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*Via First Class Certified Mail
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September 25, 2009

CEO or President
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9125 Rehco Road
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Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.
CSC - Lawyers Inc. Service
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Dear CEO or President:

I represent the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to safeguarding the Earth: its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends. NRDC has a long history of advocating for strict regulation of the use of harmful chemicals in consumer products.

This letter constitutes notice that the entity listed below has violated and is violating the provisions of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.* Specifically, this entity has violated and is violating Section 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer . . . without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual"

Alleged Violator: Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.

Flea collars, including but not limited to Adams Plus Flea & Tick Collar For Large Dogs, Adams Plus Flea & Tick Collar For Small Dogs, Bio Spot Flea & Tick Collar For Large Dogs, Bio Spot Flea & Tick Collar For Puppies, Bio Spot Flea & Tick Collar For Small Dogs, Sentry Dual Action Flea & Tick Collar For Small Dogs And Puppies, Zodiac Featrol Flea & Tick Collar For Puppies, Zodiac Featrol Flea & Tick Collar For Large Dogs, Zodiac Featrol Flea & Tick Collar For Small Dogs, and Zodiac Tick Collar For Dogs, which are or have been produced, distributed, and/or sold by this entity, contain propoxur, a chemical known to the State of

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knowingly and intentionally to expose consumers within the State of California to propoxur at levels that exceed the No Significant Risk Level by distributing and/or selling Sentry Dual Action Flea & Tick Collar For Small Dogs And Puppies from August 11, 2007 through at least January 2009, and by producing, distributing and/or selling the remaining flea collar products identified above from August 11, 2007 and continuing to the present, without providing a clear and reasonable warning of this exposure. Exposure occurs, *inter alia*, via dermal contact with animals wearing flea collars containing propoxur and hand-to-mouth contact following such dermal contact.

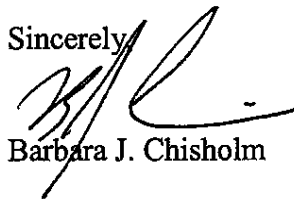
Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 27, §25903(b)(1), attached is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the California Environmental Protection Agency. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d)(1) of the Health and Safety Code, also attached is a Certificate of Merit pertaining to the noticing party's allegations.

Although violations are occurring throughout the State of California, at this time the noticing party lacks sufficient knowledge whether violations are occurring in each of California's 58 counties. The noticing party is therefore providing this notice to the California Attorney General, the District Attorney for each California county, and the City Attorney for the Cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 27, §25903(c)(3).

The noticing party is NRDC, which is located at 111 Sutter Street, 20th Floor, San Francisco, California, 94108, tel.: 415-875-6100. A responsible individual within NRDC is Michael Wall, a staff attorney at NRDC. If you wish to contact me, my contact information is below.

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Sincerely



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Enclosures

cc: Attorney General (without "Proposition 65: A Summary" attachment) (with confidential factual information supporting Certificate of Merit)
District Attorneys for California's 58 Counties (see list attached to Certificate of Service) (without "Proposition 65: A Summary" attachment)
City Attorneys for the Cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose (see list attached to Certificate of Service) (without "Proposition 65: A Summary" attachment)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Barbara J. Chisholm, hereby declare:

I am an attorney in good standing with the California Bar and represent the noticing party, the Natural Resources Defense Council.

This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice, which alleges that the noticed entity or entities have violated and are violating Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals to propoxur, which has been designated as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, without a clear and reasonable warning.

I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

Based on the information that I have obtained through these consultations, I believe that there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information I have obtained (1) establishes a reasonable basis for concluding that this entire action has merit and that the noticing party will be able to prevail on each element for which it bears the burden of proof, and (2) does not prove that any affirmative defense set forth in Section 25249.5, *et seq.* of the Health and Safety Code has merit.

Attached to the copy of the Certificate of Merit that has been served on the Attorney General is factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information required by Section 25249.7(h)(2) of the Health and Safety Code.

Dated: September 21, 2009



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