Paws franchisees operating under the System. You must participate in all such advertising and sales promotion programs in accordance with the terms and conditions that we specify. These promotional programs may require that you offer products or services at no charge or discounted rates. We may also request that you purchase and use advertisements and promotional materials that we designate for your Franchised Business.

12.3 Marketing Materials

You must order any sales and marketing material from us, or our designated suppliers (which may be an affiliate), that we require. We may create and make available to you, advertising and other marketing materials. We may charge you for these materials. We may make these materials available over the Internet



(in which case you must arrange for printing the materials and paying all printing costs). We may also enter into relationships with third-party suppliers who will create the advertising or marketing materials for your purchase.

12.4 Approval

We must approve all advertising and promotional materials that we did not prepare or previously approve (including materials that we prepared or approved and you modify) before you use them. We will be deemed to have disapproved the materials if we fail to issue our approval within five business days after receipt. You may not use any advertising or promotional materials that we have disapproved (including materials that we previously approved and later disapprove). If you use unauthorized advertising materials, you must pay a fee of \$500 per occurrence to us, or, if established, to the Brand Fund.

12.5 Local Advertising Requirement

In addition to your required Brand Fund Contribution, you must spend the greater of 2% of Gross Sales or \$3,000 per calendar quarter on local advertising to promote your Franchised Business ("Local Advertising Requirement"). If you fail to spend the Local Advertising Requirement during any three-month period, you will be required to pay the difference between the amount you spent and your Local Advertising Requirement for the applicable three-month period to the Brand Fund. You agree to participate at your own expense in all advertising, promotional and marketing programs that we require, which may require that you offer products or services for sale at discounted prices or at no charge.

12.6 Grand Opening Advertising

You are required to spend a minimum of \$2,500 on approved grand opening marketing, advertising and promotion for your Franchised Business ("Grand Opening Program") during the period commencing 60 days prior to the opening of your Franchised Business and ending seven days after the date on which your Franchised Business opens for business. We will consult with you in connection with your Grand Opening Program. You agree to provide us with an accounting (in the form prescribed by us) of your expenditures for grand opening marketing, advertising and promotion upon our request. All expenditures for grand opening marketing, advertising and promotion will be in addition to your other marketing, advertising and promotion obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

12.7 Online Advertising

You may not maintain a separate website, conduct e-commerce, or otherwise maintain a presence on the Internet in connection with your Franchised Business without our express written permission, which we may revoke at any time, in our sole discretion. Any website that we permit you to establish will be subject to all of your marketing and advertising requirements under this Franchise Agreement and the Franchise Operations Manual. If you wish to utilize social media or advertise online, you must follow our online policy which is contained in our Franchise Operations Manual. Our online policy may change as technology and the Internet changes. We may require that you utilize our designated supplier for social media marketing services, at your expense. You may not use the Marks in any fundraising campaign, including crowdfunding. We may restrict your use of social media. We restrict your ability to independently market on the Internet, and we may not allow you to use any domain name, address, locator, link, metatag or search technique with words or symbols similar to the Marks.



12.8 Advertising Cooperative

You are required to participate in any advertising cooperative that we require for the purpose of creating and/or purchasing advertising programs for the benefit of all franchisees operating within a particular region. Members of the cooperative will be responsible for administering the cooperative, including determining the amount of contributions from each member. We may require that each cooperative operate with governing documents and prepare annual unaudited financial statements. We have the right to form, change, dissolve or merge any advertising cooperative. Your participation in any cooperative must be in compliance with the provisions of the Franchise Operations Manual, which we may periodically modify at our discretion. We have the right to determine the composition of all geographic territories and market areas for each advertising cooperative. Franchisees in each cooperative will contribute an amount to the cooperative for each Franchised Business that the franchisee owns that exists within any cooperative's geographic area. Each Bubbly Paws business we own that exists within the cooperative will contribute to the cooperative on the same basis as franchisees. Any payments to an advertising cooperative will count towards your Local Advertising Requirement.

12.9 Advisory Council

We have the right to form, change, merge or dissolve an advisory council ("Council") at any time, in our sole discretion, to advise us on advertising policies and to promote communications between us and all franchisees. Any such Council will be governed by bylaws that will specify that members of the Council would consist of both franchisees and franchisor representatives and will specify the manner in which members are selected, subject to any changes to such bylaws or structure that we deem necessary in our sole discretion. Any Council would serve in an advisory capacity only. We may grant the Council any operation or decision-making powers that we deem appropriate.

13. BRAND STANDARDS

13.1 Generally

You agree to operate your Franchised Business: (i) in a manner that will promote the goodwill of the Marks; and (ii) in full compliance with our standards and all other terms of this Franchise Agreement and the Franchise Operations Manual. Any required standards exist to protect our interests in the System and the Marks, and not for the purpose of establishing any control or duty to take control over those matters that are reserved to you. The required standards generally will be set forth in the Franchise Operations Manual or other written materials and may be periodically modified over the Term. In order to protect our interests in the System and Marks, we reserve the right to determine if you are meeting a required standard and whether an alternative is suitable to any recommendations or guidelines.

13.2 Authorized Products and Services

The products or services offered by the Franchised Business are subject to change and we do not represent that your Franchised Business will always be permitted or required to offer all of the products or services currently offered. You agree to offer all products and services that we require from time to time. You may not offer any other products or services at your Franchised Business without our prior written permission. We may, without obligation to do so, add, modify or delete authorized products and services, and you must do the same upon notice from us. You may incur additional expenses to offer new products or services. Our addition, modification or deletion of one or more products or services shall not constitute a termination of this Franchise Agreement. You will not enter into any agreements with any third parties



that can process orders for you on your behalf without our express written permission, which we may revoke at any time, in our sole discretion. We may, but are not required to, create Bubbly Paws proprietary products for sale at your Franchised Business. If we develop any of these products, you agree to maintain a reasonable inventory of these items at all times.

13.3 Suppliers and Purchasing

You agree to purchase or lease all products, supplies, equipment, services, and other items specified in the Franchise Operations Manual. If required by the Franchise Operations Manual, you agree to purchase or lease certain products and services only from suppliers designated or approved by us (which may include, or be limited exclusively to, us or our affiliates). You acknowledge that our right to specify the suppliers that you may use and add or remove suppliers is necessary and desirable so that we can control the uniformity and quality of products and services used, sold or distributed in connection with the development and ongoing operation of your Franchised Business, maintain the confidentiality of our trade secrets, obtain discounted prices for our franchisees if we choose to do so, and protect the reputation and goodwill associated with the System and the Marks. If we receive rebates or other financial consideration from these suppliers based upon your purchases or any other of our franchisee's purchases, we have no obligation to pass these amounts on to you or to use them for your benefit.

If you wish to purchase any items or supplies from a supplier that we have not approved or wish to offer any new product or service that we have not authorized in writing, you must send us a written notice specifying the supplier's name and qualifications or product or service information and provide any additional information that we request. We will approve or reject your request within 30 days after we receive your notice and all additional information (and samples) that we require. We shall be deemed to have rejected your request if we fail to issue our approval within the 30-day period. You must reimburse us for all costs and expenses that we incur in reviewing a proposed supplier within ten days after invoicing. We may revoke approval of any supplier, product or service in our sole discretion in which case you must stop purchasing from such supplier.

13.4 Equipment Maintenance and Changes

You agree to keep any equipment used in the operation of your Franchised Business in good condition and promptly replace or repair any equipment that is damaged, worn out or obsolete. We may require that you add new equipment or change, upgrade or replace your equipment, which may require you to make additional investments. You acknowledge that our ability to require franchisees to make significant changes to their equipment is critical to our ability to administer and change the System, and you agree to comply with any such required change within the time period that we reasonably prescribe.

13.5 Hours of Operation

You must keep your Franchised Business open for the minimum hours and minimum days of operation as specified in the Franchise Operations Manual, which may change over the Term. Your Franchised Business must be open every day of the year, other than those approved national holidays listed in the Franchise Operations Manual, unless otherwise agreed to by us. We may require you to establish specific hours of operation and submit those hours to us for approval.

13.6 Customer Issues

You acknowledge the importance to the System and uniform standards of quality, service and customer satisfaction, and recognize the necessity of opening and operating a Bubbly Paws Business in



conformity with the System. You agree to manage the Franchised Business in an ethical and honorable manner and ensure that all those working at the Franchised Business provide courteous and professional service to customers. If you receive a customer complaint, you must promptly follow the complaint resolution process that we specify to protect the goodwill associated with the Marks. Also, if we are contacted by a customer of your Franchised Business who wishes to lodge a complaint, we reserve the right to address the customer's complaint in order to preserve goodwill and prevent damage to the Marks. Our right to address complaints may include refunding money to a dissatisfied customer, in which case you must reimburse us for these amounts including the value of any gift card, refund or other value we provide to the customer as part of addressing the issue.

We may contact any customer of your Franchised Business at any time for any purpose. We, or our authorized representative, shall have the right, during regular business hours, or at such other times as may be mutually agreed upon by you and us, to inspect all client lists and documents and records related to the Franchised Business. Upon reasonable request, you must furnish to us in whatever format we require, all client information and records for the Franchised Business, both active and inactive, which shall include, but not be limited to, names, addresses, and telephone numbers of such clients ("Customer List"). You acknowledge and agree that we are the sole owner of the Customer List and that you shall not use the Customer List for any purpose other than for the operation of the Franchised Business or distribute, in any form or manner, the Customer List to any third party without our prior written consent.

13.7 Standards Compliance

You acknowledge the importance of every one of our standards and operating procedures to the reputation and integrity of the System and the goodwill associated with the Marks.

13.8 Payment Vendors and Data Security

You agree to maintain, at all times, credit card relationships with the credit and debit card issuers or sponsors, check or credit verification services, payment providers, financial center services, merchant service providers, loyalty and gift cards, and electronic fund transfer systems (together, "Payment Vendors") that we may periodically designate as mandatory. The term "Payment Vendors" includes, among other things, companies that provide services for electronic payment. You agree not to use any Payment Vendor for which we have not given you our prior written approval or as to which we have revoked our earlier approval. We have the right to modify our requirements and designate additional approved or required methods of payment and vendors for processing such payments, and to revoke our approval of any service provider. You agree to comply with the then-current Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards as those standards may be revised and modified by the PCI Security Standards Council, LLC, or any successor organization or standards that we may reasonably specify. Among other things, you agree to implement the enhancements, security requirements and other standards that PCI Security Standards Council, LLC (or its successor) requires of a merchant that accepts payment by credit and/or debit cards or electronic payments.

13.9 Gift Cards and Loyalty Programs

You agree to participate in our gift card and loyalty programs, if any, and agree to make gift cards and loyalty programs available for purchase and redemption at your Franchised Business subject to the policies and procedures contained in the Franchise Operations Manual.



13.10 Privacy

You agree to comply with all applicable laws pertaining to the privacy of customer, employee and transactional information ("<u>Privacy Laws</u>"). You also agree to comply with our standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws.

13.11 Remodeling

You agree to remodel and make all improvements and alterations to your Franchised Business that we reasonably require from time to time to reflect our then-current image, appearance and Premises specifications. There is no limitation on the cost of any remodeling that we may require. You will not install or permit to be installed on or about the Premises any furnishings, fixtures, equipment, signs, décor, ATM machines, vending machines, video games, juke boxes, public telephone or other type of vending machine, whether or not coin-operated, or the like that we have not previously approved. You will be required to pay a Royalty on the revenues you receive from any approved machines. You may not remodel or significantly alter your Premises without our prior written approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld. However, we will not be required to approve any proposed remodeling or alteration if the same would not conform to our then-current standards, specifications or image requirements. You agree to complete any remodel of the Premises within nine months after receiving our written request specifying the requirements.

13.12 Mystery Shopper

At any time, we reserve the right to engage the services of one or more mystery shoppers or quality assurance inspection firms who will inspect your Franchised Business for quality control purposes. These inspections may address a variety of issues, including, but not limited to, quality, customer service, safety, sanitation, and inventory rotation. You agree that we may conduct such inspections with or without prior notice to you. You agree to fully cooperate with any such inspection.

13.13 Premises Maintenance

You agree to maintain your Premises in good order and condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and make all necessary repairs, including replacements, renewals and alterations at your sole expense, to comply with our standards and specifications. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, you agree to take the following actions at your sole expense: (i) thorough cleaning, repainting and redecorating of the interior and exterior of the Premises at the intervals we may prescribe (or at such earlier times that such actions are required or advisable); and (ii) interior and exterior repair of the Premises as needed. You agree to comply with any maintenance, cleaning or facility upkeep schedule that we prescribe from time to time.

14. TECHNOLOGY

14.1 **Technology**

You must utilize the technology, including software, computer hardware and components, point of sale system, cash register(s), communication equipment, and other related accessories or peripheral equipment (collectively, "<u>Technology</u>") that we require. We may change the Technology that you must use for your Franchised Business at any time. You will utilize the Technology in connection with the Franchised Business pursuant to our policies and procedures as contained in the Franchise Operations



Manual. You are required to pay the Technology Fee for the use of certain technologies used in the operation of your Franchised Business. For other required Technology, you agree at your expense to use any approved supplier that we require. We may change or add approved suppliers of this Technology at any time, in our sole discretion. You will, at your expense, purchase and maintain any required communication services, Internet services (including the requirement to maintain a high-speed Internet connection), dedicated telephone and power lines. You acknowledge and agree that changes to Technology are dynamic and not predictable within the Term of this Franchise Agreement. In order to provide for inevitable but unpredictable changes to technological needs and opportunities, you agree that we will have the right to establish, in writing, reasonable new standards for the implementation of Technology in the System and you agree to comply with those reasonable new standards that we establish as if we periodically revised this Section for that purpose. You will keep the Technology in good maintenance and repair, and you will promptly install, at your expense, any additions, changes, modifications or substitutions to Technology, as we may specify periodically. There is no limitation on the frequency and cost of your obligation to maintain, update or upgrade your Technology or its components. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for protecting your Franchised Business from computer viruses, bugs, failures, data breaches and attacks by hackers and other unauthorized intruders in the Technology.

14.2 **Proprietary Software**

We may also develop proprietary software or technology that must be used by Bubbly Paws franchisees. If this occurs, you agree to enter into a license agreement with us (or an affiliate of ours) and pay us (or our affiliate) commercially reasonable licensing, support and maintenance fees. The terms of the license agreement will govern the terms pursuant to which you may utilize this software or technology. We also reserve the right to enter into a master software or technology license agreement with a third-party licensor and then sublicense the software or technology to you, in which case we may charge you for all amounts that we must pay to the licensor based on your use of the software or technology.

14.3 Our Access

You will provide any assistance we require to connect to the Technology. We will have the right at any time to retrieve data and other information from your Technology as we, in our sole discretion, deem necessary or desirable. You shall ensure that we have access at all times to any Technology that we request, at your cost. You must provide us with any and all requested codes, passwords and information necessary to access your Technology. You must receive our prior approval before changing such codes, passwords and other necessary information.

15. TRANSFER BY US

This Franchise Agreement is fully assignable by us (without prior notice to you) and shall inure to the benefit of any assignee(s) or other legal successor(s) to our interest in this Franchise Agreement; provided that we shall, subsequent to any such assignment, remain liable for the performance of our obligations under this Franchise Agreement up to the effective date of the assignment. We may also delegate some or all of our obligations under this Franchise Agreement to one or more designees without assigning this Franchise Agreement.



16. TRANSFER BY YOU

16.1 Approval

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "<u>Transfer</u>" means any direct or indirect, voluntary or involuntary (including by judicial award, order or decree) assignment, sale, conveyance, subdivision, sublicense or other transfer or disposition of the Franchise Agreement, the Franchised Business (or any portion thereof), or a direct or indirect ownership interest in an Entity that is the franchisee (or any interest therein), including by merger or consolidation, by issuance of additional securities representing an ownership interest in the Entity that is the franchisee, or by operation of law, will or a trust upon the death of an Owner (including the laws of intestate succession).

Neither you nor any Owner may engage in any Transfer without our prior written approval. Any Transfer without our approval shall be void and constitute a breach of this Franchise Agreement. Our consent to a Transfer shall not constitute a waiver of any claims we may have against you or the Owners, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of our right to demand exact compliance with any of the terms or conditions of the Franchise Agreement by the transferee.

16.2 Our Right of First Refusal

If you or an Owner desires to engage in a Transfer, you or the Owner, as applicable, must obtain a bona fide, signed written offer from the fully disclosed purchaser and submit an exact copy of the offer to us. We will have 30 days after receipt of the offer to decide whether we will purchase the Franchised Business (our "Right of First Refusal"). If we notify you that we intend to purchase the Franchised Business within such 30-day period, you or the Owner, as applicable, must sell the Franchised Business to us on the same terms as are contained in the offer that you received; provided that we may substitute cash for any non-cash form of payment proposed in the offer.

We will have at least an additional 30 days to conduct a due diligence review and to prepare for closing. You agree to provide us with all information and records that we request concerning the Franchised Business, and we will have the absolute right to terminate the obligation to purchase the Franchised Business for any reason during the due diligence period. You and we will act in good faith to agree on the terms and conditions of the written offer, and closing will take place on the 61st day following receipt of your offer. We will be entitled to receive from you or the Owner, as applicable, all customary representations and warranties given by you as the seller of the assets or the Owner as the seller of the ownership interest or, at our election, the representations and warranties contained in the offer. If we do not exercise our right of first refusal, you or the Owner, as applicable, may complete the Transfer to the purchaser pursuant to and on the terms of the offer, subject to the requirements of this Section (including our approval of the transferee). However, if the sale to the purchaser is not completed within 120 days after delivery of the offer to us, or there is a material change in the terms of the sale, we will again have the Right of First Refusal specified in this Section.

Our Right of First Refusal is fully transferable by us to any affiliate or third party.

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16.3 Transfer Conditions

We will not unreasonably withhold our approval of any proposed Transfer; provided that the following conditions are all satisfied ("<u>Transfer Conditions</u>"):

- 16.3.1 <u>Written Notice.</u> You have provided us with written notice of the proposed Transfer at least 45 days prior to the transaction. You must also submit a copy of the proposed purchase agreement together with all supporting documents and schedules between you and the proposed transferee to us for our review to ensure that the Transfer does not violate any term of this Franchise Agreement.
- 16.3.2 <u>Qualified Transferee.</u> The proposed transferee is, in our opinion, an individual of good moral character who has sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to own and operate a Franchised Business and otherwise meets all of our then-applicable standards for franchisees and the purchase price and terms of the proposed transfer must not be so burdensome to the prospective transferee as to impair or threaten the future operation of the Franchised Business.
- 16.3.3 <u>Monetary Obligations.</u> All of your monetary obligations to us and our affiliates have been paid in full and you and the Owners are in full compliance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and all other agreements with us or our affiliate(s) and have cured all existing defaults of this Franchise Agreement.
- 16.3.4 <u>Training.</u> The transferee has (or if the transferee is an Entity, its approved Responsible Owner and any Franchise Manager have) successfully completed, or made arrangements to attend, the initial training program (and the transferee has paid us the training fee for each new person who must attend training).
- 16.3.5 <u>Licenses and Permits.</u> The transferee and its owners, to the extent necessary, have obtained all licenses and permits required by applicable law in order to own and operate the Franchised Business.
- 16.3.6 New Franchise Agreement. You must request that the transferee be provided with our then-current form of franchise disclosure document. You agree that we will not be liable for any representations that you or your Owners make that are inconsistent with such franchise disclosure document. The transferee and its owners sign our then-current form of franchise agreement and related documents, including, but limited to, our then-current form of Franchise Owner Agreement or other guaranty (unless we, in our sole discretion, instruct you to assign this Franchise Agreement to the transferee), except that: (i) the Term and successor term(s) shall be the Term and successor term(s) remaining under this Franchise Agreement; and (ii) the transferee does not need to pay a separate initial franchise fee.
- 16.3.7 <u>Transfer Fee.</u> You pay us a transfer fee equal to 50% of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee ("<u>Transfer Fee</u>"). If we are not offering Bubbly Paws franchises at the time of your Transfer, the Transfer Fee will be 50% of the initial franchise fee listed in the most recent franchise disclosure document. You will pay the Transfer Fee to us as follows: (i) \$1,000 non-refundable deposit at the time of your transfer application request; and (ii) the remaining balance shall be due at or before the time that you consummate the approved Transfer.
- 16.3.8 <u>General Release.</u> You and each of your Owners sign a general release in the form we prescribe for all claims arising before or contemporaneously with the Transfer. If the proposed transferee has any previous relationship with us or our affiliates, then the proposed transferee must also execute a general release.



- 16.3.9 <u>Right of First Refusal.</u> We do not elect to exercise our Right of First Refusal.
- 16.3.10 <u>Subordination.</u> We may, in our sole discretion, require you to enter into an agreement with us to subordinate the transferee's obligations to you to the transferee's financial obligations owed to us pursuant to the Franchise Agreement.
- 16.3.11 <u>Broker Costs.</u> You must pay any broker costs, commissions or other placement fees that we incur as a result of the Transfer.
- 16.3.12 <u>Premises.</u> Your landlord consents to your assignment of the lease for the Premises to the transferee, or the transferee is diligently pursuing an approved substitute location within the Territory.
- 16.3.13 <u>Remodel.</u> You must remodel your Premises to comply with our then-current standards and specifications, or you obtain a written commitment from the transferee to do so.
- 16.3.14 Other Conditions. You and each of your Owners agree to comply with all obligations that survive the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement. The transfer must be made in compliance with any laws that apply to the transfer including all laws governing the offer and sale of franchises. You or the transferring Owner, as applicable, and the transferee have satisfied any other conditions we reasonably require as a condition to our approval of the Transfer.

16.4 Transfer to an Entity

If you are an individual, you may transfer your ownership interests to an Entity provided that: (i) the Owner or Owners of the Entity are the same persons who signed this Franchise Agreement and (ii) you comply with the Transfer Conditions. Our Right of First Refusal will not apply for a Transfer conducted under this Section and you must reimburse us for all of our fees and costs, including attorney fees (in lieu of the Transfer Fee), associated with your Transfer to the Entity. In lieu of entering into a new Franchise Agreement, you will be required to enter into any required documentation, which may include an approval of transfer agreement, a general release of claims and a Franchise Owner Agreement in the forms that we prescribe.

16.5 **Death or Disability**

Upon the death or disability of you (if you are an individual) or of an Owner (if you are an Entity), your interest in the Franchised Business or the Owner's ownership interest in you, as applicable, must be assigned to a third party or another Owner approved by us within 180 days of such person's death or disability, as the case may be. For purposes of this Section, a person is deemed to have a disability only if the person has a medical or mental illness, problem or incapacity that would prevent the person from substantially complying with his or her obligations under this Franchise Agreement or otherwise operating the Franchised Business in the manner required by this Franchise Agreement and the Franchise Operations Manual for a continuous period of at least 90 consecutive calendar days, and from which condition recovery within 90 days from the date of determination of disability is unlikely. If the parties disagree as to whether a person is disabled, the existence of disability will be determined by a licensed practicing physician selected by us, upon examination of the person; or if the person refuses to submit to an examination, then (for the purpose of this Section) the person automatically will be considered disabled as of the date of refusal. Your (or the deceased Owner's) estate or legal representative must apply to us for the right to Transfer to the next of kin within 120 calendar days after your or your Owner's death or disability. We may appoint an Interim Manager and charge you the Management Fee if the death or disability of you or any Owner has any impact on the Franchised Business.



17. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

17.1 Ownership and Use of Intellectual Property

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "Intellectual Property" means the Marks, our copyrighted materials, "Confidential Information" (defined below), the System and "Improvements" (defined below). You acknowledge that: (i) we, or our affiliates, if applicable, are the sole and exclusive owner of the Bubbly Paws Intellectual Property and the goodwill associated with the Marks; (ii) your right to use the Intellectual Property is derived solely from this Franchise Agreement; and (iii) your right to use the Intellectual Property is limited to a license granted by us to operate your Franchised Business during the Term pursuant to, and only in compliance with, this Franchise Agreement, the Franchise Operations Manual, and all applicable standards, specifications and operating procedures that we prescribe from time to time. You may not use any of the Intellectual Property in connection with the sale of any unauthorized product or service, or in any other manner not expressly authorized by us. Any unauthorized use of the Intellectual Property constitutes an infringement of our rights. You agree to comply with all provisions of the Franchise Operations Manual governing your use of the Intellectual Property. This Franchise Agreement does not confer to you any goodwill, title or interest in any of the Intellectual Property. You agree that during the Term of this Franchise Agreement and after its termination, expiration or Transfer you will not, directly or indirectly, contest our interest in the Intellectual Property.

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "<u>Confidential Information</u>" means all of our trade secrets and other proprietary information relating to the development, construction, marketing and/or operation of a Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, methods, techniques, specifications, procedures, policies, marketing strategies and information comprising the System, the Franchise Operations Manual, written directives and all drawings, equipment, computer and point of sale programs (and output from such programs), and any other information, know-how, techniques, material and data imparted or made available by us to you.

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "<u>Improvements</u>" means any improvements or additions to the System, marketing, method of operation, or the products or services offered by a Franchised Business.

17.2 Changes to Intellectual Property

We have the right to modify the Intellectual Property at any time in our sole and absolute discretion, including by changing the Marks, the System, our copyrights or the Confidential Information. If we modify or discontinue use of any of the Intellectual Property, then you must comply with any such instructions from us within 30 days, at your expense. We will not be liable to you for any expenses, losses or damages that you incur (including the loss of any goodwill associated with a Mark) because of any addition, modification, substitution or discontinuation of the Intellectual Property.

17.3 Use of Marks

You agree to use the Marks as the sole identification of your Franchised Business; provided, however, you must identify yourself as the independent owner of your Franchised Business in the manner that we prescribe. You may not use any Marks in any modified form or as part of any corporate name or with any prefix, suffix or other modifying words, terms, designs or symbols (other than logos licensed to you by this Franchise Agreement). You agree to: (i) prominently display the Marks on or in connection with any media advertising, promotional materials, posters and displays, receipts, stationery and forms that



we designate, and in the manner that we prescribe to give notice of trade and service mark registrations and copyrights; and (ii) obtain any fictitious or assumed name registrations required under applicable law. You may not use the Marks in signing any contract, lease, mortgage, check, purchase agreement, negotiable instrument, or other legal obligation or in any manner that is likely to confuse or result in liability to us for any indebtedness or obligation of yours. You agree that any use of the Marks by you and your Franchised Business shall contribute and inure to our benefit.

You may only use the Marks at the Premises. Upon our request, you agree to display in a conspicuous location in your Premises, a sign containing a notice stating: This Bubbly Paws business is owned and operated independently by (name of franchisee).

17.4 Use of Confidential Information

You acknowledge that you will use the Confidential Information only in the operation of the Franchised Business, and you will not disclose Confidential Information to others, except as expressly authorized by this Franchise Agreement. You will take all appropriate actions to preserve the confidentiality of all Confidential Information, including safeguarding access to the Franchise Operations Manual. You will not copy or permit copying of Confidential Information. Your obligations under this Section begin when you sign this Franchise Agreement and continue for trade secrets as long as they remain secret, and, for other Confidential Information, for as long as we continue to use the information in confidence (even if edited or revised) plus three years. We will respond promptly and in good faith to any inquiry by you about continued protection of any Confidential Information.

All data that you collect, create, provide or otherwise develop (including, but not limited to, customer information and customer lists) is (and will be) owned exclusively by us, and we will have the right to use such data in any manner that we deem appropriate without compensation to you. Copies and/or originals of such data must be provided to us upon our request. We hereby license use of such data back to you, at no additional cost, solely for the Term of this Franchise Agreement and solely for your use in connection with the Franchised Business. You agree to provide us with the information that we reasonably require with respect to data and cybersecurity requirements. You agree to indemnify us for any loss of data, including, but not limited to, customer information resulting from a breach of such data caused, in whole or in part, by you.

The restrictions on the disclosure and use of the Confidential Information will not apply to disclosure of Confidential Information: (i) made in confidence to a government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney, solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; (ii) made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal; or (iii) made in cases of suit for retaliation based on the reporting of a suspected violation of law, disclosure of Confidential Information to an attorney, and for use of the Confidential Information in such court proceeding, so long as any document containing the Confidential Information is filed under seal and Confidential Information is not otherwise disclosed except pursuant to court order.

We do not make any representation or warranty that your use of the System and Confidential Information will not infringe on the patent, copyright or other proprietary rights of third parties. You agree that we will have no liability to you in the event that the System and/or any Confidential Information is held not to be secret or confidential or in the event that any infringement of others' proprietary rights occurs because of your use of the System and Confidential Information.



17.5 Improvements

If you conceive of or develop any Improvements, you agree to promptly and fully disclose the Improvements to us without disclosing the Improvements to others. You must obtain our approval prior to using any such Improvements. Any Improvement that we approve may be used by us and any third parties that we authorize to operate a Franchised Business, without any obligation to pay you royalties or other fees. You must assign to us or our designee, without charge, all rights to any such Improvement, including the right to grant sublicenses. In return, we will authorize you to use any Improvements that we or other franchisees develop that we authorize for general use in connection with the operation of a Franchised Business. These obligations shall survive the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement.

17.6 Notification of Intellectual Property Issues

You must notify us as soon as possible, but no later than three business days of any: (i) apparent infringement of any of the Intellectual Property; (ii) challenge to your use of any of the Intellectual Property; or (iii) claim by any person of any rights in any of the Intellectual Property. You may not communicate with any person other than us and our counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim. We will have sole discretion to take such action as we deem appropriate. We have the right to exclusively control any litigation, Patent and Trademark Office proceeding, or other proceeding arising out of any such infringement, challenge or claim. You agree to execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts and things as may, in the opinion of our counsel, be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain our interest in any such litigation, Patent and Trademark Office proceeding, or other proceeding, or to otherwise protect and maintain our interest in the Intellectual Property.

18. BRAND COVENANTS

18.1 **Reason for Covenants**

The covenants in this Section 18 shall be referred to as the "Brand Covenants."

You acknowledge that the System is distinctive and has been developed by us and/or our affiliates at great effort, time and expense, and that the Intellectual Property and the training and assistance that we provide would not be acquired except through implementation of this Franchise Agreement. You also acknowledge that competition by you, the Owners, or persons associated with you or the Owners (including family members) could seriously jeopardize the entire System because you and the Owners have received an advantage through knowledge of our day-to-day operations and Confidential Information related to the System. Accordingly, you and the Owners agree to comply with the covenants described in this Section to protect the Intellectual Property and our System.

18.2 **Unfair Competition During the Term**

For purposes of this Franchise Agreement, "<u>Competitive Business</u>" means any business that: (i) sells or offers to sell products the same as or similar to the type of products sold by the Franchised Business; or (ii) provides or offers to provide services the same as or similar to the type of services sold by you, but excludes a Franchised Business operating pursuant to a franchise agreement with us. A Competitive Business shall not include ownership of up to five percent (5%) of any publicly-held company or mutual fund that owns, operates, has an interest in, or controls any business that otherwise would meet the definition of a Competitive Business.



You agree not to compete with us during the Term by engaging in any of the following activities ("<u>Prohibited Activities</u>"): (i) owning, operating, or having any other interest (as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, manager, consultant, shareholder, creditor, representative, agent, or in any similar capacity) in any Competitive Business; (ii) diverting or attempting to divert any business from us (or one of our affiliates or franchisees); or (iii) inducing any customer of ours (or of one of our affiliates' or franchisees') to transfer their business to you or to any other person that is not then a franchisee of ours.

18.3 Unfair Competition After the Term

For purposes of this Section, the "Restricted Period" means, with respect to you, a period of two years after the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the Restricted Period is too long to be enforceable with respect to you and/or an Owner, then the Restricted Period means a period of 2 years year after the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement.

For purposes of this Section, the "Restricted Territory" means the geographic area within: (i) a 10 miles radius of the Premises; and (ii) a 10 miles radius from all other Premises that are operating or under construction as of the Effective Date and remain in operation or under construction. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the Restricted Territory is too broad to be enforceable, then the Restricted Territory means the geographic area within a 5 miles radius from all other Premises that are operating or under construction as of the Effective Date and remain in operation or under construction.

During the Restricted Period, you agree that you will not engage in any Prohibited Activities within the Restricted Territory and that you will cause each of your Owners to not engage in any Prohibited Activities within the Restricted Territory. If you or any Owner engages in a Prohibited Activity within the Restricted Territory during the Restricted Period, then the Restricted Period applicable to you (and applicable to each non-compliant Owner under the Franchise Owner Agreement) will be extended by the period of time during which you or the non-compliant Owner, as applicable, engaged in the Prohibited Activity.

18.4 Employees and Others

You must ensure that all of your employees, officers, directors, partners, members, independent contractors, and other persons associated with you or your Franchised Business who may have access to our Confidential Information sign the Confidentiality Agreement before having access to our Confidential Information. You must use your best efforts to ensure that these individuals comply with the terms of the Confidentiality Agreements, and you must immediately notify us of any breach that comes to your attention. You agree to reimburse us for all reasonable expenses that we incur in enforcing a Confidentiality Agreement, including reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

18.5 Covenants Reasonable

The parties agree that of the Brand Covenants will be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Franchise Agreement. It is the parties' intent that the provisions of this Section be judicially enforced to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law. If all or any portion of any Brand Covenant is held unreasonable or unenforceable by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction in a final decision to which we are a party, you agree to be bound by any lesser covenant subsumed within the terms of such Brand Covenant that imposes the maximum duty permitted by law, as if the resulting Brand Covenant were separately stated in and made a part of this Section. Accordingly, the parties agree that any reduction in scope or modification of any part of the non-competition provisions contained herein shall not



render any other part unenforceable. You acknowledge and agree that: (i) the terms of this Franchise Agreement are reasonable both in time and in scope of geographic area; (ii) our use and enforcement of covenants similar to those described above with respect to other Bubbly Paws franchisees benefits you and the Owners in that it prevents others from unfairly competing with your Franchised Business; and (iii) you and the Owners have sufficient resources and business experience and opportunities to earn an adequate living while complying with the terms of this Franchise Agreement. You hereby waive any right to challenge the terms of the Brand Covenants as being overly broad, unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable.

We have the right, in our sole discretion, to unilaterally reduce the scope of all or part of any Brand Covenant without your consent (before or after any dispute arises), effective when we give you written notice of this reduction and you agree to comply with any covenant as so modified.

18.6 **Breach of Covenants**

You agree that failure to comply with the terms of Brand Covenants will cause substantial and irreparable damage to us and/or other Bubbly Paws franchisees for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Therefore, you agree that any violation of the terms of this Section 18 will entitle us to injunctive relief. We may apply for such injunctive relief without bond, but upon due notice, in addition to such further and other relief as may be available at equity or law, and the sole remedy of yours, in the event of the entry of such injunction will be the dissolution of such injunction, if warranted, upon hearing duly held (all claims for damages by reason of the wrongful issuance of any such injunction being expressly waived hereby). If a court requires the filing of a bond notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the parties agree that the amount of the bond shall not exceed \$1,000. None of the remedies available to us under this Franchise Agreement are exclusive of any other, but may be combined with others under this Franchise Agreement, or at law or in equity, including injunctive relief, specific performance and recovery of monetary damages. Any claim, defense or cause of action that you or an Owner may have against us, regardless of cause or origin, cannot be used as a defense against our enforcement of the Brand Covenants.

19. INSURANCE

Before your Franchised Business first opens for business, you will obtain insurance in the types and amounts specified herein. You will maintain all required insurance in force during the Term of this Franchise Agreement, and you will obtain and maintain any additional or substituted insurance coverage, limits and amounts as we may periodically require. Your compliance with these insurance provisions does not relieve you of any liability under any indemnity provisions of this Franchise Agreement.

All insurance policies must contain the minimum coverage we prescribe from time to time in our Franchise Operations Manual, and must have deductibles not to exceed the amounts we specify. Our insurance requirements are subject to change during the Term of this Franchise Agreement, and you agree to comply with each such change. You agree to provide us a copy of your Certificate of Insurance or other proof of coverage prior to opening, within ten days of any renewal of a policy, and at any other time on demand. You agree to obtain these insurance policies from insurance carriers that are rated "A" or better by A.M. Best & Company, Inc. and that are licensed and admitted in the state in which you operate your Franchised Business. All insurance policies (except for employment liability insurance policies) must be endorsed to: (i) name us, any affiliate we require, and our members, officers, directors and employees as additional insureds ("Additional Insureds"); (ii) contain a waiver by the insurance carrier of all subrogation rights against us; and (iii) provide that we receive 30-days' prior written notice of the termination, expiration, cancellation or modification of the policy. If any of your policies fail to meet these criteria, then we may disapprove the policy and you must immediately find additional coverage with an alternative



carrier satisfactory to us. Upon ten days' notice to you, we may increase the minimum protection requirement as of the renewal date of any policy and require different or additional types of insurance at any time, including excess liability (umbrella) insurance, to reflect inflation, identification of special risks, changes in law or standards or liability, higher damage awards, or other relevant changes in circumstances.

If you fail to maintain any required insurance coverage, we have the right to obtain the coverage on your behalf (which right shall be at our option and in addition to our other rights and remedies in this Franchise Agreement), and you must promptly sign all applications and other forms and instruments required to obtain the insurance and pay to us, within ten days after invoicing, all costs and premiums that we incur, plus a twenty percent (20%) administrative surcharge.

20. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

20.1 Books and Records

You agree to record all transactions and Gross Sales of your Franchised Business in the manner that we specify. You agree to prepare and maintain for at least seven years after their preparation, complete and accurate books, records, accounts and tax returns pertaining to your Franchised Business including a list of all customers that your Franchised Business does business with and all contracts that your Franchised Business enters into. You must send us copies of your books, records, customer data and contracts within five days of our request. This obligation survives the expiration, termination or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement.

20.2 Reports

You will prepare and submit other reports and information about your operations as we may request in writing or as required by the Franchise Operations Manual. You will submit all required reports in the formats and by the due dates specified in the Franchise Operations Manual. We may modify the deadline days and times for submission of all reports. If you do not submit any report by the due date, we will debit your Franchise Account a late fee of \$100 per occurrence and \$100 per week until you submit the required report. These fees will be deposited into the Brand Fund. We may require, at our option, that certain reports you are required to submit be certified as accurate and complete by you, your owners or your chief financial officer, and that certain reports be submitted using the formats and communication media that we specify. If requested by us, your profit and loss statements and balance sheets must be certified by a certified public accountant at your expense, and you will cause your certified public accountant, if any, to consult with us concerning such statements and balance sheets at your cost.

20.3 Financial and Tax Statements

You will deliver a balance sheet, profit and loss statement, statement of cash flows and explanatory footnotes prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis ("<u>Financial Statements</u>") to us within the time period required by the Franchise Operations Manual. You must also prepare annual Financial Statements within 30 days of the end of your fiscal year. All Financial Statements must be in the form specified by us and must conform to our standard chart of accounts as prescribed by us. We have the right to use such Financial Statements in our franchise disclosure document to make financial performance representations and to share these reports on a system-wide intranet or other similar means.

You must also provide us with complete signed copies of all state sales tax returns and state and federal income tax returns covering the operation of the Franchised Business within 30 days of filing. If



you do not submit the Financial Statements or tax returns to us by the deadline, you will be required to pay a late fee of \$100 per occurrence and \$100 per week until you submit required Financial Statements or tax returns. These fees will be deposited into the Brand Fund.

20.4 Legal Compliance

You must secure and maintain in force all required licenses, permits and regulatory approvals for the operation of your Franchised Business, and operate and manage your Franchised Business in full compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. You are solely responsible for complying with all federal, state and local tax laws, agree to timely pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and timely file all returns, notices and other forms required to comply with all federal, state and local tax laws in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business. It is your responsibility to make sure that you comply with all laws that are applicable to the Technology.

You must notify us in writing within three business days of the beginning of any action, suit, investigation or proceeding, or of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, disciplinary action, award or decree of any court, agency or other governmental instrumentality, which may adversely affect the operation of your Franchised Business or your financial condition. You must immediately deliver to us a copy of any inspection report, warning, certificate or rating by any governmental agency involving any health or safety law, rule or regulation that reflects a claim that you have failed to fully comply with the law, rule or regulation.

You agree to comply, and to assist us to the fullest extent possible in our efforts to comply, with Anti-Terrorism Laws (defined below). In connection with that compliance, you certify, represent and warrant that none of your property or interests is subject to being blocked under, and that you and the owners otherwise are not in violation of, any of the Anti-Terrorism Laws. "Anti-Terrorism Laws" mean Executive Order 13224 issued by the President of the United States, the USA PATRIOT Act, and all other present and future federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, policies, lists and other requirements of any governmental authority addressing or in any way relating to terrorist acts and acts of war. Any violation of the Anti-Terrorism Laws by you or the Owners, or any blocking of your or the Owners' assets under the Anti-Terrorism Laws, shall constitute good cause for immediate termination of this Franchise Agreement.

21. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

21.1 Inspections

To ensure compliance with this Franchise Agreement, we or our representatives will have the right to enter your Premises, evaluate your Franchised Business operations, and inspect or examine your books, records, accounts and tax returns. We may also interview personnel and customers of the Franchised Business. Our evaluation may include observing or participating during business hours. We may conduct our evaluation at any time and without prior notice. During the course of our inspections, we and our representatives will use reasonable efforts to minimize our interference with the operation of your Franchised Business, and you, your employees and independent contractors will cooperate and not interfere with our inspection. You consent to us accessing your Technology and retrieving any information that we deem appropriate in conducting the inspection.

If any such inspection indicates any deficiency or unsatisfactory condition, including quality, cleanliness, service, health and authorized product line, we will notify you in writing of your noncompliance with the System, Franchise Operations Manual, or this Franchise Agreement and you shall promptly correct



or repair such deficiency or unsatisfactory condition. In addition, if you fail any food safety inspection, cleanliness inspection or other inspection or audit that we or our designee, any public health and safety agency conducts, you will be required to undergo an additional inspection or audit at your sole expense. You agree to reimburse us or the third-party auditor directly upon invoicing. We may require you to take, and you agree to take, immediate corrective action, which action may include temporarily closing the Franchised Business.

21.2 Audit

We have the right, at any time, to have an independent audit made of the books and financial records of your Franchised Business. You agree to fully cooperate with us and any third parties that we hire to conduct the audit. Any audit will be performed at our cost and expense unless the audit: (i) is necessitated by your failure to provide the information requested or to preserve records or file reports as required by this Franchise Agreement; or (ii) reveals an understatement of any amount due to us by at least three percent (2%) in any month, in which case you agree to reimburse us for the cost of the audit and inspection, including, without limitation, any amount that you owe us, together with any related expenses and Late Fees, and reasonable accounting and legal expenses and travel and lodging expenses that we or our representatives incur. The audit cost reimbursements will be due ten days after invoicing. We shall not be deemed to have waived our right to terminate this Franchise Agreement by accepting reimbursements of our audit costs.

22. INDEMNITY

22.1 Your Indemnification of Us

Independent of your obligation to procure and maintain insurance, you and your Owners will indemnify, defend and hold us and our affiliates, the respective officers, directors, managers, partners, shareholders, members, employees, agents and contractors of these entities, and the successors, assigns, personal representatives, heirs and legatees of all of these persons or entities (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all expenses, losses, payments or obligations to make payments either (i) to or for third-party claimants by any and all Indemnified Parties, including refunds, or (ii) incurred by any and all Indemnified Parties to investigate, take action, respond to or defend a matter, including investigation and trial charges, costs and expenses, fees, fees paid to professionals, attorney fees, experts' fees, court costs, settlement amounts, judgments and costs of collection (collectively, "Losses and Expenses"), incurred by any Indemnified Parties for any investigation, claim, action, suit, demand, administrative or alternative dispute resolution proceeding, actually or allegedly, directly or indirectly, relating to, arising out of, or resulting from or in connection with: any transaction, occurrence, product or service involving the Franchised Business or this Franchise Agreement; your employment or other contractual relationship with your employees, workers, managers, or independent contractors, including but not limited to any allegation, claim, finding, or ruling that we are an employer or joint employer of your employees; your marketing, selling, or providing of items and services; and any breach or violation of any agreement (including this Franchise Agreement), or any law, regulation or ruling by, or any act, error or omission (active or passive) of, you, any party associated or affiliated with you or any of the owners, officers, directors, managers, employees, owners and agents of you or your affiliates, including when the active or passive negligence of any Indemnified Parties is alleged or proven.

You agree to give us notice of any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, inquiry or investigation described above. The Indemnified Parties shall have the right, in their sole discretion to: (i) retain counsel of their own choosing to represent them with respect to any claim; and (ii) control the response thereto and the defense thereof, including the right to enter into an agreement to settle such claim. You may participate



in such defense at your own expense. You agree to give your full cooperation to the Indemnified Parties in assisting the Indemnified Parties with the defense of any such claim, and to reimburse the Indemnified Parties for all of their costs and expenses in defending any such claim, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, within ten days of the date of each invoice delivered by such Indemnified Party to you enumerating such costs, expenses and attorney fees.

22.2 Our Indemnification of You

Provided that you are not in default under this Franchise Agreement or any other agreement with us, we will indemnify you and hold you harmless for, from and against any and all costs and expenses incurred by you as a result of or in connection with any claim asserted against you based upon the violation of any third party's intellectual property rights caused by your use of our Marks in strict compliance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and Franchise Operations Manual. You must promptly notify us of any such claim and fully cooperate with us in the defense of such claim.

23. TERMINATION BY YOU

You may terminate this Franchise Agreement if you are in full compliance and we materially breach this Franchise Agreement and fail to cure the breach within 60 days after you send us a written notice specifying the nature of the breach.

You may also terminate this Franchise Agreement if you and we mutually agree, in our sole discretion, which may be withheld, in writing to terminate this Franchise Agreement. In such an event, you and we will be deemed to have waived any required notice period.

If you terminate this Franchise Agreement, you must still comply with your post-termination obligations described below and all other obligations that survive the expiration or termination of this Franchise Agreement.

24. TERMINATION BY US

The rights to terminate the Franchise Agreement in the Section shall be referred to as our "Termination Rights."

24.1 Automatic Termination Without Notice

You shall be deemed to be in default under this Franchise Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall at our election automatically terminate without notice to you if (i) a petition in bankruptcy is filed by you or you are adjudicated bankrupt or judicially determined to be insolvent (subject to any contrary provisions of any applicable state or federal laws); (ii) admit to your inability to meet your financial obligations as they become due, or make a disposition for the benefit of its creditors (unless prohibited by law); (iii) a receiver or custodian (permanent or temporary) of any of your assets or property is appointed; or (iv) a final judgment in excess of \$10,000 against you remains unsatisfied or of record for sixty (60) days or longer (unless a bond is filed or other steps are taken to effectively stay enforcement of such judgment), except that we may provide you with additional time to satisfy the judgment if you demonstrate that you are using commercially reasonable efforts to resolve the issues related to the judgment.

24.2 Option to Terminate Without Opportunity to Cure



We may, in our sole discretion, terminate this Franchise Agreement immediately upon written notice to you, without opportunity to cure, upon the occurrence of any of the following events, each of which constitute material events of default under this Franchise Agreement.

- 24.2.1 <u>Failure to Open.</u> If you fail to open your Franchised Business within the time period required.
- 24.2.2 <u>Material Misrepresentation.</u> If you or any Owner commits any fraud or makes any material misrepresentation to us, whether occurring before or after the Effective Date.
- 24.2.3 <u>Violation of Law.</u> If you fail, for a period of 10 days after having received notification of noncompliance from us or any governmental or quasi-governmental agency or authority, to comply with any federal, state or local law or regulation applicable to the operation of the Franchised Business.
- 24.2.4 <u>Criminal Offense.</u> If you or any of your Owners, officers, directors, or key employees is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or any other crime or offense that is reasonably likely, in our sole opinion, to adversely affect our reputation, the System, or the Marks. If the crime or offense is committed by an Owner other than a Responsible Owner, then we may, in our sole discretion, terminate if such Owner fails to sell its ownership interest in the Entity to any of the other Owners within 30 days after the conviction or guilty plea, whichever first occurs.
- 24.2.5 <u>Under-Reporting.</u> If an audit or investigation discloses that you have knowingly maintained false books or records, or submitted false reports to us, or knowingly understated its Gross Sales or withheld the reporting of same, or, if, on two or more occasions in any single 24 month period, any audits or other investigations reveals an under-reporting or under-recording error of two percent (2%) or more, or on any single occasion any audit or other investigation reveals an under-reporting or under-recording of five percent (5%) or more.
- 24.2.6 <u>Intellectual Property Misuse.</u> If you materially misuse or make any unauthorized use of the Marks or otherwise materially impair the goodwill of our rights, or you take any action which reflects materially and unfavorably upon the operation and reputation of the Franchised Business, the System, or the Bubbly Paws brand generally. If your employees or independent contractors engage in any of the same actions described above, unless you shall have exercised your best efforts to prevent such disclosures or use.
- 24.2.7 <u>Health or Safety Violations.</u> If you manage or operate your Franchised Business in a manner that presents a health or safety hazard to your customers, employees or the public.
- 24.2.8 <u>Abandonment.</u> If you abandon or fail to operate your Franchised Business for three consecutive business days unless the failure is due to a "<u>Force Majeure</u>" or another reason that we previously approved. As used in this Franchise Agreement, the term "<u>Force Majeure</u>" shall mean any act of God, strike, lock-out or other industrial disturbance, war (declared or undeclared), riot, epidemic, fire or other catastrophe, act of any government and any other similar cause which is beyond the party's control and cannot be overcome by use of normal commercial measures.
- 24.2.9 <u>Failure to Pay.</u> If you fail to pay any amount owed to us or an affiliate of ours within ten days after receipt of a demand for payment.



- 24.2.10 <u>Unauthorized Transfer.</u> If you attempt to sell, Transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of any interest in you, this Franchise Agreement or the Franchised Business in violation of Section 16 of this Franchise Agreement.
- 24.2.11 <u>Brand Covenants.</u> If you or any of your Owners violates any of the Brand Covenants.
- 24.2.12 <u>License/Permits.</u> If a regulatory authority suspends or revokes a license or permit held by you or an Owner that is required to operate the Franchised Business, even if you or the Owner still maintain appeal rights.
- 24.2.13 <u>Failure to Complete Initial Training.</u> If you or any required attendee fails to attend and complete the initial training program within the time period prescribed in this Franchise Agreement.
- 24.2.14 <u>Repeated Defaults.</u> If you commit a default of any obligation under this Franchise Agreement and have previously received two or more written notices of default from us within the preceding 12 months, regardless of whether any default is cured.
- 24.2.15 <u>Cross Default.</u> If we terminate any other agreement between you and us, or if any affiliate of ours terminates any agreement between you and the affiliate because of your default.
- 24.2.16 <u>Franchise Owner Agreement Default.</u> If any Owner, or the spouse of any Owner, breaches a Franchise Owner Agreement.
- 24.2.17 <u>Premises Issues.</u> If: (i) you fail to secure a fully executed lease within the time period required; or (ii) the Premises or your assets are seized, taken over or foreclosed by a government official in the exercise of its duties, or by a creditor or lienholder provided that a final judgment against you remains unsatisfied for 30 days (unless a supersedeas or other appeal bond has been filed); or (iii) a levy of execution of attachment has been made upon the license granted by this Franchise Agreement or upon any property used in the Premises, and it is not discharged within five days of such levy or attachment; or (iv) you permit a mechanics lien to be recorded against the Premises or any equipment at the Premises which is not released within 60 days, or if any person commences any action to foreclose on the Premises or said equipment; or (v) a condemnation or transfer in lieu of condemnation has occurred; or (vi) if you default under the lease for your Premises and you do not cure the default within the cure period set forth by the landlord or your lease is otherwise terminated due to your default.

24.3 Termination with Notice and Opportunity to Cure

In addition to our Termination Rights, we may, in our sole discretion, terminate this Franchise Agreement upon 30 days' written notice if you or an Owner fails to comply with any other provision of this Franchise Agreement (including failure to comply with any provision in the Franchise Operations Manual) or any other agreement with us, unless such default is cured, as determined by us in our sole discretion, within such 30-day notice period. If we deliver a notice of default to you pursuant to this Section, we may suspend performance of any of our obligations under this Franchise Agreement until you fully cure the breach.

25. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Upon termination of this Franchise Agreement: (i) by us due to your material default of this Franchise Agreement; or (ii) following your purported termination without cause, you agree to pay to us, within 15 days after the effective date of this Franchise Agreement's termination, in addition to any amounts



owed, liquidated damages equal to the average monthly Royalties and Brand Fund Contribution you owed during the total months of operation preceding the effective date of termination multiplied by: (i) 36; or (ii) the number of months remaining in this Franchise Agreement had it not been terminated, whichever is less, but in no case will such damages be less than \$30,000.

You and we acknowledge and agree that it would be impracticable to determine precisely the damages we would incur from this Franchise Agreement's termination and the loss of cash flow from Royalties and Brand Fund Contributions due to, among other things, the complications of determining what costs, if any, we might have saved and how much the Royalties and Brand Fund Contributions would have grown over what would have been this Franchise Agreement's remaining Term. You and we consider this liquidated damages provision to be a reasonable, good faith pre-estimate of those damages.

The liquidated damages provision only covers our damages from the loss of cash flow from the Royalties and Brand Fund Contributions. It does not cover any other damages, including damages to our reputation with the public and landlords and damages arising from a violation of any provision of this Franchise Agreement other than the Royalty payments and Brand Fund Contributions. You agree that the liquidated damages provision does not give us an adequate remedy at law for any default under, or for the enforcement of, any provision of this Franchise Agreement other than the payment of Royalties and Brand Fund Contributions.

26. POST TERM OBLIGATIONS

The obligations contained in this Section shall be referred to as your "<u>Post Term Obligations</u>." After the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement, you agree to undertake each and every one of the obligations listed in this Section.

26.1 Cease Operations

Immediately cease to be a franchise owner of the Franchised Business under this Franchise Agreement and cease to operate the Franchised Business under the System. You agree to not hold yourself out to the public as a present or former franchise owner of the Franchised Business.

26.2 Intellectual Property

Immediately cease to use the Intellectual Property in any manner whatsoever and not use any trademarks or trade names that may be confusingly similar to the Intellectual Property. You acknowledge and agree that any continued use of the Marks would constitute trademark infringement.

26.3 **Monetary Obligations**

Pay us all amounts that you owe us and our affiliates.

26.4 Surviving Covenants

Comply with all covenants described in this Section and otherwise in this Franchise Agreement that apply after the expiration, termination or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement or of an ownership interest by an Owner.



26.5 Branded Items

Return all copies of the Franchise Operations Manual, or any portions thereof, as well as all signs, sign faces, brochures, advertising and promotional materials, forms and any other materials bearing or containing any of the Marks, our copyrights or other identification relating to a Franchised Business, unless we allow you to Transfer such items to an approved transferee.

26.6 Technology and Data

Return all copies of any software we license to you (and delete all such software from your computer memory and storage), provide us the then-current customer list and contracts that your Franchised Business has entered into and transfer all login information and data from any Technology, social media accounts and email addresses from your Franchised Business.

26.7 Entity Name

Take such action as may be required to cancel all fictitious or assumed names or equivalent registrations relating to your use of any of the Marks.

26.8 Identifiers and Advertisements

Immediately stop using all telephone numbers, advertisements, domain names and social media accounts associated with the Franchised Business. Notify all telephone companies, listing agencies, social media companies and domain name registration companies (collectively, the "Agencies") of the termination or expiration of your right to use the following, and immediately transfer to us: (A) the telephone numbers, accounts and/or domain names, if applicable, related to the operation of your Franchised Business; and (B) any online listings associated with the Marks (you hereby authorize the Agencies to transfer such telephone numbers, domain names and listings to us and you authorize us, and appoint us and any officer we designate as your attorney-in-fact to direct the Agencies to transfer the telephone numbers, domain names and listings to us if you fail or refuse to do so).

26.9 Modifications

Remove all trade dress, equipment, software and property owned by us and make such modifications and alterations to the Premises that are necessary or that we require to prevent any association between us or the System and any business subsequently operated by you or any third party using any of the inventory, the Premises, equipment used in the operation of the Franchised Business; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply if your Franchised Business is transferred to an approved transferee or if we exercise our right to purchase your entire Franchised Business. If you fail to do so, you must pay us any expenses we incur to de-identify your Premises.

26.10 Customers

We may contact customers of your Franchised Business and offer such customers continued rights to use one or more Bubbly Paws franchises on such terms and conditions we deem appropriate, which in no event will include assumption of any then-existing liability arising or relating to those customers or act or failure to act by you or your Franchised Business.



26.11 Compliance Evidence

Provide us with written satisfactory evidence of your compliance with the above obligations within 30 days after the effective date of the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement.

27. RIGHT TO PURCHASE

27.1 Generally

Upon the expiration or termination of this Franchise Agreement for any reason, we will have the right but not the obligation to purchase from you some or all of the assets used in the Franchised Business ("Acquired Assets"). We may exercise our option to begin this process by giving written notice to you at any time following expiration or termination up until 30 days after the later of: (a) the effective date of expiration or termination; or (b) the date you cease operating the Franchised Business (the "Specified Date"). We have the right to inspect the assets used in the Franchised Business in order to determine which we wish to acquire and any refusal by you to cooperate with our right to inspect will extend the Specified Date by an equal period. The term "Acquired Assets" means, without limitation, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, signs and inventory (non-perishable products, materials and supplies) used in the Franchised Business, all licenses necessary to operate the Franchised Business (if transferable) and the real estate fee simple or the lease or sublease for the Premises. Customer information and customer lists are owned by us and accordingly are not included within the definition of "Acquired Assets" and must be returned to us without charge upon expiration or termination. You may not sell the information or lists to a third party. We will be entitled to the entry of interlocutory and permanent orders of specific performance by a court of competent jurisdiction if you fail or refuse to timely meet your obligations under this Section. We will have the unrestricted right to assign this option to purchase the Acquired Assets. We or our assignee will be entitled to all customary representations and warranties, including that the Acquired Assets are free and clear (or, if not, accurate and complete disclosure) as to: (1) ownership, condition and title; (2) liens and encumbrances; (3) environmental and hazardous substances; and (4) validity of contracts and liabilities inuring to us or affecting the Acquired Assets, whether contingent or otherwise.

27.2 Purchase Price

The purchase price for the Acquired Assets ("Purchase Price") will be their fair market value (or, for leased assets, the fair market value of the lease), determined as of the Specified Date in a manner that accounts for reasonable depreciation and condition of the Acquired Assets; provided, however, that the Purchase Price will take into account the termination of this Franchise Agreement. The Purchase Price for the Acquired Assets will not contain any factor or increment for any trademark, service mark or other commercial symbol used in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business nor any goodwill or "going concern" value for the Franchised Business. We may exclude from the Acquired Assets purchased in accordance with this Section any equipment, furnishings, fixtures, signs, and inventory that are not accepted as meeting then-current standards for a Franchised Business or for which you cannot deliver a Bill of Sale in a form satisfactory to us.

If you and we are unable to agree upon a fair market value, we shall appoint an independent, third-party appraiser with experience appraising businesses comparable to your Franchised Business in the United States ("Qualified Appraiser") within 30 days after the Specified Date. We and you shall pay for 50% of the cost of this Qualified Appraiser.

The Qualified Appraiser shall appraise the Acquired Assets as described above ("Appraised Value"). If you agree with the Appraised Value, the Appraised Value shall be the Purchase Price. If you



disagree with the Appraised Value, upon written notice to us, you may hire an additional Qualified Appraiser at your expense. In such situation, the Qualified Appraiser chosen by you shall appraise the Acquired Assets at fair market value determined as described above. The average of the two values provided by the Qualified Appraisers shall be the Purchase Price.

27.3 Access to Franchised Business

The Qualified Appraiser will be given full access to the Franchised Business, the Premises and your books and records during customary business hours to conduct the appraisal and will value the leasehold improvements, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, signs and inventory in accordance with the standards of this Section.

27.4 Exercise of Option; Operation

Within 10 days after the Purchase Price has been determined, we may fully exercise our option to purchase the Acquired Assets by so notifying you in writing ("<u>Purchase Notice</u>"). The Purchase Price will be paid in cash or cash equivalents at the closing of the purchase ("<u>Closing</u>"), which will take place no later than 60 days after the date of the Purchase Notice. From the date of the Purchase Notice until Closing:

You will operate the Franchised Business and maintain the Acquired Assets in the usual and ordinary course of business and maintain in full force all insurance policies required under this Franchise Agreement, and during such time, we may exercise Step-in Rights, and be entitled to the Management Fee. Alternatively, we may require you to close the Franchised Business during that time period without removing any Acquired Assets from the Franchised Business.

27.5 **Due Diligence**

For a period of 30 days after the date of the Purchase Notice ("<u>Due Diligence Period</u>"), we will have the right to conduct such investigations as we deem necessary and appropriate. You will grant us and our representatives access to the Franchised Business and the Premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of conducting inspections of the Acquired Assets; provided that such access does not unreasonably interfere with your operations of the Franchised Business.

Prior to the end of the Due Diligence Period, we will notify you in writing of any objections that we have to any finding disclosed in any title to lien search, survey, environmental assessment or inspection. If you cannot or elect not to correct any such title defect, environmental objection or defect in the working condition of the Fixed Assets, we will have the option to either accept the condition of the Acquired Assets as they exist or rescind our option to purchase on or before the Closing.

27.6 Closing

We will have the right to set off against and reduce the Purchase Price by any and all amounts owed by you to us or our affiliates, and the amount of any encumbrances or liens against the Acquired Assets or any obligations assumed by us. If you cannot deliver clear title to all of the purchased Acquired Assets as indicated in this Section, or if there are other unresolved issues, the Closing will be accomplished through an escrow.



28. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

28.1 **Mediation Requirement**

Except for any "<u>Litigation Exceptions</u>" as defined below, without limiting our Termination Rights, all claims or disputes between you and us or our affiliates arising out of, or in any way relating to, this Franchise Agreement, or any of the parties' respective rights and obligations arising out of this Franchise Agreement, shall be submitted first to non-binding mediation ("<u>Required Mediation</u>") prior to a hearing in binding arbitration. Before commencing any mediation against us or our affiliates with respect to any such claim or dispute, you must submit a notice to us, which specifies, in detail, the precise nature and grounds of such claim or dispute. The mediation will take place in the city closest to our principal place of business (currently Minneapolis, Minnesota) under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association ("<u>AAA</u>"), or other mediation service acceptable to us in our sole discretion, in accordance with AAA's Commercial Mediation Procedures then in effect. You may not commence any action against us or our affiliates with respect to any such claim unless mediation proceedings have been terminated either: (i) as the result of a written declaration of the mediator(s) that further mediation efforts are not worthwhile; or (ii) as a result of a written declaration by us. The parties shall each bear their own costs of mediation and shall share equally the filing fee imposed by AAA and the mediator's fees. We reserve the right to specifically enforce our right to mediation.

28.2 Arbitration

If the parties cannot fully resolve and settle a dispute through Required Mediation, all unresolved issues involved in the dispute shall be, at the request of either party, submitted to final and binding arbitration to be conducted in the city closest to our principal place of business (currently Minneapolis, Minnesota) by AAA (if AAA or any successor thereto is no longer available for arbitration in such city, you and we will agree on another arbitration organization to conduct the arbitration proceeding), in accordance with AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules and otherwise as set forth below on an individual basis (not a class action) ("Required Arbitration").

In any arbitration proceeding, each party will submit or file any claim that would constitute a compulsory counterclaim as defined by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within the same proceeding as the claim it relates to. Any claim that is not submitted or filed as required is forever barred. Except for claims excluded from mediation and arbitration herein, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability or formation of this Franchise Agreement including, but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this Franchise Agreement is void or voidable.

- 28.2.1 <u>Notice of Arbitration.</u> Either party may initiate an arbitration proceeding by making a written demand to the other party, and both parties will then be obligated to engage in arbitration. The demand for arbitration must be served on the other party within the period provided by the applicable statute of limitations, and must contain a statement setting forth the nature of the dispute, the amount involved, if any, and the remedies sought. A demand for arbitration will not operate to stay, postpone or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Franchise Agreement. Arbitration will not proceed until any protest of arbitrability is resolved by the arbitrator or by an appropriate court, if necessary.
- 28.2.2 <u>Selection of Arbitrator.</u> Arbitration will be conducted before a single, neutral arbitrator who is familiar with legal disputes of the type at issue and who has franchise business or contract experience. The parties will mutually agree on the selection of the arbitrator; however, if the parties have



not agreed on the selection of an arbitrator within 30 days after the arbitration demand, either party may request AAA or successor organization, to appoint a qualified arbitrator.

- 28.2.3 <u>Discovery.</u> All discovery must be completed within 60 days following appointment of an arbitrator, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Depositions will be limited to a maximum of five per party and will be held within 30 days after making a request. Additional depositions may be scheduled only with the permission of the arbitrator and for good cause shown. Each deposition will be limited to a maximum of six hours duration. Should a dispute arise over the extent of or propriety of any discovery request, the arbitrator will make a final determination after hearing each party's position.
- 28.2.4 <u>Statement of Case.</u> At least five days before the scheduled hearing, each party must deliver to the arbitrator and to the other party a written summary of its position on the issues in dispute.
- Arbitrator's Decision. The arbitrator will issue a written decision within ten days after conclusion of the hearing, explaining the basis for the decision. Judgment upon the decision rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. This decision will be binding upon both parties. The arbitrator will have authority to assess actual damages sustained by reason of any breach or wrongful termination of this Franchise Agreement, including monetary damages and interest on unpaid amounts from date due, specific performance, injunctive and declaratory relief, and legal fees and costs, but will not have any authority to amend or modify the terms of this Franchise Agreement or to assess exemplary or punitive damages. Except for claims excluded from mediation and arbitration herein, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability or formation of this Franchise Agreement including, but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this Franchise Agreement is void or voidable.
- 28.2.6 <u>Time Schedule.</u> Any award will be made within nine months of the filing of the notice of intention to arbitrate and the arbitrator will agree to comply with this schedule before accepting appointment. The parties will use due diligence to meet the foregoing time schedule, and the arbitrator will have the right to impose appropriate sanctions against any party who fails to comply with the agreed-upon time schedule. The arbitrator will use his best efforts to comply with the foregoing time schedule, but may unilaterally modify it if, in his opinion, modification is necessary for a proper and just resolution of the dispute. The parties may jointly modify the agreed-upon time schedule, subject to the arbitrator's approval.
- 28.2.7 <u>Arbitration Expenses.</u> The fees of, and authorized costs incurred by, the arbitrator will be shared equally by the parties, and each party will bear all of its own costs of arbitration; provided, however, that the arbitration decision will provide that the substantially prevailing party will recover from the other party its actual costs and expenses (including arbitrator's fees and expenses, and attorney fees and expenses) incurred in connection with the dispute.

28.3 Disputes Not Subject to Mediation or Arbitration

The following will not be subject to Required Mediation or Required Arbitration, and you or we may immediately file a lawsuit in accordance with this Section with respect to any of the following (for purposes of this Franchise Agreement, the following shall be referred to as the "<u>Litigation Exceptions</u>"): (i) any action that involves an alleged breach of any Brand Covenant; (ii) any action petitioning specific performance to enforce your use of the Marks or the System or to prevent unauthorized duplication of the Marks or the System; (iii) any action for equitable relief, including, without limitation, seeking preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, specific performance, or other relief in the nature of equity, including an action to enjoin an alleged violation or harm (or imminent risk of violation or harm) to any of our rights in the Intellectual Property, our copyrighted works, Marks, the System, or in any of our specialized training, trade secrets, or other Confidential Information, brought at any time, including prior to or during the



pendency of any mediation or arbitration proceedings; (iv) any action seeking compliance with the Post Term Obligations; or (v) any action in ejectment or for possession of any interest in real or personal property.

28.4 **Venue**

All disputes and claims must be mediated, arbitrated and, if applicable, litigated in the principal city (and, if applicable, court) closest to our principal place of business (currently Minneapolis, Minnesota); provided that we have the option to bring suit against any you in any state or federal court within the jurisdiction where your Franchised Business is or was located or where any of your owners lives for those claims brought in under the Litigation Exceptions. The parties consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction over them by these courts, and to the propriety of venue in these courts for the purpose of this Franchise Agreement, and the parties waive any objections that they would otherwise have in this regard. Each of the parties specifically waives any defense of inconvenient forum to the maintenance of any action or proceeding so brought and waives any bond, surety, or other security that might be required of any other party with respect thereto.

28.5 Fees and Costs

If you breach any term of this Franchise Agreement or any other agreement with us or an affiliate of ours, you agree to reimburse us for all reasonable attorneys' fees and other expenses we incur relating to such breach, regardless of whether the breach is cured prior to the commencement of any dispute resolution proceedings.

If we or you must enforce this Franchise Agreement in an arbitration or judicial proceeding, the substantially prevailing party will be entitled to reimbursement of its costs and expenses, including reasonable fees for accountants, attorneys, and expert witnesses, costs of investigations and proof of facts, court costs, travel and living expenses, and other dispute-related expenses.

If there is a mixed decision involving an award of money or money equivalent and equitable relief, the arbitrator will award the above fees to the party that it deems has substantially prevailed over the other party using reasonable business and arbitrator's judgment. We reserve the right, but have no obligation, to advance your share of the costs of any arbitration proceeding for such arbitration proceeding to take place, and by doing so will not be deemed to have waived or relinquished our right to seek recovery of those costs in accordance with this Section. If either party commences any legal action or proceeding in any court in contravention of the terms of this Section, that party shall pay all costs and expenses that the other party incurs in the action or proceeding, including, without limitation, costs and attorneys' fees as described in this Section.

28.6 Jury Trial and Class Action Waiver

WE AND YOU IRREVOCABLY WAIVE: (I) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR EQUITY, REGARDLESS OF WHICH PARTY BRING SUIT; AND (II) THE RIGHT TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE ON A CLASS ACTION BASIS IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES.



28.7 Confidentiality

Except as required by applicable law, including the required disclosure in our franchise disclosure document, the entire mediation, arbitration or litigation proceedings and related documents are confidential. Except as necessary to enforce the decision of the arbitrator hereunder, all conduct, statements, promises, offers, views and opinions, whether oral or written, made in the course of the arbitration by any of the parties, their agents, employees or representatives and by the arbitrator, are confidential. These matters will not be discoverable or admissible for any purposes, including impeachment, in any litigation or other proceeding involving the parties, and will not be disclosed to anyone who is not an agent, employee, expert witness, or representative for any of the parties; however, evidence otherwise discoverable or admissible is not excluded from discovery or admission as a result of its use in the arbitration.

28.8 Acknowledgment

The parties acknowledge that nothing herein shall delay or otherwise limit our Termination Rights. A notice or request for arbitration or mediation will not operate to stay, postpone, or rescind the effectiveness of any demand for performance or notice of termination under this Franchise Agreement.

28.9 Survival

We and you agree that the provisions of this Section shall apply during the Term of this Franchise Agreement and following the termination, expiration, Transfer or non-renewal of this Franchise Agreement. You agree to fully perform all obligations under this Franchise Agreement during the entire mediation, arbitration or litigation process.

29. SECURITY INTEREST

You grant to us a security interest ("Security Interest") in all of the furniture, fixtures, equipment, signage and real estate (including your interests under all real property and personal property leases and all improvements to real estate) of the Franchised Business, together with all similar property now owned or hereafter acquired, including additions, substitutions, replacements, proceeds and products thereof, wherever located, used in connection with the Franchised Business.

You are prohibited from granting a security interest in the Franchised Business or in any of your assets without our prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. We may take a subordinate position in the security interest if a Small Business Administration-participating or third-party lender requires a first or senior lien, and the appropriate subordination documentation is executed by all parties. This security interest shall be security for any and all Royalties, damages, expenses or other sums owed to us hereunder and for any other amounts you owe to us. You agree to execute any documents, including but not limited to, a UCC-1 (or replacements or extensions for) that we reasonably believe to be necessary to perfect said security interest prior to the opening of the Franchised Business, and hereby appoint us as its attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing such documents should you fail to do so. Except with respect to your sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business, you shall not sell, transfer, lease, sublease, assign, remove, waste, destroy, encumber or relocate any of the property described herein as subject to our security interest. Further, you shall take no other action which interferes with our security interest in said property, unless and until we release our security interest in the same.



30. YOUR REPRESENTATIONS

You hereby represent that: (i) you have not received or relied upon any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits or success of the business contemplated by this agreement, except for any information disclosed in the franchise disclosure document; (ii) you have no knowledge of any representations by us or any of our officers, directors, members, employees or representatives about the business contemplated by this agreement that are contrary to the terms of this agreement or the franchise disclosure document; (ii) you are aware of the fact that other present or future franchisees of ours may operate under different forms of agreement and consequently that our obligations and rights with respect to our various franchisees may differ materially in certain circumstances; (iii) you are aware of the fact that we may have negotiated terms or offered concessions to other franchisees and we have no obligation to offer you the same or similar negotiated terms or concessions; and (iii) you have conducted an independent investigation of the business contemplated by this agreement and recognize that it involves business risks, making the success of the venture largely dependent upon your own business abilities, efforts and judgments, and the services of you and those you employ.

31. GENERAL PROVISIONS

31.1 Governing Law

Except as governed by the United States Trademark Act of 1946 (Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051, et seq.), this Franchise Agreement and the franchise relationship shall be governed by the laws of the State where the Franchised Business is located (without reference to its principles of conflicts of law), but any law of the State where the Franchised Business is located that regulates the offer and sale of franchises or business opportunities or governs the relationship of a franchisor and its franchisee will not apply unless its jurisdictional requirements are met independently without reference to this Section.

31.2 Relationship of the Parties

You understand that you are an independent contractor and are not authorized to make any contract, agreement, warranty or representation or create any obligation on our behalf under this Franchise Agreement. You understand and agree that nothing in this Franchise Agreement creates a fiduciary relationship between you and us or is intended to make either party a general or special agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venture, partner, employee or servant of the other for any purpose. During the Term, you must conspicuously identify yourself at your base of operations, and in all dealings with third parties, as a franchisee of ours and the independent owner of your Franchised Business. You agree to place such other notices of independent ownership on such forms, stationery, advertising, business cards and other materials as we may require from time to time. Neither we nor you are permitted to make any express or implied agreement, warranty or representation, or incur any debt, in the name of or on behalf of the other, or represent that our relationship is other than franchisor and franchisee. In addition, neither we nor you will be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other that are not expressly authorized by this Franchise Agreement.

31.3 Severability and Substitution

Each section, subsection, term and provision of this Franchise Agreement, and any portion thereof, shall be considered severable. If any applicable and binding law imposes mandatory, non-waivable terms or conditions that conflict with a provision of this Franchise Agreement, the terms or conditions required by such law shall govern to the extent of the inconsistency and supersede the conflicting provision of this Franchise Agreement. If a court concludes that any promise or covenant in this Franchise Agreement is



unreasonable and unenforceable, including without limitation, the Brand Covenants: (i) the court may modify such promise or covenant to the minimum extent necessary to make such promise or covenant enforceable; or (ii) we may unilaterally modify such promise or covenant to the minimum extent necessary to make such promise or covenant enforceable.

31.4 Waivers

We and you may, by written instrument, unilaterally waive or reduce any obligation of or restriction upon the other. Any waiver granted by us shall be without prejudice to any other rights we may have. We and you shall not be deemed to have waived or impaired any right, power or option reserved by this Franchise Agreement (including the right to demand exact compliance with every term, condition and covenant in this Franchise Agreement, or to declare any breach of this Franchise Agreement to be a default, and to terminate the Franchise Agreement before the expiration of its Term) by virtue of: (i) any custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement; (ii) any failure, refusal or neglect of us or you to exercise any right under this Franchise Agreement or to insist upon exact compliance by the other with its obligations under this Franchise Agreement, including any mandatory specification, standard or operating procedure; (iii) any waiver, forbearance, delay, failure or omission by us to exercise any right, power or option, whether of the same, similar or different nature, relating to other Bubbly Paws franchisees; or (iv) the acceptance by us of any payments due from you after breach of this Franchise Agreement.

31.5 Approvals

Whenever this Franchise Agreement requires our approval, you must make a timely written request for approval, and the approval must be in writing in order to bind us. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Franchise Agreement, if we fail to approve any request for approval within the required period of time, we shall be deemed to have disapproved your request. If we deny approval and you seek legal redress for the denial, the only relief to which you may be entitled is to acquire our approval. Except where this Franchise Agreement states that we may not unreasonably withhold our approval or consent, we may withhold such approval or consent, in our sole discretion. You are not entitled to any other relief or damages for our denial of approval.

31.6 Force Majeure

No party shall be liable for any loss or damage that arises directly or indirectly through or as a result of any delay in the fulfilment of or failure to fulfil its obligations in whole or in part (other than the payment of money as may be owed by a party) under this Franchise Agreement where the delay or failure is due to Force Majeure. In the event of Force Majeure, the parties shall be relieved of their respective obligations only to the extent the parties are respectively necessarily prevented or delayed in such performance during the period of such Force Majeure.

31.7 Binding Effect

This Franchise Agreement is binding upon the parties to this Franchise Agreement and their respective executors, administrators, heirs, assigns and successors in interest. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party to this Franchise Agreement; provided, however, that the Additional Insureds and the Indemnified Parties are intended third-party beneficiaries under this Franchise Agreement with respect to indemnification obligations of the franchisee.



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31.8 Integration

This Franchise Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be changed except by a written document signed by both parties. Any email correspondence or other form of informal electronic communication shall not be deemed to modify this Franchise Agreement unless such communication is signed by both parties and specifically states that it is intended to modify this Franchise Agreement. The attachment(s) are part of this Franchise Agreement, which, together with any amendments or addenda executed on or after the Effective Date, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties, and there are no other oral or written understandings or agreements between us and you about the subject matter of this Franchise Agreement. As referenced above, all mandatory provisions of the Franchise Operations Manual are part of this Franchise Agreement; however, notwithstanding the foregoing, we may modify the Franchise Operations Manual at any time.

Any representations not specifically contained in this Franchise Agreement made before entering into this Franchise Agreement do not survive after the signing of this Franchise Agreement. This provision is intended to define the nature and extent of the parties' mutual contractual intent, there being no mutual intent to enter into contract relations, whether by agreement or by implication, other than as set forth above. The parties acknowledge that these limitations are intended to achieve the highest possible degree of certainty in the definition of the contract being formed, in recognition of the fact that uncertainty creates economic risks for both parties which, if not addressed as provided in this Franchise Agreement, would affect the economic terms of this bargain. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to disclaim any of the representations we made in the franchise disclosure document.

31.9 Covenant of Good Faith

If applicable law implies a covenant of good faith and fair dealing in this Franchise Agreement, the parties agree that the covenant shall not imply any rights or obligations that are inconsistent with a fair construction of the terms of this Franchise Agreement. Additionally, if applicable law shall imply the covenant, you agree that: (i) this Franchise Agreement (and the relationship of the parties that is inherent in this Franchise Agreement) grants us the discretion to make decisions, take actions and/or refrain from taking actions not inconsistent with our explicit rights and obligations under this Franchise Agreement that may affect favorably or adversely your interests; (ii) we will use our judgment in exercising the discretion based on our assessment of our own interests and balancing those interests against the interests of our franchisees generally (including ourselves and our affiliates if applicable), and specifically without considering your individual interests or the individual interests of any other particular franchisee; (iii) we will have no liability to you for the exercise of our discretion in this manner, so long as the discretion is not exercised in bad faith; and (iv) in the absence of bad faith, no trier of fact in any arbitration or litigation shall substitute its judgment for our judgment so exercised.

31.10 Cumulative Rights

The rights of the parties under this Franchise Agreement are cumulative and no exercise or enforcement by either party of any right or remedy under this Franchise Agreement will preclude any other right or remedy available under this Franchise Agreement or by law.

31.11 Survival

All provisions that expressly or by their nature survive the termination, expiration or Transfer of this Franchise Agreement (or the Transfer of an ownership interest in the Franchised Business) shall

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continue in full force and effect, subsequent to and notwithstanding its termination, expiration or Transfer, and until they are satisfied in full or by their nature expire.

31.12 Construction

The headings in this Franchise Agreement are for convenience only and do not define, limit or construe the contents of the sections or subsections. All references to Sections refer to the Sections contained in this Franchise Agreement unless otherwise specified. All references to days in this Franchise Agreement refer to calendar days unless otherwise specified. The term "you" as used in this Franchise Agreement is applicable to one or more persons or an Entity, and the singular usage includes the plural and the masculine and neuter usages include the other and the feminine and the possessive.

31.13 Time is of the Essence

Time is of the essence in this Franchise Agreement and every term thereof.

31.14 Notice

All notices given under this Franchise Agreement must be in writing, delivered by hand, email (to the last email address provided by the recipient), or certified mail or delivered by a recognized courier service, receipt acknowledged, to the following addresses (which may be changed upon ten business days' prior written notice):

You: As set forth on Attachment A

Us: Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC

4737 Chicago Ave.

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

Notice shall be considered given at the time delivered by hand, or one business day after sending by fax, email or comparable electronic system, or three business days after placed in the mail, postage prepaid, by certified mail with a return receipt requested.

(Signature Page Follows)



The parties to this Franchise Agreement have executed this Franchise Agreement effective as of the Effective Date set forth in $\underline{\text{Attachment } A}$.

FRANCHISOR:	FRANCHISEE:
Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC	(Franchisee Full Legal Name)
a Minnesota Limited Liability Company	
Ву:	
	By:
Printed Name:	
	Printed Name:
Title:	
	Title:
	Or if Franchisee is an individual(s)
	Drinted Names
	Printed Name:
	Printed Name:
	Printed Name:



ATTACHMENT A

TO FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

FRANCHISE DATA SHEET

Effective Da	ate. The Effective Date of the Franchise Agreement is:	, 20
	The franchisee identified in the introductory paragraph of the Franchisee	chise Agreement
	ress. Franchisee's address for notices as set forth in Section 31.14 shall be as follows:	of the Franchise
	Attn:	
Initial Fran	chise Fee. The "Initial Franchise Fee" is: (check one):	
\$42,50	0 for a single Franchise.	
first re	0 for a single Franchise with 10% discount for veterans of the U.S. A sponders (eligibility subject to certain terms and conditions, including licable, proof of honorable separation)	
	plicable; this Franchise Agreement is being signed as a Successor Franchise aresult of a Transfer.	chise Agreement
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	500 - Franchisee is purchasing a Multi-3 Franchise and this Franchise st Franchised Business under the Multi-Franchise Addendum to nent.	•
U.S. A includ Agree	O Franchisee is purchasing a Multi-3 Franchise with a 10% discount for Armed Forces and first responders (eligibility subject to certain terms ing verification and, as applicable, proof of honorable separation) arment is for the first Franchised Business under the Multi-Franchise Agreement.	s and conditions, nd this Franchise



		Not applicable - this an additional Franchise Agreement being signed under a previously signed a Multi-Franchise Addendum.
5.	<u>Territe</u>	ory: (check one)
		The Franchised Business will be operated in a Metropolitan Area and will not have a Territory.
		The Franchised Business will be operated from a Non-Traditional Location and will not have a Protected Area.
		Subject to final approval of the location of the Franchised Business, the parties intend that the Franchised Business will have a Territory, which shall be set forth in <u>Attachment A-1</u> . We will present you with the Territory upon the identification of the site for the Franchised Business. If you do not wish to accept the Territory, you may choose another site location and we will present you with another Territory based on the site selected.

6. <u>Location</u>. If a particular site for the Premises has been selected and approved at the time of the signing of this Franchise Agreement, it shall be entered in <u>Attachment A-1</u> as the Premises location, and the Territory shall be as listed in <u>Attachment A-1</u>, if applicable. If a particular site has not been selected and approved at the time of the signing of this Franchise Agreement, once we have approved a location for your Premises, you and we will execute <u>Attachment A-1</u>.

(Signature Page Follows)



FRANCHISOR:	FRANCHISEE:
Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC	(Franchisee Full Legal Name)
a Minnesota limited liability company	
By:	
	Ву:
Printed Name:	
	Printed Name:
Title:	
	Title:
	Or if Franchisee is an individual(s)
	Printed Name:
	Printed Name:



Printed Name:_____

ATTACHMENT A-1 TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

PREMISES AND TERRITORY

You have received approval for site location for the Premises that satisfies the demographics and location requirements minimally necessary for a Premises and that meets our minimum current standards and specifications for the buildout, interior design, layout, floor plan, signs, designs, color and décor of a Premises. You and we have mutually agreed-upon a Territory based on the site for the Premises which is indicated below. You acknowledge that the Territory is in conformance with the territory guidelines stated in Item 12 of the Franchise Disclosure Document.



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FRANCHISEE:	FRANCHISOR:
Entity name (if any):	Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC
By:	By: Print Name: Title:
Date: Or if Franchisee is an individual(s)	Date:
Printed Name:	_
Printed Name:	_
Printed Name:	



ATTACHMENT B

TO THE BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Franchisee:	
	f Ownership eck One)
Individual(s) Partnership Co	orporation Limited Liability Company
<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u> : If the franchisee is an indivioully. If the franchisee is a business entity, pleas <u>SECTION I (For Individual(s)*)</u> :	dual (or individuals), please complete section I below se complete sections II and III below.
Name	Address
*If you plan to operate your Franchised Business notify us, transfer this Franchise Agreement to the	through a business entity in the future, you will need to Entity, and sign all of our transfer documents.
SECTION II (For Entities):	
A. State and date of Formation/Incorporat	ion:
B. Management (managers, officers, board	of directors, etc.):
Name	Title

C. Owners (Members, Stockholders, Partners)**:



Please include each person who is a direct and indirect owner of franchisee (attach additional sheets if necessary). If any of the owners are also business entities, please list the owners of each of those business entities also.

Name	•	Address	Percentage Owned
	y members, stockholders or ividuals.	partners are entities, ple	ease list the owners of such entities up throug
D.	Company Documents. A Franchise Agreement.	ttached are Company Do	ocuments as set forth in Section 3.1.2 of th
SECTI	ION III (For Entities):		
A.	·		onsible Owner as of the Effective Date is You may not chang
	the Responsible Owner wi	mout prior written approv	vai.
В.	Identification of Franchise Date is	_	chise Manager, if applicable, as of the Effective You may no napproval.
	This form is current and co	omplete as of	
		FRA	ANCHISEE:
		a(n))
Date:		Ву:	
		Prin	nted Name:
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ATTACHMENT C

TO THE BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

FRANCHISE OWNER AGREEMENT

As a condition to the granting by Bubbly Paws Fra	anchising, LLC ("we" or "us") of a franchise
agreement with	("Franchisee"), each of the undersigned
individuals ("Owners"), who constitute all of the owners	of a direct or indirect beneficial interest in
Franchisee, as well as their respective spouses, covenant and	agree to be bound by this Owners Agreement
("Franchise Owner Agreement").	

1. Acknowledgments.

- 1.2 Owners' Role. Owners are the beneficial owners or spouses of the beneficial owners of all of the direct and indirect equity interest, membership interest, or other equity controlling interest in Franchisee and acknowledge there are benefits received and to be received by each Owner, jointly and severally, and for themselves, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. Franchisee's obligations under the Franchise Agreement, including the confidentiality and non-compete obligations, would be of little value to us if Franchisee's direct and indirect owners were not bound by the same requirements. Under the provisions of the Franchise Agreement, Owners are required to enter into this Franchise Owner Agreement as a condition to our entering into the Franchise Agreement with Franchisee. Owners will be jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Franchise Owner Agreement.

2. Non-Disclosure and Protection of Confidential Information.

- 2.1 <u>Confidentiality</u>. Under the Franchise Agreement, we will provide Franchisee with specialized training, proprietary trade secrets, and other Confidential Information relating to the establishment and operation of a franchised business. The provisions of the Franchise Agreement governing Franchisee's non-disclosure obligations relating to our Confidential Information are hereby incorporated into this Franchise Owner Agreement by reference, and Owners agree to comply with each obligation as though fully set forth in this Franchise Owner Agreement as a direct and primary obligation of Owners. Further, we may seek the same remedies against Owners under this Franchise Owner Agreement as we may seek against Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, techniques, and other data which we designate as confidential will also be deemed Confidential Information for purposes of this Franchise Owner Agreement.
- 2.2 <u>Immediate Family Members</u>. Owners acknowledge that they could circumvent the purpose of Section 2.1 by disclosing Confidential Information to an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild). Owners also acknowledge that it would be difficult for us to prove whether Owners disclosed the Confidential Information to family members. Therefore, each Owner agrees that he or she will be presumed to have violated the terms of Section 2.1 if any member of his or her immediate family uses or discloses the Confidential Information or engages in any activities that would constitute a violation of the covenants listed in Section 3, below, if performed by Owners. However, Owners may rebut this presumption by furnishing evidence conclusively showing that Owners did not disclose the Confidential Information to the family member.



3. Covenant Not to Compete.

- 3.1 Non-Competition During and After the Term of the Franchise Agreement. Owners acknowledge that as a participant in our system, they will receive proprietary and confidential information and materials, trade secrets, and the unique methods, procedures, and techniques which we have developed. The provisions of the Franchise Agreement governing Franchisee's restrictions on competition both during the term of the Franchise Agreement and following the expiration, termination or transfer of the Franchise Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Franchise Owner Agreement by reference, and Owners agree to comply with and perform each such covenant as though fully set forth in this Franchise Owner Agreement as a direct and primary obligation of Owners. Further, we may seek the same remedies against Owners under this Franchise Owner Agreement as we may seek against Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement.
- 3.2 <u>Construction of Covenants</u>. The parties agree that each such covenant related to non-competition will be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Franchise Owner Agreement. If all or any portion of a covenant referenced in this Section 3 is held unreasonable or unenforceable by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction in a final decision to which we are a party, Owners agree to be bound by any lesser covenant subsumed within the terms of such covenant that imposes the maximum duty permitted by law, as if the resulting covenant were separately stated in and made a part of this Section 3.
- 3.3 Our Right to Reduce Scope of Covenants. Additionally, we have the right, in our sole discretion, to unilaterally reduce the scope of all or part of any covenant referenced in this Section 3 of this Franchise Owner Agreement, without Owners' consent (before or after any dispute arises), effective when we give Owners written notice of this reduction. Owners agree to comply with any covenant as so modified.

4. Guarantee.

- 4.1 <u>Payment</u>. Owners will pay us (or cause us to be paid) all monies payable by Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement on the dates and in the manner required for payment in the relevant agreement.
- 4.2 <u>Performance</u>. Owners unconditionally guarantee full performance and discharge by Franchisee of all of Franchisee's obligations under the Franchise Agreement on the date and times and in the manner required in the relevant agreement.
- 4.3 <u>Indemnification</u>. Owners will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless us, all of our affiliates, and the respective shareholders, directors, partners, employees, and agents of such entities, against and from all losses, damages, costs, and expenses which we or they may sustain, incur, or become liable for by reason of: (i) Franchisee's failure to pay the monies payable (to us or any of our affiliates) pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, or to do and perform any other act, matter, or thing required by the Franchise Agreement: or (ii) any action by us to obtain performance by Franchisee of any act, matter, or thing required by the Franchise Agreement.
- 4.4 <u>No Exhaustion of Remedies</u>. Owners acknowledge and agree that we will not be obligated to proceed against Franchisee or exhaust any security from Franchisee or pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief against Franchisee, before proceeding to enforce the obligations of the Owners as guarantors under this Franchise Owner Agreement, and the enforcement of such obligations can take place before, after, or contemporaneously with, enforcement of any of Franchisee's debts or obligations under the Franchise Agreement.



- 4.5 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Without affecting Owners' obligations under this Section 4, we can extend, modify, or release any of Franchisee's indebtedness or obligation, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Franchisee, all without notice to the Owners. Owners waive notice of amendment of the Franchise Agreement and notice of demand for payment or performance by Franchisee.
- 4.6 <u>Effect of Owner's Death.</u> Upon the death of an Owner, the estate of such Owner will be bound by the obligations in this Section 4, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death, and the obligations of any other Owners will continue in full force and effect.
- 5. <u>Transfers.</u> Owners acknowledge and agree that we have granted the Franchise Agreement to Franchisee in reliance on Owners' business experience, skill, financial resources, and personal character. Accordingly, Owners agree not to sell, encumber, assign, transfer, convey, pledge, merge, or give away any direct or indirect interest in this Franchisee, unless Owners first comply with the sections in the Franchise Agreement regarding Transfers. Owners acknowledge and agree that any attempted Transfer of an interest in Franchisee requiring our consent under the Franchise Agreement for which our express written consent is not first obtained will be a material breach of this Franchise Owner Agreement and the Franchise Agreement.

6. <u>Notices</u>.

- 6.1 <u>Method of Notice</u>. Any notices given under this Franchise Owner Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Franchise Agreement.
- 6.2 <u>Notice Addresses</u>. Our current address for all communications under this Franchise Owner Agreement is:

Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC 4737 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

The current address of each Owner for all communications under this Franchise Owner Agreement is designated on the signature page of this Franchise Owner Agreement. Any party may designate a new address for notices by giving written notice to the other parties of the new address according to the method set forth in the Franchise Agreement.

7. Enforcement of This Franchise Owner Agreement.

- 7.1 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any claim or dispute arising out of or relating to this Franchise Owner Agreement shall be subject to the dispute resolution provisions of the Franchise Agreement. This agreement to engage in such dispute resolution process shall survive the termination or expiration of this Franchise Owner Agreement.
- 7.2 <u>Choice of Law; Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. This Franchise Owner Agreement and any claim or controversy arising out of, or relating to, any of the rights or obligations under this Franchise Owner Agreement, and any other claim or controversy between the parties, will be governed by the choice of law, jurisdiction, and venue provisions of the Franchise Agreement.
- 7.3 <u>Equitable Remedies</u>. Owners acknowledge and agree that the covenants and obligations of the Owners relate to special, unique and extraordinary matters and that a violation of any of the terms of such covenants and obligations will cause us irreparable injury for which adequate remedies



are not available at law. Therefore, Owners agree that we shall be entitled to an injunction, restraining order or such other equitable relief (without the requirement to post bond) as a court of competent jurisdiction may deem necessary or appropriate to restrain Owners from committing any violation of the covenants and obligations contained herein. If equitable relief is granted, Owners' only remedy will be the court's dissolution of the injunctive relief. If equitable relief was wrongfully issued, Owners expressly waive all claims for damages they incurred as a result of the wrongful issuance.

8. Miscellaneous.

- 8.1 <u>No Other Agreements</u>. This Franchise Owner Agreement constitutes the entire, full, and complete agreement between the parties, and supersedes any earlier or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings, or agreements. There are no representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements, or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by this Franchise Owner Agreement, other than those in this Franchise Owner Agreement. No other obligations, restrictions, or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of this Franchise Owner Agreement may be implied into this Franchise Owner Agreement. Except for unilateral reduction of the scope of the covenants permitted in Section 3.3 (or as otherwise expressly provided in this Franchise Owner Agreement), no amendment, change, or variance from this Franchise Owner Agreement will be binding on either party unless it is mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing. Time is of the essence.
- 8.2 <u>Severability</u>. Each provision of this Franchise Owner Agreement, and any portions thereof, will be considered severable. If any provision of this Franchise Owner Agreement or the application of any provision to any person, property, or circumstances is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Franchise Owner Agreement will be unaffected and will still remain in full force and effect. The parties agree that the provision found to be invalid or unenforceable will be modified to the extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable, consistent as much as possible with the original intent of the parties (i.e., to provide maximum protection for us and to effectuate the Owners' obligations under the Franchise Agreement), and the parties agree to be bound by the modified provisions.
- 8.3 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Franchise Owner Agreement is intended to confer upon any person or entity (other than the parties and their heirs, successors, and assigns) any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Franchise Owner Agreement.
- 8.4 <u>Construction</u>. Any term defined in the Franchise Agreement which is not defined in this Franchise Owner Agreement will be ascribed the meaning given to it in the Franchise Agreement. The language of this Franchise Owner Agreement will be construed according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against either party. All words in this Franchise Owner Agreement refer to whatever number or gender the context requires. If more than one party or person is referred to as you, their obligations and liabilities must be joint and several. Headings are for reference purposes and do not control interpretation.
- 8.5 <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Franchise Owner Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered will be deemed an original. This Franchise Owner Agreement is binding on the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and (permitted) assigns.
- 8.6 <u>Successors</u>. References to "Franchisor," "Owners," "the undersigned," or "you" include the respective parties' heirs, successors, assigns, or transferees.



- 8.7 <u>Nonwaiver</u>. Our failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Franchise Owner Agreement shall not be a waiver of our right to do so. Delay or omission by us respecting any breach or default shall not affect our rights respecting any subsequent breaches or defaults. All rights and remedies granted in this Franchise Owner Agreement shall be cumulative.
- 8.8 <u>No Personal Liability</u>. Owners agree that fulfillment of any and all of our obligations written in the Franchise Agreement or this Franchise Owner Agreement, or based on any oral communications which may be ruled to be binding in a court of law, shall be our sole responsibility and none of our owners, officers, agents, representatives, nor any individuals associated with us shall be personally liable to Owners for any reason.
- 8.9 <u>Franchise Owner Agreement Controls.</u> In the event of any discrepancy between this Franchise Owner Agreement and the Franchise Agreement, this Franchise Owner Agreement shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Franchise Owner Agreement as of the Effective Date of the Franchise Agreement.

(Signatures on following page)



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OWNER(S):		
Owner	Spouse	
Address:	Address:	
Owner	Spouse	
Address:	Address:	
Owner	Spouse	
Address:	Address:	
Owner	Spouse	
Address:	Address:	



EXHIBIT D

LIST OF CURRENT AND FORMER FRANCHISEES



Current Franchisees as of September 30, 2021:
None
Franchisees with Unopened Outlets as of September 30, 2021:
<u>None</u>
Former Franchisees:
None

EXHIBIT E

STATE ADDENDA AND AGREEMENT RIDERS

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ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR CERTAIN STATES FOR BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISING, LLC

Certain states have laws governing the franchise relationship and franchise documents. Certain states require modifications to the FDD, Franchise Agreement and other documents related to the sale of a franchise. This State-Specific Addendum ("State Addendum") will modify these agreements to comply with the state's laws. The terms of this State Addendum will only apply if you meet the requirements of the applicable state independently of your signing of this State Addendum. The terms of this State Addendum will override any inconsistent provision of the FDD, Franchise Agreement or any Supplemental Documents. This State Addendum only applies to the following states: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

If your state requires these modifications, you will sign this State Addendum along with the Franchise Agreement and any Supplemental Agreements.

CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE BE DELIVERED TOGETHER WITH THE OFFERING CIRCULAR.

California Corporations Code Section 31125 requires us to give to you an FDD approved by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation before we ask you to consider a material modification of your Franchise Agreement.

The Franchise Agreement contains, and if applicable, the Supplemental Agreements may contain, provisions requiring binding arbitration with the costs being awarded to the prevailing party. The arbitration will occur in Minnesota. Prospective franchisees are encouraged to consult private legal counsel to determine the applicability of California and federal laws (such as Business and Professions Code Section 20040.5, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1281, and the Federal Arbitration Act) to any provisions of the Franchise Agreement or Supplemental Agreements restricting venue to a forum outside the State of California. The Franchise Agreement may contain a mediation provision. If so, the parties shall each bear their own costs of mediation and shall share equally the filing fee and the mediator's fees.



The Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements require the application of the law of the state where the Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business is located. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.

Neither Franchisor nor any other person listed in Item 2 of the FDD is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C.A. 78a et seq., suspending or expelling such persons from membership in such association or exchange.

California Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043 provide rights to you concerning termination, transfer, or non-renewal of a franchise. If the Franchise Agreement or Supplemental Agreements contain a provision that is inconsistent with the California Franchise Investment Law, the California Franchise Investment Law will control.

The Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements may provide for termination upon bankruptcy. Any such provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C.A. SEC. 101 et seq.).

The Franchise Agreement contains, and if applicable, the Supplemental Agreements may contain, a covenant not to compete provision which extends beyond the termination of the Franchise. Such provisions may not be enforceable under California law.

Under California Civil Code Section 1671, certain liquidated damages clauses are unenforceable. Any such provisions contained in the Franchise Agreement or Supplemental Agreements may not be enforceable.

You must sign a general release of claims if you renew or transfer your Franchise. California Corporations Code Section 31512 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Investment Law (California Corporations Code Sections 31000 through 31516). Business and Professions Code Section 20010 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Relations Act (Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043).

Our website has not been reviewed or approved by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Any complaints concerning the content of this website may be directed to the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation at www.dfpi.ca.gov.

Item 6 of the FDD is amended to state the highest interest rate allowed by law in California is 10% annually.

HAWAII

The following is added to the Cover Page:

THIS FRANCHISE WILL BE/HAS BEEN FILED UNDER THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW OF THE STATE OF HAWAII. FILING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS OR A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING.



THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO OFFER OR SELL ANY FRANCHISE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT FIRST PROVIDING TO YOU OR SUBFRANCHISOR AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION BY YOU OR SUBFRANCHISOR OF ANY BINDING FRANCHISE OR OTHER AGREEMENT, OR AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION BY YOU, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, A COPY OF THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE.

THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A SUMMARY ONLY OF CERTAIN MATERIAL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO FOR A STATEMENT OF ALL RIGHTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH US AND YOU.

Registered agent in the state authorized to receive service of process:

Commissioner of Securities of the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Business Registration Division 335 Merchant Street, Room 203 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The status of the Franchisor's franchise registrations in the states which require registration is as follows:

- 1. States in which this proposed registration is effective are listed in Exhibit I of the FDD on the page entitled, "State Effective Dates."
- 2. States which have refused, by order or otherwise, to register these Franchises are:

None

3. States which have revoked or suspended the right to offer the Franchises are:

None

4. States in which the proposed registration of these Franchises has been withdrawn are:

None

ILLINOIS

Sections 4 and 41 and Rule 608 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act states that court litigation must take place before Illinois federal or state courts and all dispute resolution arising from the terms of this Agreement or the relationship of the parties and conducted through arbitration or litigation shall be subject to Illinois law. The FDD, Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements are amended accordingly.



The governing law or choice of law clause described in the FDD and contained in the Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements is not enforceable under Illinois law. This governing law clause shall not be construed to negate the application of Illinois law in all situations to which it is applicable.

Section 41 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act states that "any condition, stipulation or provision purporting to bind any person acquiring any franchise to waive compliance with any provision of this Act or any other law of this State is void." The Franchise Agreement is amended accordingly. To the extent that the Franchise Agreement would otherwise violate Illinois law, such Agreement is amended by providing that all litigation by or between you and us, arising directly or indirectly from the Franchise relationship, will be commenced and maintained in the state courts of Illinois or, at our election, the United States District Court for Illinois, with the specific venue in either court system determined by appropriate jurisdiction and venue requirements, and Illinois law will pertain to any claims arising under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

Item 17.v, Choice of Forum, of the FDD is revised to include the following: "provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be considered a waiver of any right granted upon you by Section 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act."

Item 17.w, Choice of Law, of the FDD is revised to include the following: "provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be considered a waiver of any right granted upon you by Section 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act."

The termination and non-renewal provisions in the Franchise Agreement and the FDD may not be enforceable under Sections 19 and 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

Under Section 705/27 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, no action for liability under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act can be maintained unless brought before the expiration of three years after the act or transaction constituting the violation upon which it is based, the expiration of one year after you become aware of facts or circumstances reasonably indicating that you may have a claim for relief in respect to conduct governed by the Act, or 90 days after delivery to you of a written notice disclosing the violation, whichever shall first expire. To the extent that the Franchise Agreement is inconsistent with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, Illinois law will control and supersede any inconsistent provision(s).

INDIANA

Item 8 of the FDD is amended to add the following:

Under Indiana Code Section 23-2-2.7-1(4), we will not accept any rebates from any person with whom you do business or associate in relation to transactions between you and the other person, other than for compensation for services rendered by us, unless the rebate is properly accounted for and submitted to you.

Item 17 of the FDD is amended to add the following:

Indiana Code 23-2-2.7-1(7) makes it unlawful for us to unilaterally terminate your Franchise Agreement unless there is a material violation of the Franchise Agreement and termination is not in bad faith.

Indiana Code 23-2-2.7-1(5) prohibits us to require you to agree to a prospective general release of claims subject to the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act.



The "Summary" column in Item 17.r. of the FDD is deleted and the following is inserted in its place:

No competing business for two years within the Territory.

The "Summary" column in Item 17.t. of the FDD is deleted and the following is inserted in its place:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this provision, you do not waive any right under the Indiana Statutes with regard to prior representations made by us.

The "Summary" column in Item 17.v. of the FDD is deleted and the following is inserted in its place:

Litigation regarding Franchise Agreement in Indiana; other litigation in Minnesota. This language has been included in this Franchise Disclosure Document as a condition to registration. The Franchisor and the Franchisee do not agree with the above language and believe that each of the provisions of the Franchise Agreement, including all venue provisions, is fully enforceable. The Franchisor and the Franchisee intend to fully enforce all of the provisions of the Franchise Agreement and all other documents signed by them, including but not limited to, all venue, choice-of-law, arbitration provisions and other dispute avoidance and resolution provisions and to rely on federal pre-emption under the Federal Arbitration Act.

The "Summary" column in Item 17.w. of the FDD is deleted and the following is inserted in its place:

Indiana law applies to disputes covered by Indiana franchise laws; otherwise the laws of the state where Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business is located applies.

Despite anything to the contrary in the Franchise Agreement, the following provisions will supersede and apply to all Franchises offered and sold in the State of Indiana:

- 1. The laws of the State of Indiana supersede any provisions of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, or the laws of the state where Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business is located, if such provisions are in conflict with Indiana law.
- 2. The prohibition by Indiana Code 23-2-2.7-1(7) against unilateral termination of the Franchise without good cause or in bad faith, good cause being defined under law as including any material breach of the Franchise Agreement, will supersede the provisions of the Franchise Agreement relating to termination for cause, to the extent those provisions may be inconsistent with such prohibition.
- 3. Any provision in the Franchise Agreement that would require you to prospectively assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver or estoppel which purports to relieve any person from liability imposed by the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Law is void to the extent that such provision violates such law.
- 4. The covenant not to compete that applies after the expiration or termination of the Franchise Agreement for any reason is hereby modified to the extent necessary to comply with Indiana Code 23-2-2.7-1 (9).
- 5. The following provision will be added to the Franchise Agreement:

No Limitation on Litigation. Despite the foregoing provisions of this Agreement, any provision in the Agreement which limits in any manner whatsoever litigation brought for



breach of the Agreement will be void to the extent that any such contractual provision violates the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Law.

IOWA

Any provision in the Franchise Agreement or Compliance Questionnaire which would require you to prospectively assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver or estoppel which purports to relieve any person from liability imposed by the Iowa Business Opportunity Promotions Law (Iowa Code Ch. 551A) is void to the extent that such provision violates such law.

The following language will be added to the Franchise Agreement:

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
(enter date of transaction)
You may cancel this transaction, without penalty or obligation, within three business days from the above date. If you cancel, any property traded in, any payments made by you under the contract or sale, and any negotiable instrument executed by you will be returned within ten business days following receipt by the seller of your cancellation notice, and any security interest arising out of the transaction will be canceled.
If you cancel, you must make available to the seller at your residence or business address, in substantially as good condition as when received, any goods delivered to you under this contract or sale; or you may, if you wish, comply with the instructions of the seller regarding the return shipment of the goods at the seller's expense and risk.
If you do not agree to return the goods to the seller or if the seller does not pick them up within 20 days of the date of your notice of cancellation, you may retain or dispose of the goods without any further obligation.
To cancel this transaction, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice to Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 not later than midnight of the third business day after the Effective Date.
I hereby cancel this transaction.
Franchisee:
By:

Print Name:

Date: _____



MARYLAND

AMENDMENTS TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Item 17 of the FDD and the Franchise Agreement are amended to state: "The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale, and/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law."

Representations in the Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements are not intended to, nor shall they act as, a release, estoppel, or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Item 17 of the FDD and sections of the Franchise Agreement and Supplemental Agreements are amended to state that you may bring a lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law. Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three years after the grant of the Franchise.

The Franchise Agreement and Franchise Disclosure Questionnaire are amended to state that all representations requiring prospective franchisees to assent to a release, estoppel, or waiver of liability are not intended to, nor shall they act as, a release, estoppel, or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under Federal Bankruptcy Law (11 U.S.C.A Sec. 101 et seq.).

MICHIGAN

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROHIBITS CERTAIN UNFAIR PROVISIONS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN THESE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS, THE PROVISIONS ARE VOID AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST YOU.

Each of the following provisions is void and unenforceable if contained in any documents relating to a franchise:

- (a) A prohibition on your right to join an association of franchisees.
- (b) A requirement that you assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver, or estoppel which deprives you of rights and protections provided in this act. This shall not preclude you, after entering into a Franchise Agreement, from settling any and all claims.
- (c) A provision that permits us to terminate a Franchise prior to the expiration of its term except for good cause. Good cause shall include your failure to comply with any lawful provision of the Franchise Agreement and to cure such failure after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than 30 days, to cure such failure.
- (d) A provision that permits us to refuse to renew your Franchise without fairly compensating you by repurchase or other means for the fair market value at the time of expiration of your inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Personalized materials which have no value to us and inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the



Franchise business are not subject to compensation. This subsection applies only if: (i) the term of the Franchise is less than five years; and (ii) you are prohibited by the Franchise Agreement or other agreement from continuing to conduct substantially the same business under another trademark, service mark, trade name, logotype, advertising, or other commercial symbol in the same area subsequent to the expiration of the Franchise or you do not receive at least six months' advance notice of our intent not to renew the Franchise.

- (e) A provision that permits us to refuse to renew a Franchise on terms generally available to other franchisees of the same class or type under similar circumstances. This section does not require a renewal provision.
- (f) A provision requiring that arbitration or litigation be conducted outside the State of Michigan. This shall not preclude you from entering into an agreement, at the time of arbitration, to conduct arbitration at a location outside this state.
- (g) A provision which permits us to refuse to permit a transfer of ownership of a Franchise, except for good cause. This subdivision does not prevent us from exercising a right of first refusal to purchase the Franchise. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to:
 - (i) the failure of the proposed transferee to meet our then-current reasonable qualifications or standards.
 - (ii) the fact that the proposed transferee is a competitor of us or our subfranchisor.
 - (iii) the unwillingness of the proposed transferee to agree in writing to comply with all lawful obligations.
 - (iv) your or proposed transferee's failure to pay any sums owing to us or to cure any default in the Franchise Agreement existing at the time of the proposed transfer.
- (h) A provision that requires you to resell to us items that are not uniquely identified with us. This subdivision does not prohibit a provision that grants to us a right of first refusal to purchase the assets of a Franchise on the same terms and conditions as a bona fide third party willing and able to purchase those assets, nor does this subdivision prohibit a provision that grants us the right to acquire the assets of a Franchise for the market or appraised value of such assets if you have breached the lawful provisions of the Franchise Agreement and have failed to cure the breach in the manner provided in subdivision (c).
- (i) A provision which permits us to directly or indirectly convey, assign, or otherwise transfer our obligations to fulfill contractual obligations to you unless provision has been made for providing the required contractual services.

THE FACT THAT THERE IS A NOTICE OF THIS OFFERING ON FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.



Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to:

State of Michigan
Department of Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
Attn: Franchise
670 Law Building
525 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Telephone Number: (517) 373-7117

MINNESOTA

Despite anything to the contrary in the Franchise Agreement, the following provisions will supersede and apply to all Franchises offered and sold in the State of Minnesota:

- 1. Any provision in the Franchise Agreement which would require you to assent to a release, assignment, novation or waiver that would relieve any person from liability imposed by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 80C.01 to 80C.22 will be void to the extent that such contractual provision violates such law.
- 2. Minnesota Statute Section 80C.21 and Minnesota Rule 2860.4400J prohibit the franchisor from requiring litigation to be conducted outside of Minnesota. In addition, nothing in the FDD or Franchise Agreement can abrogate or reduce any of your rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80C, or your rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of Minnesota.
- 3. Minn. Rule Part 2860.4400J prohibits a franchisee from waiving his rights to a jury trial or waiving his rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction, or consenting to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. Any provision in the Franchise Agreement which would require you to waive your rights to any procedure, forum or remedies provided for by the laws of the State of Minnesota is deleted from any agreement relating to Franchises offered and sold in the State of Minnesota; provided, however, that this paragraph will not affect the obligation in the Franchise Agreement relating to arbitration.
- 4. With respect to Franchises governed by Minnesota law, we will comply with Minnesota Statute Section 80C.14, Subds. 3, 4 and 5, which require, except in certain specified cases, that you be given 90 days' notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days' notice for non-renewal of the Franchise Agreement; and that consent to the transfer of the Franchise will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 5. Item 13 of the FDD is hereby amended to state that we will protect your rights under the Franchise Agreement to use the Marks, or indemnify you from any loss, costs, or expenses arising out of any third-party claim, suit or demand regarding your use of the Marks, if your use of the Marks is in compliance with the provisions of the Franchise Agreement and our System standards.
- 6. Minnesota Rule 2860.4400(D) prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee to assent to a general release. As a result, the FDD and the Franchise Agreement, which require you to sign a general release prior to renewing or transferring your Franchise, are hereby deleted from the Franchise Agreement, to the extent required by Minnesota law.



7. The following language will appear as a new paragraph of the Franchise Agreement:

<u>No Abrogation</u>. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.21, nothing in the dispute resolution section of this Agreement will in any way abrogate or reduce any of your rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80.C.

8. Minnesota Statute Section 80C.17 states that no action for a violation of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 80C.01 to 80C.22 may be commenced more than three years after the cause of action accrues. To the extent that the Franchise Agreement conflicts with Minnesota law, Minnesota law will prevail.

NEW YORK

1. The following information is added to the cover page of the Franchise Disclosure Document:

INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SERVICES OR INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN THAT ANYTHING IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISOR CANNOT USE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PREVAIL UPON A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO ACCEPT TERMS WHICH ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

2. The following is added at the end of Item 3:

Except as provided above, with regard to Franchisor, its predecessor, a person identified in Item 2, or an affiliate offering franchises under the franchisor's principal trademark:

- A. No such party has an administrative, criminal or civil action pending against that person alleging: a felony, a violation of a franchise, antitrust or securities law, fraud, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, unfair or deceptive practices or comparable civil or misdemeanor allegations.
- B. No such party has pending actions, other than routine litigation incidental to the business, which are significant in the context of the number of franchisees and the size, nature or financial condition of the Franchise System or its business operations.
- C. No such party has been convicted of a felony or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge, or within the ten-year period immediately preceding the application for registration, has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a misdemeanor charge or has been the subject of a civil action alleging: violation of a franchise, antifraud or securities law; fraud; embezzlement; fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property; or unfair or deceptive practices or comparable allegations.



- D. No such party is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order or decree relating to the franchise, or under a Federal, State or Canadian franchise, securities, antitrust, trade regulation or trade practice law, resulting from a concluded or pending action or proceeding brought by a public agency; or is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange; or is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order relating to any other business activity as a result of an action brought by a public agency or department, including without limitation, actions affecting a license as a real estate broker or sales agent.
- 3. The following is added to the end of the "Summary" sections of Item 17(c), titled "Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend," and Item 17(m), entitled "Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer:"

However, to the extent required by applicable law, all rights you enjoy and any causes of action arising in your favor from the provisions of Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder shall remain in force; it being the intent of this proviso that the non-waiver provisions of General Business Law Sections 687(4) and 687(5) be satisfied.

4. The following language replaces the "Summary" section of Item 17(d), titled "**Termination by franchisee**."

You may terminate the agreement on any grounds available by law.

5. The following is added to the end of the "Summary" sections of Item 17(v), titled "Choice of forum," and Item 17(w), titled "Choice of law:"

The foregoing choice of law should not be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon the franchisor or upon the franchisee by Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York.

NORTH DAKOTA

Sections of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements requiring that you sign a general release, estoppel or waiver as a condition of renewal and/or assignment may not be enforceable as they relate to releases of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law.

Sections of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements requiring resolution of disputes to be outside North Dakota may not be enforceable under Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

Sections of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements relating to choice of law may not be enforceable under Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

Any section of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements requiring you to consent to liquidated damages and/or termination penalties may not be enforceable under Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.



Any sections of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements requiring you to consent to a waiver of trial by jury may not be enforceable under Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

Any sections of the FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements requiring you to consent to a waiver of exemplary and punitive damages may not be enforceable under Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

Item 17(r) of the FDD and Section 18 of the Franchise Agreement disclose the existence of certain covenants restricting competition to which Franchisee must agree. The Commissioner has held that covenants restricting competition contrary to Section 9-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, without further disclosing that such covenants may be subject to this statue, are unfair, unjust, or inequitable within the intent of Section 51-19-09 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law. The FDD and the Franchise Agreement are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

Franchise Fee Deferral:

Items 5 and 7 of the Franchise Disclosure Document and Section 6.7 of the Franchise Agreement regarding payment of the initial franchise fee are amended to state that the franchise fee will be deferred until all initial obligations owed to the Franchisee by the Franchisor have been fulfilled and the franchisee has commenced doing business pursuant to the Franchise Agreement.

OHIO

The following language will be added to the front page of the Franchise Agreement:

You, the purchaser, may cancel this transaction at any time prior to midnight of the fifth business day after the date you sign this agreement. See the attached notice of cancellation for an explanation of this right.

Initials	Date
	NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
	enter date of transaction)

You may cancel this transaction, without penalty or obligation, within five business days from the above date. If you cancel, any payments made by you under the agreement, and any negotiable instrument executed by you will be returned within ten business days following the seller's receipt of your cancellation notice, and any security interest arising out of the transaction will be cancelled. If you cancel, you must make available to the seller at your business address all goods delivered to you under this agreement; or you may, if you wish, comply with the instructions of the seller regarding the return shipment of the goods at the seller's expense and risk. If you do make the goods available to the seller and the seller does not pick them up within 20 days of the date of your notice of cancellation, you may retain or dispose of them without further obligation. If you fail to make the goods available to the seller, or if you agree to return them to the seller and fail to do so, then you remain liable for the performance of all obligations under this agreement. To cancel this transaction, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice to Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 not later than midnight of the fifth business day after the Effective Date.



I hereby cancel this t	ransaction. Franchisee:	
Date:	By:	
	Print Name:	
	Its:	

RHODE ISLAND

§ 19-28.1-14 of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act provides that "A provision in a franchise agreement restricting jurisdiction or venue to a forum outside this state or requiring the application of the laws of another state is void with respect to a claim otherwise enforceable under this Act." The FDD, the Franchise Agreement, and the Supplemental Agreements are amended accordingly to the extent required by law.

The above language has been included in this FDD as a condition to registration. The Franchisor and the Franchisee do not agree with the above language and believe that each of the provisions of the Franchise Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements, including all choice of law provisions, are fully enforceable. The Franchisor and the Franchisee intend to fully enforce all of the provisions of the Franchise Agreement, the Supplemental Agreements, and all other documents signed by them, including, but not limited to, all venue, choice-of-law, arbitration provisions and other dispute avoidance and resolution provisions and to rely on federal pre-emption under the Federal Arbitration Act.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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VIRGINIA

Item 17(h). The following is added to Item 17(h):

"Pursuant to Section 13.1-564 of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act, it is unlawful for a franchisor to use undue influence to induce a franchisee to surrender any right given to him under the franchise. If any provision of the Franchise Agreement or Supplemental Agreements involve the use of undue influence by the Franchisor to induce a franchisee to surrender any rights given to franchisee under the Franchise, that provision may not be enforceable."

In recognition of the restrictions contained in Section 13.1-564 of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act, the FDD for Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC for use in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be amended as follows:

Additional Disclosure. The following statements are added to Item 8 and Item 17.h.

Pursuant to Section 13.1-564 of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act, it is unlawful for a franchisor to cancel a franchise without reasonable cause. If any grounds for default or termination stated in the Franchise Agreement does not constitute "reasonable cause," as that term may be defined in the Virginia Retail Franchising Act or the laws of Virginia, that provision may not be enforceable.



WASHINGTON

In the event of a conflict of laws, the provisions of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Chapter 19.100 RCW will prevail.

RCW 19.100.180 may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise.

In any arbitration or mediation involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration or mediation site will be either in the state of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration or mediation, or as determined by the arbitrator or mediator at the time of arbitration or mediation. In addition, if litigation is not precluded by the franchise agreement, a franchise may bring an action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, in Washington.

A release or waiver of rights executed by a franchisee may not include rights under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act or any rule or order thereunder except when executed pursuant to a negotiated settlement after the agreement is in effect and where the parties are represented by independent counsel. Provisions such as those which unreasonably restrict or limit the statute of limitations period for claims under the Act, or rights or remedies under the Act such as a right to a jury trial, may not be enforceable.

Transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the franchisor's reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.

Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCW 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable in Washington.

RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibiting a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, Chapter 135 of the Wisconsin Statutes supersedes any provision of the Franchise Agreement if such provision is in conflict with that law. The Franchise Disclosure Document, the Franchise Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements are amended accordingly.

(Signatures on following page)



APPLICABLE ADDENDA

If any one of the preceding Addenda for specific states ("Addenda") is checked as an "Applicable Addenda" below, then that Addenda shall be incorporated into the Franchise Disclosure Document, Franchise Agreement and any other specified agreement(s) entered into by us and the undersigned Franchisee. To the extent any terms of an Applicable Addenda conflict with the terms of the Franchise Disclosure Document, Franchise Agreement and other specified agreement(s), the terms of the Applicable Addenda shall supersede the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

	California Hawaii Illinois Iowa Indiana Maryland		Michigan Minnesota New York North Dakota Ohio		Rhode Island South Dakota Virginia Washington Wisconsin
Dated:		, 20			
			FRANCHISOR:		
			BUBBLY PAWS FRAN	CHISING	, LLC
			By:		
			Title:		
			FRANCHISEE:		
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			By:		

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EXHIBIT F

$\frac{\textbf{FRANCHISE OPERATIONS MANUAL}}{\textbf{TABLE OF CONTENTS}}$

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CONTRACTS FOR USE WITH THE BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

The following contracts contained in <u>Exhibit G</u> are contracts that Franchisee is required to utilize or execute after signing the Franchise Agreement in the operation of the Bubbly Paws Business. The following are the forms of contracts that Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC uses as of the Issuance Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document. If they are marked "Sample," they are subject to change at any time.



BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

SAMPLE GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

This Waiver and Release of Claims ("Release") is made as of	, 20	by
, a(n)	("Franchisee"), a	and
each individual holding an ownership interest in Franchisee (collectively with Franchisee, '	'Releasor") in far	vor
of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company ("Franchisor,"	" and together w	vith
Releasor, the "Parties").	_	

WHEREAS, Franchisor and Franchisee have entered into a Franchise Agreement ("<u>Agreement</u>") pursuant to which Franchisee was granted the right to own and operate a Bubbly Paws business;

WHEREAS, (Franchisee has notified Franchisor of its desire to transfer the Agreement and all rights related thereto, or an ownership interest in Franchisee, to a transferee/enter into a successor franchise agreement/amend the Agreement) or (the Agreement is being terminated/or indicate other reason for the requirement of this waiver and release), and Franchisor has consented to such (transfer/successor franchise agreement/amendment/termination/other reason); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to Franchisor's consent to (transfer the Agreement/enter into a successor franchise agreement/amend the Agreement/terminate the Agreement/other reason), Releasor has agreed to execute this Release upon the terms and conditions stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Franchisor's consent, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, Releasor hereby agrees as follows:

- 1. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Releasor represents and warrants that it is duly authorized to enter into this Release and to perform the terms and obligations herein contained, and has not assigned, transferred, or conveyed, either voluntarily or by operation of law, any of its rights or claims against Franchisor or any of the rights, claims, or obligations being terminated and released hereunder. Each individual executing this Release on behalf of Franchisee represents and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to enter into and execute this Release on behalf of Franchisee. Releasor further represents and warrants that all individuals that currently hold a direct or indirect ownership interest in Franchisee are signatories to this Release.
- 2. Release. Releasor and its subsidiaries, affiliates, parents, divisions, successors and assigns, and all persons or firms claiming by, through, under, or on behalf of any or all of them, hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge Franchisor, any and all of its affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, or related companies, divisions, and partnerships, and its and their past and present officers, directors, agents, partners, shareholders, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, and attorneys, and the spouses of such individuals (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, actions, or causes of action which Releasor may now have or has ever had, whether known or unknown, past or present, absolute or contingent, suspected or unsuspected, of any nature whatsoever, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, actions, or causes of action directly or indirectly



arising out of or relating to the execution and performance of the Agreement and the offer and sale of the franchise related thereto, except to the extent such liabilities are payable by the applicable indemnified party in connection with a third-party claim.

- 3. <u>Nondisparagement</u>. Releasor expressly covenants and agrees not to make any false representation of facts, or to defame, disparage, discredit, or deprecate any of the Released Parties or otherwise communicate with any person or entity in a manner intending to damage any of the Released Parties, their business, or their reputation.
- 4. <u>Confidentiality</u>. Releasor agrees to hold in strictest confidence and not disclose, publish, or use the existence of, or any details relating to, this Release to any third party without Franchisor's express written consent, except as required by law.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Releasor agrees that it has read and fully understands this Release and that the opportunity has been afforded to Releasor to discuss the terms and contents of said Release with legal counsel and/or that such a discussion with legal counsel has occurred.
- b. This Release shall be construed and governed by the laws of the state where Franchisee's Bubbly Paws is located.
- c. Each individual and entity that comprises Releasor shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations of Releasor.
- d. In the event that it shall be necessary for any Party to institute legal action to enforce or for the breach of any of the terms and conditions or provisions of this Release, the prevailing Party in such action shall be entitled to recover all of its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.
- e. All of the provisions of this Release shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their current and future respective directors, officers, partners, attorneys, agents, employees, shareholders, and the spouses of such individuals, successors, affiliates, and assigns. No other party shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Release.
- f. This Release constitutes the entire agreement and, as such, supersedes all prior oral and written agreements or understandings between and among the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This Release may not be modified except in a writing signed by all of the Parties. This Release may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same document.
- g. If one or more of the provisions of this Release shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect or impair any other provision of this Release, but this Release shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.
- h. Releasor agrees to do such further acts and things and to execute and deliver such additional agreements and instruments as any Released Party may reasonably require to consummate, evidence, or confirm the Release contained herein in the matter contemplated hereby.

(Signatures on following page)



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Releasor has executed this Release as of the date first written above.

	FRANCHISEE:	
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	By:	
	Printed Name:	
	Title:	
	FRANCHISEE'S OWNERS:	
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BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

SAMPLE SYSTEM PROTECTION AGREEMENT

This System Protection Agreement ("<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into by the undersigned ("<u>you</u>" or "<u>your</u>") in favor of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, and its successors and assigns ("<u>us</u>," "<u>we</u>," or "<u>our</u>"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings given to them below:

"Competitive Business" means any business that: (i) sells or offers to sell products the same as or similar to the type of products sold by you in and/or from the Franchisee Territory (including, but not limited to, the products we authorize); or (ii) provides or offers to provide services the same as or similar to the type of services sold by you in and/or from the Franchisee Territory (including, but not limited to, the services we authorize), but excludes a Bubbly Paws business operating pursuant to a franchise agreement with us.

"Copyrights" means all works and materials for which we or our affiliate have secured common law or registered copyright protection and that we allow franchisees to use, sell, or display in connection with the marketing and/or operation of a Bubbly Paws business or the solicitation or offer of a Bubbly Paws franchise, whether now in existence or created in the future.

"Franchisee" means the Bubbly Paws franchisee for which you are a manager or officer.

"Franchisee Territory" means the territory granted to you pursuant to a franchise agreement with us.

"Intellectual Property" means, collectively or individually, our Marks, Copyrights, Know-how, and System.

"Know-how" means all of our trade secrets and other proprietary information relating to the development, construction, marketing, and/or operation of a Bubbly Paws business, including, but not limited to, methods, techniques, specifications, proprietary practices and procedures, policies, marketing strategies, and information comprising the System and the Manual.

"Manual" means our confidential operations manual for the operation of a Bubbly Paws business, which may be periodically modified by us.

"Marks" means the logotypes, service marks, and trademarks now or hereafter involved in the operation of a Bubbly Paws business, including "BUBBLY PAWS," and any other trademarks, service marks, or trade names that we designate for use by a Bubbly Paws business. The term "Marks" also includes any distinctive trade dress used to identify a Bubbly Paws business, whether now in existence or hereafter created.

"Prohibited Activities" means any or all of the following: (i) owning, operating, or having any other interest (as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, manager, consultant, shareholder, creditor, representative, agent, or in any similar capacity) in a Competitive Business (other than owning an interest of five percent (5%) or less in a publicly-traded company that is a Competitive Business); (ii) diverting or attempting to divert any business from us (or one of our affiliates or franchisees); and/or (iii) inducing or attempting to induce any customer of ours (or of one of our affiliates or franchisees) to transfer their business to you or to any other person that is not then a franchisee of ours.



"Restricted Period" means the two-year period after you cease to be a manager or officer of Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that this period of time is too long to be enforceable, then the "Restricted Period" means the one-year period after you cease to be a manager or officer of Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business.

"Restricted Territory" means the geographic area within: (i) a 10-mile radius from Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business (and including the premises of the approved location of Franchisee); and (ii) a 10-mile radius from all other Bubbly Paws businesses that are operating or under construction as of the beginning of the Restricted Period; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the foregoing Restricted Territory is too broad to be enforceable, then the "Restricted Territory" means the geographic area within a five-mile radius from Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business (and including the premises of the approved location of Franchisee).

"System" means our system for the establishment, development, operation, and management of a Bubbly Paws business, including Know-how, proprietary programs and products, Manual, and operating system.

- **2. Background**. You are a manager or officer of Franchisee. As a result of this relationship, you may gain knowledge of our System. You understand that protecting the Intellectual Property and our System are vital to our success and that of our franchisees and that you could seriously jeopardize our entire System if you were to unfairly compete with us. In order to avoid such damage, you agree to comply with the terms of this Agreement.
- 3. Know-How and Intellectual Property. You agree: (i) you will not use the Know-how in any business or capacity other than the Bubbly Paws business operated by Franchisee; (ii) you will maintain the confidentiality of the Know-how at all times; (iii) you will not make unauthorized copies of documents containing any Know-how; (iv) you will take such reasonable steps as we may ask of you from time to time to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the Know-how; and (v) you will stop using the Know-how immediately if you are no longer a manager or officer of Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business. You further agree that you will not use all or part of the Intellectual Property or all or part of the System for any purpose other than the performance of your duties for Franchisee and within the scope of your employment or other engagement with Franchisee. These restrictions on Know-how, Intellectual Property and the System shall not apply to any information which is information publicly known or becomes lawfully known in the public domain other than through a breach of this Agreement or is required or compelled by law to be disclosed, provided that you will give reasonable notice to us to allow us to seek protective or other court orders.
- **4. Unfair Competition During Relationship**. You agree not to unfairly compete with us at any time while you are a manager or officer of Franchisee's Bubbly Paws business by engaging in any Prohibited Activities.
- 5. Unfair Competition After Relationship. You agree not to unfairly compete with us during the Restricted Period by engaging in any Prohibited Activities; provided, however, that the Prohibited Activity relating to having an interest in a Competitive Business will only apply with respect to a Competitive Business that is located within or provides competitive goods or services to customers who are located within the Restricted Territory. If you engage in any Prohibited Activities during the Restricted Period, then you agree that your Restricted Period will be extended by the period of time during which you were engaging in the Prohibited Activity.
- **6. Immediate Family Members**. You acknowledge that you could circumvent the purpose of this Agreement by disclosing Know-how to an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandparent or grandchild). You also acknowledge that it would be difficult for us to prove whether



you disclosed the Know-how to family members. Therefore, you agree that you will be presumed to have violated the terms of this Agreement if any member of your immediate family: (i) engages in any Prohibited Activities during any period of time during which you are prohibited from engaging in the Prohibited Activities; or (ii) uses or discloses the Know-how. However, you may rebut this presumption by furnishing evidence conclusively showing that you did not disclose the Know-how to the family member.

- 7. Covenants Reasonable. You acknowledge and agree that: (i) the terms of this Agreement are reasonable both in time and in scope of geographic area; and (ii) you have sufficient resources and business experience and opportunities to earn an adequate living while complying with the terms of this Agreement. YOU HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AS BEING OVERLY BROAD, UNREASONABLE, OR OTHERWISE UNENFORCEABLE.
- 8. Breach. You agree that failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement will cause substantial and irreparable damage to us and/or other Bubbly Paws franchisees for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Therefore, you agree that any violation of the terms of this Agreement will entitle us to injunctive relief. You agree that we may apply for such injunctive relief without bond, but upon due notice, in addition to such further and other relief as may be available at equity or law, and the sole remedy of yours in the event of the entry of such injunction will be the dissolution of such injunction, if warranted, upon hearing duly held (all claims for damages by reason of the wrongful issuance of any such injunction being expressly waived hereby). If a court requires the filing of a bond notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the parties agree that the amount of the bond shall not exceed \$1,000. None of the remedies available to us under this Agreement are exclusive of any other, but may be combined with others under this Agreement, or at law or in equity, including injunctive relief, specific performance, and recovery of monetary damages. Any claim, defense, or cause of action that you may have against us, our owners or our affiliates, or against Franchisee, regardless of cause or origin, cannot be used as a defense against our enforcement of this Agreement.

9. Miscellaneous.

- a. If we pursue legal remedies against you because you have breached this Agreement and prevail against you, you agree to pay our reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in doing so.
- b. This Agreement will be governed by, construed, and enforced under the laws of the state where your Bubbly Paws business is located, and the courts in that state shall have jurisdiction over any legal proceedings arising out of this Agreement.
- c. Each section of this Agreement, including each subsection and portion thereof, is severable. If any section, subsection, or portion of this Agreement is unenforceable, it shall not affect the enforceability of any other section, subsection, or portion; and each party to this Agreement agrees that the court may impose such limitations on the terms of this Agreement as it deems in its discretion necessary to make such terms reasonable in scope, duration, and geographic area.
- d. You and we both believe that the covenants in this Agreement are reasonable in terms of scope, duration, and geographic area. However, we may at any time unilaterally modify the terms of this Agreement upon written notice to you by limiting the scope of the Prohibited Activities, narrowing the definition of a Competitive Business, shortening the duration of the Restricted Period, reducing the geographic scope of the Restricted Territory, and/or reducing the scope of any other covenant imposed upon you under this Agreement to ensure that the terms and covenants in this Agreement are enforceable under applicable law.



EXECUTED on the date stated below.

Date_		
	Signature	
	Typed or Printed Name	

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BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

SAMPLE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality Agreement ("<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into by the undersigned ("<u>you</u>") in favor of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, and its successors and assigns ("<u>us</u>"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings given to them below:

"Bubbly Paws Business" means a business that provides full service pet grooming services and self-service pet washing and sell ancillary retail products and other related products and services using our Intellectual Property.

"Copyrights" means all works and materials for which we or our affiliate(s) have secured common law or registered copyright protection and that we allow Bubbly Paws franchisees to use, sell, or display in connection with the marketing and/or operation of a Bubbly Paws Business, whether now in existence or created in the future.

"Franchisee" means the Bubbly Paws franchisee for which you are an employee, independent contractor, agent, representative, or supplier.

"Intellectual Property" means, collectively or individually, our Marks, Copyrights, Know-how, Manual, and System.

"Know-how" means all of our trade secrets and other proprietary information relating to the development, construction, marketing, and/or operation of a Bubbly Paws Business, including, but not limited to, methods, techniques, specifications, proprietary practices and procedures, policies, marketing strategies, and information comprising the System and the Manual.

"Manual" means our confidential operations manual for the operation of a Bubbly Paws Business.

"Marks" means the logotypes, service marks, and trademarks now or hereafter involved in the operation of a Bubbly Paws Business, including "BUBBLY PAWS" and any other trademarks, service marks, or trade names that we designate for use by a Bubbly Paws Business. The term "Marks" also includes any distinctive trade dress used to identify a Bubbly Paws Business, whether now in existence or hereafter created.

"System" means our system for the establishment, development, operation, and management of a Bubbly Paws Business, including Know-how, proprietary programs and products, confidential operations manuals, and operating system.

- **2. Background**. You are an employee, independent contractor, agent, representative, or supplier of Franchisee. Because of this relationship, you may gain knowledge of our Intellectual Property. You understand that protecting the Intellectual Property is vital to our success and that of our franchisees, and that you could seriously jeopardize our entire Franchise System if you were to use such Intellectual Property in any way other than as described in this Agreement. In order to avoid such damage, you agree to comply with this Agreement.
- 3. Know-How and Intellectual Property: Nondisclosure and Ownership. You agree: (i) you will not use the Intellectual Property in any business or capacity other than for the benefit of the



Bubbly Paws Business operated by Franchisee or in any way detrimental to us or to the Franchisee; (ii) you will maintain the confidentiality of the Intellectual Property at all times; (iii) you will not make unauthorized copies of documents containing any Intellectual Property; (iv) you will take such reasonable steps as we may ask of you from time to time to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the Intellectual Property; and (v) you will stop using the Intellectual Property immediately if you are no longer an employee, independent contractor, agent, representative, or supplier of Franchisee. You further agree that you will not use the Intellectual Property for any purpose other than the performing your duties for Franchisee and within the scope of your employment or other engagement with Franchisee.

The Intellectual Property is and shall continue to be the sole property of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC. You hereby assign and agree to assign to us any rights you may have or may acquire in such Intellectual Property. Upon the termination of your employment or engagement with Franchisee, or at any time upon our or Franchisee's request, you will deliver to us or to Franchisee all documents and data of any nature pertaining to the Intellectual Property, and you will not take with you any documents or data or copies containing or pertaining to any Intellectual Property.

- 4. Immediate Family Members. You acknowledge you could circumvent the purpose of this Agreement by disclosing Intellectual Property to an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild). You also acknowledge that it would be difficult for us to prove whether you disclosed the Intellectual Property to family members. Therefore, you agree you will be presumed to have violated the terms of this Agreement if any member of your immediate family uses or discloses the Intellectual Property. However, you may rebut this presumption by furnishing evidence conclusively showing you did not disclose the Intellectual Property to the family member.
- 5. Covenants Reasonable. You acknowledge and agree that: (i) the terms of this Agreement are reasonable both in time and in scope of geographic area; and (ii) you have sufficient resources and business experience and opportunities to earn an adequate living while complying with the terms of this Agreement. YOU HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AS BEING OVERLY BROAD, UNREASONABLE, OR OTHERWISE UNENFORCEABLE.
- 6. Breach. You agree that failure to comply with this Agreement will cause substantial and irreparable damage to us and/or other Bubbly Paws franchisees for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Therefore, you agree that any violation of this Agreement will entitle us to injunctive relief. You agree that we may apply for such injunctive relief, without bond, but upon due notice, in addition to such further and other relief as may be available at equity or law, and the sole remedy of yours, in the event of the entry of such injunction, will be the dissolution of such injunction, if warranted, upon hearing duly held (all claims for damages by reason of the wrongful issuance of any such injunction being expressly waived hereby). If a court requires the filing of a bond notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the parties agree that the amount of the bond shall not exceed \$1,000. None of the remedies available to us under this Agreement are exclusive of any other, but may be combined with others under this Agreement, or at law or in equity, including injunctive relief, specific performance, and recovery of monetary damages. Any claim, defense, or cause of action you may have against us or against Franchisee, regardless of cause or origin, cannot be used as a defense against our enforcement of this Agreement.

7. Miscellaneous.

a. Although this Agreement is entered into in favor of Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC, you understand and acknowledge that your employer/employee, independent contractor, agent, representative, or supplier relationship is with Franchisee and not with us, and for all purposes in connection with such relationship, you will look to Franchisee and not to us.



- b. If we pursue legal remedies against you because you have breached this Agreement and prevail against you, you agree to pay our reasonable attorney fees and costs in doing so.
- c. This Agreement will be governed by, construed, and enforced under the laws of the state where your Bubbly Paws business is located, and the courts in that state shall have jurisdiction over any legal proceedings arising out of this Agreement.
- d. Each section of this Agreement, including each subsection and portion, is severable. If any section, subsection, or portion of this Agreement is unenforceable, it shall not affect the enforceability of any other section, subsection, or portion; and each party to this Agreement agrees that the court may impose such limitations on the terms of this Agreement as it deems in its discretion necessary to make such terms enforceable.

EXECUTED on the date stated below.	
Date	
	Signature
	Typed or Printed Name

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AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Franchisee Name		Business No.
Franchisee Mailing Addres	s (street)	Franchisee Phone No.
Franchisee Mailing Addres	s (city, state, zip)	
Contact Name, Address and	d Phone number (if different from ab	pove)
Franchisee Fax No.		Franchisee E-mail Address
Bank Account Informatio	<u>on</u> :	
Bank Name		
Bank Mailing Address (stre	eet, city, state, zip) Checking Savings	
Bank Account No.	(check one)	Bank Routing No. (9 digits)
Bank Mailing Address (city	y, state, zip)	Bank Phone No.
Authorization:		
account with the Bank listed a to Franchisee's account. Each Franchisor pursuant to any ag services from Franchisor or an	above, and Franchisee authorizes the Bar in debit shall be made from time to time in preement between Franchisor and Franchisy by affiliate of Franchisor. Franchisee agree i) rules in the administration of these de	nnchisor") to initiate debit entries to Franchisee's ask to accept and to debit the amount of such entries an amount sufficient to cover any fees payable to nisee as well as to cover any purchases of goods or sees to be bound by the National Automated Clearing that entries. Debit entries will be initiated only as act until Franchisor has received written notification
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NOTE: FRANCHISEE MUST ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK RELATING TO THE BANK ACCOUNT.



Franchisee Information:

BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

SAMPLE APPROVAL OF REQUESTED ASSIGNMENT

This Approval of Requested Assignment ("Agreement") is entered into this day of, 20, between Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC ("Franchisor"), a
Minnesota limited liability company ("Former Franchisee") the
undersigned owners of Former Franchisee ("Owners") and
Minnesota limited liability company, ("Former Franchisee"), the undersigned owners of Former Franchisee ("Owners") and, [a/an Formation State] [corporation/limited liability company] ("New Franchisee").
RECITALS
WHEREAS, Franchisor and Former Franchisee entered into that certain franchise agreement dated
WHEREAS, Former Franchisee desires to assign ("Requested Assignment") the Franchised Business to New Franchisee, New Franchisee desires to accept the Requested Assignment of the Franchised Business from Former Franchisee, and Franchisor desires to approve the Requested Assignment of the Franchised Business from Former Franchisee to New Franchisee upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, including that New Franchisee sign Franchisor's current form of franchise agreement together with all exhibits and attachments thereto ("New Franchise Agreement"), contemporaneously herewith.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto hereby covenant, promise, and agree as follows:
1. <u>Payment of Fees.</u> In consideration for the Requested Assignment, Former Franchisee acknowledges and agrees to pay Franchisor the Transfer Fee, as required under the Franchise Agreement (" Franchisor's Assignment Fee ").
2. <u>Assignment and Assumption</u> . Former Franchisee hereby consents to assign all of its rights and delegate its duties with regard to the Former Franchise Agreement and all exhibits and attachments thereto from Former Franchisee to New Franchisee, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and conditioned upon New Franchisee's signing the New Franchise Agreement pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement.
3. <u>Consent to Requested Assignment of Franchised Business</u> . Franchisor hereby consents to

4. <u>Termination of Rights to the Franchised Business</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that effective upon the date of this Agreement, the Former Franchise Agreement shall terminate and all of Former Franchisee's rights to operate the Franchised Business are terminated and that from the date of this Agreement only New Franchisee shall have the sole right to operate the Franchised Business under the New

the Requested Assignment of the Franchised Business from Former Franchisee to New Franchisee upon receipt of the Franchisor's Assignment Fee from Former Franchisee and the mutual execution of this Agreement by all parties. Franchisor waives its right of first refusal set forth in the Former Franchise

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Agreement.

Franchise Agreement. Former Franchisee and the undersigned Owners agree to comply with all of the covenants in the Former Franchise Agreement that expressly or by implication survive the termination, expiration, or transfer of the Former Franchise Agreement. Unless otherwise precluded by state law, Former Franchisee shall execute Franchisor's current form of General Release Agreement.

- 5. <u>New Franchise Agreement</u>. New Franchisee shall execute the New Franchise Agreement for the Franchised Business (as amended by the form of Addendum prescribed by Franchisor, if applicable), and any other required contracts for the operation of a Bubbly Paws franchise as stated in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document.
- 6. <u>Former Franchisee's Contact Information</u>. Former Franchisee agrees to keep Franchisor informed of its current address and telephone number at all times during the three-year period following the execution of this Agreement.
- 7. Acknowledgement by New Franchisee. New Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the purchase of the rights to the Franchised Business ("**Transaction**") occurred solely between Former Franchisee and New Franchisee. New Franchisee also acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor played no role in the Transaction and that Franchisor's involvement was limited to the approval of Requested Assignment and any required actions regarding New Franchisee's signing of the New Franchise Agreement for the Franchised Business. New Franchisee agrees that any claims, disputes, or issues relating New Franchisee's acquisition of the Franchised Business from Franchisee are between New Franchisee and Former Franchisee, and shall not involve Franchisor.
- 8. <u>Representation</u>. Former Franchisee warrants and represents that it has not heretofore assigned, conveyed, or disposed of any interest in the Former Franchise Agreement or Franchised Business. New Franchisee hereby represents that it received Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document and did not sign the New Franchise Agreement or pay any money to Franchisor or its affiliate for a period of at least 14 calendar days after receipt of the Franchise Disclosure Document.
- 9. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and if delivered by hand, or transmitted by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or via telegram or telefax, shall be deemed to have been given on the date so delivered or transmitted, if sent to the recipient at its address or telefax number appearing on the records of the sending party.
- 10. <u>Further Actions</u>. Former Franchisee and New Franchisee each agree to take such further actions as may be required to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any and all actions that may be required or contemplated by the Former Franchise Agreement.
- 11. <u>Affiliates</u>. When used in this Agreement, the term "**Affiliates**" has the meaning as given in Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933.
- 12. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. This Agreement may not be changed or modified except in a writing signed by all of the parties hereto. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.
- 13. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of the state where your Bubbly Paws business is located.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement under seal, with the intent that this be a sealed instrument, as of the day and year first above written.

FRANCHISOR:

BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISING, LLC

Ву:
Printed Name:
Title:
FORMER FRANCHISEE:
Ву:
Printed Name:
Title:
NEW FRANCHISEE:
Ву:
Printed Name:
Title:

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BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

LEASE ADDENDUM

				("Tenant'	(" Landlord "), ") and
			("Fr	anchisor"), colle	ctively referred to
herein as the	"Parties."				
A.	Landlord and		and pertaining	to the prem	Agreement dated at located at
			("Lea	ıse'').	
В.	Landlord ackr	owledges that Ten	ant intends to op	erate a franchised	business from the
) pursuant to a Fi			

Franchisor under Franchisor's trademarks and other names designated by Franchisor (herein referred to as "Franchised Business").

C. The parties now desire to supplement the terms of the Lease in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed among the Parties as follows:

- 1. <u>Use of the Premises</u>. During the term of the Franchise Agreement, the Premises shall be used only for the operation of the Franchised Business.
- 2. <u>Franchise System.</u> Landlord hereby consents to Tenant's use of such proprietary marks, signs, interior and exterior décor items, color schemes and related components of the Franchised Business required by Franchisor. Tenant's use of such items shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Premises.
- Assignment. Tenant shall have the right, without further consent from Landlord, to sublease or assign all of Tenant's right, title, and interest in the Lease to an assignee of the Tenant or the Franchised Business ("Franchise Assignee") at any time during the term of the Lease, including any extensions or renewals thereof. In addition, if Tenant fails to timely cure any default under either the Lease or the Franchise Agreement, Franchisor or a Franchise Assignee that Franchisor designates, will, at its option, have the right, but not the obligation, to take an assignment of Tenant's interest under the Collateral Assignment of Lease or other form of assignment and assumption document reasonably acceptable to Landlord, provided such Franchise Assignee cures a default of the Lease no later than ten days following the end of Tenant's cure period. No assignment shall be effective until: (i) a Franchise Assignee gives Landlord written notice of its acceptance of the assignment and assumption of the Lease; and (ii) Tenant or the Franchisee Assignee has cured all material defaults of the Lease for which it has received notice from Landlord. Nothing contained herein or in any other document shall create any obligation or liability of Franchisor, any Franchise Assignee, or guarantor thereof under the Lease unless and until the Lease is assigned to, and accepted in writing by a Franchise Assignee. In the event of any assignment or purported assignment under this Addendum, Tenant shall remain liable under the terms of the Lease and the assignee or subtenant shall retain all of the Tenant's rights granted in the Lease including without limitation: (x) any grant of a protected territory or use exclusivity; and (y) the renewal or extension of the Lease term. With respect to any assignment proposed or consummated under this Addendum, Landlord hereby waives any



rights it may have to: (A) recapture the Premises; (B) terminate the Lease; or (C) modify any terms or conditions of the Lease. If Franchisor accepts an assignment and assumes the Lease under this section, Franchisor shall have the right to further sublet or reassign the Lease to another Franchise Assignee without Landlord's consent in which event Franchisor shall be released from any obligation or liability under the Lease. As used in this Addendum, "**Franchise Assignee**" means: (i) Franchisor or Franchisor's parent, subsidiary, or affiliate; or (ii) any franchisee of Franchisor or of Franchisor's parent, subsidiary, or affiliate.

4. Default and Notice.

- a. If Tenant defaults on or breaches the Lease and Landlord delivers a notice of default to Tenant, Landlord shall contemporaneously send a copy of such default notice to Franchisor. Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure the default during Tenant's cure period plus an additional ten (10) day period. Franchisor will notify Landlord whether it intends to cure the default prior to the end of Tenant's cure period.
- b. All notices to Franchisor shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the following address:

Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC 4737 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55407

Franchisor may change its address for receiving notices by giving Landlord written notice of the new address. Landlord agrees that it will notify both Tenant and Franchisor of any change in Landlord's mailing address to which notices should be sent.

c. Tenant and Landlord agree not to terminate, or materially amend the Lease during the term of the Franchise Agreement or any renewal thereof without Franchisor's prior written consent. Any attempted termination, or material amendment shall be null and void and have no effect as to Franchisor's interests thereunder; and a clause to the effect shall be included in the Lease.

5. Termination or Expiration.

- a. If Franchisor does not elect to take an assignment of the Tenant's interest, Landlord will allow Franchisor to enter the Premises, without being guilty of trespass and without incurring any liability to Landlord, to remove all signs, awnings, and all other items identifying the Premises as a Franchised Business and to make other modifications (such as repainting) as are reasonably necessary to protect the Franchisor's trademarks and franchise system and to distinguish the Premises from a Franchised Business provided that Franchisor repairs any damage caused to the Premises by exercise of its rights hereunder.
- b. If any Franchise Assignee purchases any assets of Tenant, Landlord shall permit such Franchise Assignee to remove all the assets being purchased, and Landlord waives any lien rights that Landlord may have on such assets.

6. <u>Consideration; No Liability</u>.

a. Landlord acknowledges that the Franchise Agreement requires Tenant to receive Franchisor's approval of the Lease prior to Tenant executing the Lease and that this Addendum is a material requirement for Franchisor to approve the Lease. Landlord acknowledges Tenant would not lease the



Premises without this Addendum. Landlord also hereby consents to the Collateral Assignment of Lease from Tenant to Franchisor as evidenced by <u>Attachment 1</u>.

- b. Landlord further acknowledges that Tenant is not an agent or employee of Franchisor, and Tenant has no authority or power to act for, or to create any liability on behalf of, or to in any way bind Franchisor or any Franchise Assignee, and that Landlord has entered into this with full understanding that it creates no duties, obligations, or liabilities of or against any Franchise Assignee.
- 7. <u>Amendments</u>. No amendment or variation of this Addendum shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.
- 8. <u>Reaffirmation of Lease</u>. Except as amended or modified herein, all of the terms, conditions, and covenants of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though copies herein in full.

(Signatures on following page)



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the Parties hereto as of the day, month, and year first written above.

LANDLORD:	TENANT:
By:	By:
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Title:	Title:
FRANCHISOR:	
	_
By:	_
Printed Name:	_
Title	Rev. 112619



EXHIBIT G-6 Attachment 1

ATTACHMENT 1 TO LEASE ADDENDUM

COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, as of the _	day of	, 20	("Effective Date"),
the undersigned,	("Assignor	'") hereby assig	gns, transfers and sets
over unto ("Ass	ssignee") all of Assignor'	s right, title, a	nd interest as tenant,
in, to and under that certain lease, a copy of w	vhich is attached hereto a	s Exhibit A ("I	Lease") with respect
to the premises located at			•
This Collateral Assignment of Lease ("Assignr	ment") is for collateral pr	urposes only an	d except as specified
herein, Assignee shall have no liability or obliq with this Assignment unless Assignee expressl	-	-	

Assignor represents and warrants to Assignee that it has full power and authority to so assign the Lease and its interest therein, and that Assignor has not previously, and is not obligated to, assign or transfer any of its interest in the Lease or the premises demised thereby.

Upon a default by Assignor under the Lease or under that certain franchise agreement for a franchise between Assignee and Assignor ("Franchise Agreement"), or in the event of a default by Assignor under any document or instrument securing the Franchise Agreement, Assignee shall have the right and is hereby empowered, in Assignee's sole discretion, to: (i) cure Assignor's default of the Lease; (ii) take possession of the premises demised by the Lease; (iii) expel Assignor from the premises, either temporarily or permanently; (iv) terminate Assignee's rights, title, and interest in the Lease; and/or (v) assume the Lease. If Assignee expends sums to cure a default of the Lease, Assignor shall promptly reimburse Assignee for the cost incurred by Assignee in connection with such performance, together with interest thereon at the rate of two percent (2%) per month, or the highest rate allowed by law.

Assignor agrees it will not suffer or permit any surrender, termination, amendment, or modification of the Lease without the prior written consent of Assignee. Through the term of the Franchise Agreement and any renewals thereto, Assignor agrees that it shall elect and exercise all options to extend the term of or renew the Lease not less than 30 days before the last day that said option must be exercised, unless Assignee otherwise agrees in writing. Upon failure of Assignee to otherwise agree in writing, and upon failure of Assignor to so elect to extend or renew the Lease as stated herein, Assignor hereby irrevocably appoints Assignee as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, which appointment is coupled with an interest to exercise the extension or renewal options in the name, place, and stead of Assignor for the sole purpose of effecting the extension or renewal.

(Signatures on following page)



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee have signed this Collateral Assignment of Lease as of the Effective Date first above written.

ASSIGNOR:	
Ву:	
Printed Name	
Its:	
ASSIGNEE:	
By:	
Printed Name	
Its:	

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BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISE

MULTI-FRANCHISE ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

- 1. <u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>. Franchisee has paid the initial franchise fee listed in Section 2 of this Addendum. The initial franchise fee is fully earned immediately upon receipt and non-refundable, regardless of whether Franchisee opens any additional Bubbly Paws franchises. If Franchisee is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or a first responder, a 10% discount may apply with eligibility for such discount subject to certain terms and conditions, including verification and, as applicable, proof of honorable separation.
- 2. <u>Type of Franchise.</u> Franchisee has purchased the franchise listed in the chart below, which allows Franchisee to open a certain number of additional Bubbly Paws franchises at a later date ("<u>Additional Franchises</u>") without paying an initial franchise fee.

Type of Franchise	Number of Bubbly Paws Businesses	Initial Franchise Fee
Multi-2	Up to 2	\$78,625
Multi-3	Up to 3	\$110,500

- 3. <u>Franchise Agreement</u>. Franchisee shall exercise the rights under this Addendum only by entering into a separate franchise agreement with Franchisor for each Additional Franchise. Franchisee shall sign the current form of Bubbly Paws franchise agreement then being used by Franchisor for a Bubbly Paws franchise for each Additional Franchise. Franchisee acknowledges that the then-current form of franchise agreement may differ from this Franchise Agreement, except that Franchisee will not be required to pay an initial franchise fee.
- 4. <u>Limited Rights</u>. This Addendum does not grant Franchisee the right to franchise, license, subfranchise, or sublicense others to operate Bubbly Paws Businesses. Only Franchisee (and/or Franchisee-affiliated entities Franchisor approves) may develop, open, and operate Additional Franchises pursuant to this Addendum. This Addendum only grants Franchisee the right to enter into franchise agreements to open Additional Franchises subject to the terms of the franchise agreement for such Additional Franchises. Franchisee is not granted any territorial rights or other rights except those granted under the franchise



agreement for the Additional Franchises. Except for the initial franchise fee, Franchisee shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred in opening the Additional Franchises.

5. <u>Term.</u> This Addendum and Franchisee's right to open Additional Franchises shall terminate as of the date of termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly signed and delivered this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

FRANCHISOR:

BUBBLY PAWS FRANCHISING, LLC A Minnesota limited liability company

By:
Name:
Title:
FRANCHISEE:
o(n)
a(n)
By:
Name:
Title



EXHIBIT H

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE



FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

As you know, Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC ("we" or "us"), and you are preparing to enter into a Franchise Agreement for the operation of a Bubbly Paws franchise. You cannot sign or date this questionnaire the same day as the Receipt for the Franchise Disclosure Document, but you must sign and date it the same day you sign the Franchise Agreement. Please review each of the following questions carefully and provide honest responses to each question. If you answer "No" to any of the questions below, please explain your answer in the table provided below.

1.	Yes	No	Have you received and personally reviewed the Franchise Agreement and each attachment or exhibit attached to it that we provided?	
2.	Yes	No	Have you received and personally reviewed the Franchise Disclosure Document and each attachment or exhibit attached to it that we provided?	
3.	Yes	No	Did you sign a receipt for the Franchise Disclosure Document indicating the date you received it?	
4.	Yes	No	Do you understand all the information contained in the Franchise Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement?	
5.	Yes	No	Have you reviewed the Franchise Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement with a lawyer, accountant, or other professional advisor, or have you had the opportunity for such review and chosen not to engage such professionals?	
6.	Yes	No	Have you had the opportunity to discuss the benefits and risks of developing and operating a Bubbly Paws Franchise with an existing Bubbly Paws franchisee?	
7.	Yes	No	Do you understand the risks of developing and operating a Bubbly Paws Franchise?	
8.	Yes	No	Do you understand the success or failure of your Bubbly Paws Franchise will depend in large part upon your skills, abilities, and efforts, and those of the persons you employ, as well as many factors beyond your control such as competition, interest rates, the economy, inflation, labor and supply costs, and other relevant factors?	
9.	Yes	No	Do you understand all disputes or claims you may have arising out of or relating to the Franchise Agreement must be arbitrated in Minnesota, if not resolved informally or by mediation (subject to state law)?	
10.	Yes	No	Do you understand that you must satisfactorily complete the initial training program before we will allow your Bubbly Paws Franchise to open or consent to a transfer of the Bubbly Paws Franchise to you?	



11.	Yes	No	Do you agree that no employee or other person speaking on our behalf made any statement or promise regarding the costs involved in operating a Bubbly Paws Franchise that is not contained in the Franchise Disclosure Document or that is contrary to, or different from, the information contained in the Franchise Disclosure Document?		
12.	Yes	No	any statement or promise your Franchise Agreen marketing, media suppo	ployee or other person speaking on our behalf made e or agreement, other than those matters addressed in nent and any addendum, concerning advertising, rt, marketing penetration, training, support service, rary to, or different from, the information contained ure Document?	
13.	Yes	No	Do you agree that no employee or other person speaking on our behalf made any statement or promise regarding the actual, average or projected profits of earnings, the likelihood of success, the amount of money you may earn, of the total amount of revenue a Bubbly Paws Franchise will generate that is no contained in the Franchise Disclosure Document or that is contrary to, of different from, the information contained in the Franchise Disclosure Document?		
14.	Yes	No	Do you understand that the Franchise Agreement, including each attachment or exhibit to the Franchise Agreement, contains the entire agreement between us and you concerning the Bubbly Paws Franchise?		
15.	Yes	No	Do you understand that we are relying on your answers to this questionnaire to ensure that the franchise sale was made in compliance of state and federal laws?		
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Signature of Franchise Applicant		licant	Signature of Franchise Applicant		
Name ((please prin	t)		Name (please print)	
Date				Date	



EXPLANATION OF ANY NEGATIVE RESPONSES (REFER TO QUESTION NUMBER):

Question Number	Explanation of Negative Response	

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EXHIBIT I

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES



State Effective Dates

The following states have franchise laws that require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This document is effective and may be used in the following states, where the document is filed, registered or exempt from registration, as of the Effective Date stated below:

State	Effective Date
California	Pending
Illinois	Pending
Indiana	Pending
Maryland	Pending
Michigan	November 22, 2021
Minnesota	Pending
New York	Pending
North Dakota	Pending
South Dakota	Pending
Virginia	Pending
Wisconsin	Pending

Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.



EXHIBIT J

RECEIPTS



RECEIPT (Retain This Copy)

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of the franchise agreement and other information in plain language. Read this disclosure document and all agreements carefully.

If Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this disclosure document to you 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

Under Iowa law, if applicable, Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC must provide this disclosure document to you at your first personal meeting to discuss the franchise. Michigan requires Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC to give you this disclosure document at least ten business days before the execution of any binding franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration, whichever occurs first. New York requires you to receive this disclosure document at the earlier of the first personal meeting or ten business days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.

If Bubbly Paws Franchising, LLC does not deliver this disclosure document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement or a material omission, a violation of federal law and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, and the appropriate state agency identified on Exhibit A.

The name, principal business address, and telephone number of each franchise seller offering the franchise is:
Keith Miller, 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407, 612-605-3245
Nathan Millhouse, 4737 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407, 913-526-4379

Issuance Date: January 19, 2022

I received a disclosure document issued January 19, 2022 which included the following exhibits:

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Exhibit G						
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