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## **Nylabone® Joins Forces With the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs® to Support Service Dogs in Training**

NEPTUNE CITY, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Nylabone, an industry-leading creator of innovative dog chew toys, chew treats, and dental solutions since 1955, has teamed up with the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs. Through this alliance, Nylabone will donate chew toys to dogs training as service animals for people with disabilities.

The Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs are sister organizations dedicated to the well-being of both animals and people. These not-for-profit groups train and place assistance dogs, preparing them to provide independence, enhanced mobility, and companionship to individuals who are blind or have low vision, and to veterans and first responders with disabilities.

"We at Nylabone understand the depth of physical and emotional support that dogs can provide, which is why we're proud to help the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs in their mission to partner assistance dogs with individuals who have disabilities," said Glen S. Axelrod, President and CEO of Nylabone Products. "Helping to build healthy relationships between dogs and people guides everything we do."

Nylabone's chew toy donations offer dogs comfort during their rigorous service animal training program. Chewing is a natural activity for canines that helps ease stress and anxiety, and these chew toys are helping future service animals provide the same relief for their human companions.

"We are extremely thankful for the support Nylabone continually gives to both the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs," said John Miller, President & CEO, Guide Dog Foundation & America's VetDogs. "The health and mental well-being of our dogs in all stages of their life is of utmost importance to us. With Nylabone's chew toy donations, our future assistance dogs are able to unwind and relax with a safe and reliable toy after a day of training."

Nylabone supports and donates to a variety of dog shelters, animal welfare groups, and canine service organizations through the Nylabone Cares program. An aspect of this initiative is giving shelter dogs the behavioral tools they need to thrive in their forever homes, encouraging healthy chewing habits, and helping reduce stress.

Learn more about the Nylabone Cares mission at [www.nylabone.com/about-us/nylabone-cares](http://www.nylabone.com/about-us/nylabone-cares)

## **About Nylabone**

Nylabone, the leader in safe, healthy chewing since 1955, crafts the highest-quality chew toys, best chew treats, and most innovative dental solutions in the world. A family-operated company, Nylabone has a history of helping pet parents take the best possible care of their dogs. They are committed to developing the very best 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](http://www.nylabone.com).

Nylabone is a subsidiary of California-based Central Garden & Pet Corporation (Nasdaq: CENT) (Nasdaq: CENTA) and has been the leader in responsible animal care for over 60 years.

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## **About the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs®**

The Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs® are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit sister organizations dedicated to the well-being of dogs and people alike, providing services at no cost to recipients. For over 70 years, the Guide Dog Foundation has trained and placed guide and service dogs to provide increased independence and enhanced mobility to people who are blind, have low vision, or have other disabilities.

The service dog programs of America's VetDogs® were created to provide enhanced mobility and renewed independence to veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders with disabilities, allowing them to once again live with pride and self-reliance.

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