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Nylabone Gives Donations Valued at Over \$900,000 to Animal Welfare Groups in 2023

NEPTUNE CITY, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Nylabone, an iconic brand in the Central Garden & Pet Company portfolio (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA), has donated chew toys, treats, and monetary contributions valued at almost \$1,000,000 to animal welfare groups in 2023. The donations were made through the brand's Nylabone Cares program, which has regularly supported non-profit organizations across the country for years.

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Throughout the year, Nylabone provided tens of thousands of durable chew toys and wholesome chew treats to more than 500 organizations. These donations help teach shelter dogs non-destructive chewing habits as they prepare to be adopted, comfort pups while they transition to new homes, and even ease service dogs' stress as they train to help individuals needing assistance.

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"Dogs bring so much love into our lives, which is why we're passionate about ensuring their lives are filled with love, too," said Glen S. Axelrod, President and CEO of Nylabone. "The organizations we proudly support care for dogs in many special ways, but above all, we share the mutual calling to better our furry friends' lives and nurture that special bond between dogs and people."

Nylabone Cares partners with hundreds of local and national charities while maintaining

long-standing relationships with American Humane, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs, America's VetDogs, Monmouth County SPCA, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Nylabone has also partnered with National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. for the fifth consecutive year, donating \$1 for every custom-made pink Power Chew toy sold.

In addition to ongoing donations throughout the year, Nylabone made a special \$10,000 Valentine's Day contribution to American Humane's Pups4Patriots™ program in honor of U.S. military veterans. The gift supported dogs needing homes as they train to become lifesaving companions for veterans returning to civilian life.

In May, the brand donated \$25,000 to Best Friends Animal Society—a leading national animal welfare organization on a mission to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. The donation coincided with National Pet Month, a time to celebrate the many ways dogs and other furry friends benefit our lives.

In the aftermath of the Maui wildfires in August, Nylabone donated chew toys to the courageous dogs of the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. These highly skilled rescuers were deployed to find missing people on the island and bring them to safety. Shortly after, the dogs were also deployed to northern Florida to assist in Hurricane Idalia's wake.

These contributions from Nylabone support the Central Garden & Pet Impact strategy, which is dedicated to making positive changes through philanthropic work, focusing on protecting our planet, cultivating our communities, and empowering our employees.

Learn more about the Nylabone Cares mission at <https://nylabone.com/about-us/nylabone-cares>.

About Nylabone

Nylabone, a leader in healthy chewing since 1955, crafts high-quality chew toys, tasty chew treats, exciting play toys, and innovative dental solutions. A family-founded company, Nylabone has a history of helping pet parents take the best possible care of their dogs. They are committed to developing world-class solutions for destructive chewing, separation anxiety, dental health, and more, helping dogs live fuller, happier lives. Recommended by veterinarians, Nylabone® products encourage a positive relationship between humans and their furry best friends. To put it simply, Nylabone Chews Best™! For more information, visit www.Nylabone.com. Nylabone is a brand owned by TFH Publications, Inc. TFH Publications, Inc. is a subsidiary of California-based Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA) and has been a leader in responsible animal care for over 60 years.

About Central Garden & Pet

Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA) understands that home is central to life and has proudly nurtured happy and healthy homes for over 40 years. With fiscal 2023 net sales of \$3.3 billion, Central is on a mission to lead the future of the Pet and Garden industries. The Company's innovative and trusted products are dedicated to helping lawns grow greener, gardens bloom bigger, pets live healthier and communities grow stronger. Central is home to a leading portfolio of more than 65 high-quality brands including

Amdro®, Aqueon®, Cadet®, Farnam®, Ferry-Morse®, Four Paws®, Kaytee®, K&H®, Nylabone® and Pennington®, strong manufacturing and distribution capabilities and a passionate, entrepreneurial growth culture. Central is based in Walnut Creek, California and has 6,700 employees across North America and Europe. Visit www.central.com to learn more.

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