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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

17 NICOLE GUIDOTTI, individually and on  
18 behalf of all others similarly situated,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 KRADLE LLC,

22 Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

(DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL)

1 Plaintiff Nicole Guidotti brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated  
2 against Defendant Kradle, LLC. Plaintiff makes the following allegations pursuant to the  
3 investigation of her counsel and upon information and belief, except as to allegations specifically  
4 pertaining to herself and her counsel, which are based on personal knowledge.

### 5 INTRODUCTION

6 1. This is a putative class action lawsuit against Defendant for engaging in an illegal  
7 “automatic renewal” scheme.

8 2. Defendant sells a wide range of pet food through various online channels, including  
9 on its website, www.kradlemypet.com (the “Website”), and in advertisements on social-media sites,  
10 including Instagram. Whenever a consumer purchases Defendant’s products – whether it be on the  
11 Website or through a social-media advertisement – Defendant surreptitiously enrolls the consumer  
12 in an automatically renewing “subscription” that, unbeknownst to the consumer at the time, results  
13 in a recurring charges to the consumer’s credit card, debit card, or third-party payment account  
14 (“Payment Method”) every month, in perpetuity until canceled (the “Kradle Subscriptions”).

15 3. Prior to enrolling Plaintiff and its other customers into Kradle Subscriptions – and  
16 thereafter assessing each of their Payment Methods a recurring charge on a monthly basis –  
17 Defendant failed to provide the disclosures and authorizations required by California’s Automatic  
18 Renewal Law (“ARL”), Cal. Bus. Prof. Code §§ 17600, *et seq.*, to any of these consumers.

19 4. Pursuant to the ARL, online retailers that offer automatically renewing subscriptions  
20 to California consumers must: (i) provide the complete automatic renewal offer terms in a clear and  
21 conspicuous manner and in visual proximity to the request for consent prior to completion of the  
22 enrollment process, *see* Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1); (ii) obtain consumers’ affirmative  
23 consent prior to charging their Payment Methods in connection with the subscriptions, *see id.* §  
24 17602(a)(2); and (iii) provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms  
25 and identifies a cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for consumers to cancel their  
26 subscriptions, *see id.* §§ 17602(a)(3), 17602(c).

27 5. As discussed in greater detail below, the electronic “checkout flows” on Defendant’s  
28 Website and social-media advertisements, which Plaintiff and numerous other California consumers

1 used to purchase Defendant's products, uniformly violated each of these core requirements of the  
2 ARL. And when consumers eventually do realize that Defendant has enrolled them in Kradle  
3 Subscriptions without their authorization – such as when consumers notice Defendant's recurring  
4 charges on their credit card billing statements – Defendant then makes it exceedingly difficult and  
5 unnecessarily confusing for consumers to cancel the Kradle Subscriptions.

6         6. Specifically, Defendant systematically violates the ARL by: (i) failing to present the  
7 automatic renewal offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner and in visual proximity to the  
8 request for consent to the offer before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled, in  
9 violation of Section 17602(a)(1); (ii) charging consumers' Payment Methods without first obtaining  
10 their affirmative consent to the agreement containing the automatic renewal offer terms, in violation  
11 of Section 17602(a)(2); and (iii) failing to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic  
12 renewal offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that  
13 is capable of being retained by the consumer, in direct violation of Section 17602(a)(3). *See* Cal.  
14 Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17602(a)(1)-(3); *see also id.* § 17601(b)(1)-(5) (setting forth the definition of  
15 "automatic renewal offer terms" as used in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17602(a)). The standardized post-  
16 order acknowledgment email sends to its customers also fails to disclose a toll-free telephone number  
17 or describe another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation – making it  
18 exceedingly difficult and unnecessarily confusing for consumers to cancel Kradle Subscriptions – in  
19 clear violation of Section 17602(c) of the ARL.

20         7. As a result of Defendant's violations of Section 17602 of the ARL, the Kradle  
21 Subscriptions are deemed "unconditional gifts" pursuant to Section 17603 of the ARL, entitling  
22 Plaintiff and the Class to restitution. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603.

23         8. For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs bring this action individually and on behalf of all  
24 subscribers of any of Defendant's Kradle Subscriptions who, within the applicable statute of  
25 limitations period up to and including the date of judgment in this action, were induced by  
26 Defendant's false sales or incurred unauthorized fees for the renewal of their Kradle Subscriptions.  
27 Based on Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs seek damages, restitution, declaratory relief,  
28 injunctive relief, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, for: (1) violation of California's False

Advertising Law (“FAL”), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500, et seq.; (2) violation of California’s Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”), Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, et seq.; (3) violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.; (4) negligent misrepresentation; (5) intentional misrepresentation; (7) unjust enrichment/restitution; (8) breach of contract; and (9) breach of express warranty.

### **THE PARTIES**

9. Plaintiff Nicole Guidotti is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a citizen and resident of Berkeley, California. On or about September 7, 2025, Plaintiff made a purchase of two “CBD Sleepy CLEANZzz Dental Hard Chew” from Defendant’s Website for \$26.32. When Plaintiff made her purchase, Defendant enrolled Plaintiff in – unbeknownst to her at the time – a Kradle Subscription. Consequently, following her purchase, Defendant assessed Plaintiff’s Payment Method a recurring charge of \$26.34 every 6 weeks until December of 2025, when she canceled the Kradle Subscription. Had Plaintiff known that Defendant would enroll her in an automatically renewing Kradle Subscription, she would not have made a purchase from Defendant at all.

10. The facts giving rise to Plaintiff’s claims are materially the same as those of other members of the Class she seeks to represent

11. Defendant Kradle, LLC is a Delaware corporation that maintains its corporate headquarters and principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Defendant is an online-based retailer of pet food, which it sells to consumers on its Website and through social-media advertisements to consumers nationwide, including throughout California.

12. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint to add different or additional defendants, including without limitation any officer, director, employee, supplier, or distributor of Defendant who has knowingly and willfully aided, abetted, and/or conspired in the false and deceptive conduct alleged herein.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A), as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), because this is a putative class action where the aggregate amount sought by members of the proposed class exceeds \$5,000,000.00,

exclusive of interests and costs, there are over 100 members of the putative class, and at least one class member is a citizen of a state different from Defendant.

14. Personal jurisdiction and venue are proper because Plaintiff resides in Berkeley, California, within this judicial District; because Plaintiff made her purchase of Defendant's products while she was physically present in Berkeley, California; because Defendant shipped such goods to Plaintiff's residence in Berkeley, California; and because Plaintiff was located in Berkeley, California when Defendant enrolled her in, and thereafter charged her Payment Method on a monthly basis pursuant to the Kradle Subscription. Additionally, Defendant has, at all times relevant hereto, systematically and continually conducted, and continues to conduct, business in California, including within this judicial District, including through the promotion, marketing, and sale of its products.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

#### **A. Background On the Subscription-Based e-Commerce Industry**

15. The e-commerce subscription model is a business model in which retailers provide ongoing goods or services "in exchange for regular payments from the customer."<sup>1</sup> Subscription e-commerce services now target a wide range of customers and cater to a variety of specific interests. Given the prevalence of online and e-commerce retailers, subscription e-commerce has grown rapidly in popularity in recent years. Indeed, the "subscription economy has grown more than 400% over the last 8.5 years as consumers have demonstrated a growing preference for access to subscription services[.]"<sup>2</sup> Analysts at UBS predict that the subscription economy will expand into a \$1.5 trillion market by 2025, up from \$650 billion in 2020.<sup>3</sup> That constitutes an average annual

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<sup>1</sup> Core DNA, *How to Run an eCommerce Subscription Service: The Ultimate Guide* (May 19, 2020), <https://www.coredna.com/blogs/ecommerce-subscription-services>.

<sup>2</sup> Business Insider, *Taco Bell's taco subscription is rolling out nationwide — here's how to get it* (Jan. 6, 2022), <https://www.businessinsider.com/taco-bell-subscription-launching-across-the-country-2022-1> (internal quotation marks omitted).

<sup>3</sup> See UBS, *Investing in digital subscriptions* (Mar. 10, 2021), <https://www.ubs.com/global/en/wealth-management/our-approach/marketnews/article.1525238.html> ("[A]t close to USD 650 billion in 2020, we expect the

1 growth rate of 18%, which makes the subscription economy “one of the fastest-growing industries  
2 globally.”<sup>4</sup>

3 16. The production, sale, and distribution of subscription-based products and services is  
4 a booming industry that has exploded in popularity over the past few years. According to *Forbes*,  
5 “[t]he subscription e-commerce market has grown by more than 100% percent a year over the past  
6 five years, with the largest retailers generating more than \$2.6B in sales in 2016, up from \$57.0M in  
7 2011.”<sup>5</sup> Following 2016, market growth within the industry increased exponentially, reaching \$650  
8 billion in 2020.<sup>6</sup> “As such, the financials of companies with subscription business models[] ...  
9 improved dramatically in 2020 thanks to limited revenue volatility and strong cash flow  
10 generation.”<sup>7</sup> Thus, “[t]he share prices of most subscription companies have performed well in  
11 recent years.”<sup>8</sup>

12 17. The expansion of the subscription e-commerce market shows no signs of slowing.  
13 “We’re now in the subscriptions era, and the pandemic is accelerating its takeover. During the  
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15 subscription economy to expand into a USD 1.5 trillion market by 2025, implying an average annual  
16 growth rate of 18%.”).

16 See also *Subscribed, UBS Declares: It’s Worth Investing in the Subscription Economy* (Apr. 17,  
17 2021), [https://www.subscribed.com/read/news-and-editorial/ubs-declares-its-worth-investing-in-](https://www.subscribed.com/read/news-and-editorial/ubs-declares-its-worth-investing-in-the-subscription-economy)  
18 *the-subscription-economy*; Business 2 Community, *The Subscription Economy Is Booming Right*  
19 *Now. But Are You Reaping the Full Benefits?* (Oct. 7, 2021),  
[https://www.business2community.com/ecommerce/the-subscription-economy-is-booming-right-](https://www.business2community.com/ecommerce/the-subscription-economy-is-booming-right-now-but-are-you-reaping-the-full-benefits-02434851)  
20 *now-but-are-you-reaping-the-full-benefits-02434851*.

20 <sup>4</sup> UBS, *Investing in digital subscriptions* (Mar. 10, 2021), *supra* (“[Growth] was seen across many  
21 areas, including e-commerce, video streaming, gaming, cloud-based applications, etc.”); see also  
22 Juniper Research, *Subscriptions For Physical Goods To Overtake Digital Subscriptions By 2025;*  
23 *Growing To Over \$263bn Globally* (Oct. 12, 2020),  
<https://www.juniperresearch.com/press/subscriptions-for-physical-goods-to-overtake>  
24 (acknowledging “the significant lead the digital sector has had in th[e] area[ of digital service  
25 subscriptions]”).

24 <sup>5</sup> *Forbes*, *The State Of The Subscription Economy, 2018* (Mar. 4, 2018),  
25 [https://www.forbes.com/sites/louiscolombus/2018/03/04/the-state-of-the-subscription-economy-](https://www.forbes.com/sites/louiscolombus/2018/03/04/the-state-of-the-subscription-economy-2018/#6ad8251a53ef)  
26 *2018/#6ad8251a53ef*.

26 <sup>6</sup> See UBS, *Investing in digital subscriptions* (Mar. 10, 2021), *supra*.

27 <sup>7</sup> *Id.*

28 <sup>8</sup> *Id.*

COVID-19 lockdowns, many digital-based subscription business models fared well due to their promise of convenience and strong business continuity.”<sup>9</sup> According to *The Washington Post*, “[s]ubscriptions boomed during the coronavirus pandemic as Americans largely stuck in shutdown mode flocked to digital entertainment[.] ... The subscription economy was on the rise before the pandemic, but its wider and deeper reach in nearly every industry is expected to last, even after the pandemic subsides in the United States.”<sup>10</sup>

18. However, as *The Washington Post* has noted, there are downsides associated with the subscription-based business model.<sup>11</sup> While the subscription e-commerce market has low barriers and is thus easy to enter, it is considerably more difficult for retailers to dominate the market due to the “highly competitive prices and broad similarities among the leading players.”<sup>12</sup> In particular, retailers struggle with the fact that “[c]hurn rates are high, [] and consumers quickly cancel services that don’t deliver superior end-to-end experiences.”<sup>13</sup> Yet, retailers have also recognized that, where the recurring nature of the service, billing practices, or cancellation process is unclear or complicated, “consumers may lose interest but be too harried to take the extra step of canceling their

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<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> The Washington Post, *Everything’s becoming a subscription, and the pandemic is partly to blame* (June 1, 2021), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/06/01/subscription-boom-pandemic/> (noting that “e-commerce and entertainment subscriptions to sites such as Netflix, Hulu and Disney Plus made headlines during the pandemic for soaring growth”).

<sup>11</sup> The Washington Post, *Little-box retailing: Subscription services offer new possibilities to consumers, major outlets* (Apr. 7, 2014), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/tktktktk/2014/04/07/f68135b6-a92b-11e3-8d62-419db477a0e6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/tktktktk/2014/04/07/f68135b6-a92b-11e3-8d62-419db477a0e6_story.html).

<sup>12</sup> McKinsey & Company, *Thinking inside the subscription box: New research on e-commerce consumers* (Feb. 2018), <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/technology-media-and-telecommunications/our-insights/thinking-inside-the-subscription-box-new-research-on-ecommerce-consumers#0>.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*



membership[s].”<sup>14</sup> As these companies have realized, “[t]he real money is in the inertia.”<sup>15</sup> As a result, “[m]any e-commerce sites work with third-party vendors to implement more manipulative designs.”<sup>16</sup> That is, to facilitate consumer inertia, a number of subscription e-commerce companies, including Defendant, “are now taking advantage of subscriptions in order to trick users into signing up for expensive and recurring plans. They do this by intentionally confusing users with the design and flow of their website and apps, *e.g.*, by making promises of ‘free trials’ that convert after only a matter of days, and other misleading tactics,” such as failure to fully disclose the terms of its automatic renewal programs.<sup>17</sup>

19. To make matters worse, once enrolled in the subscription, “[o]ne of the biggest complaints consumers have about brand/retailers is that it’s often difficult to discontinue a subscription marketing plan.”<sup>18</sup> Moreover, “the rapid growth of subscriptions has created a host of challenges for the economy, far outpacing the government’s ability to scrutinize aggressive marketing practices and ensure that consumers are being treated fairly, consumer advocates say.”<sup>19</sup> For instance, numerous companies, including Defendant, have resorted to using “dark patterns” on their e-commerce platforms. A dark pattern is “a user interface carefully crafted to trick users into

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<sup>14</sup> The Washington Post, *Little-box retailing: Subscription services offer new possibilities to consumers, major outlets* (Apr. 7, 2014), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/tktktktk/2014/04/07/f68135b6-a92b-11e3-8d62-419db477a0e6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/tktktktk/2014/04/07/f68135b6-a92b-11e3-8d62-419db477a0e6_story.html).

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> Business Insider, *A new study from Princeton reveals how shopping websites use 'dark patterns' to trick you into buying things you didn't actually want* (Jun. 25, 2019), <https://www.businessinsider.com/dark-patterns-online-shopping-princeton-2019-6>.

<sup>17</sup> TechCrunch, *Sneaky subscriptions are plaguing the App Store* (Oct. 15, 2018), <https://techcrunch.com/2018/10/15/sneaky-subscriptions-are-plaguing-the-app-store/>.

<sup>18</sup> The Washington Post, *Everything’s becoming a subscription, and the pandemic is partly to blame* (June 1, 2021), *supra* (“‘Subscription services are a sneaky wallet drain,’ said Angela Myers, 29, of Pittsburgh. ‘You keep signing up for things and they make it really hard to cancel.’”); *see also* New Media and Marketing, *The problem with subscription marketing* (Mar. 17, 2019), <https://www.newmediaandmarketing.com/the-problem-with-subscription-marketing/>.

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*



1 doing things they might not otherwise do, such as ... signing up for recurring bills.”<sup>20</sup> Thus, although  
 2 “Federal Trade Commission regulators are looking at ways to make it harder for companies to trap  
 3 consumers into monthly subscriptions that drain their bank accounts[ and] attempting to respond to  
 4 a proliferation of abuses by some companies over the past few years[.]”<sup>21</sup> widespread utilization of  
 5 misleading dark patterns and deliberate omissions persist.

6 20. Defendant successfully capitalized on this demand. In fact, Defendant’s growth in  
 7 revenue and subscriber count with respect to its Subscriptions coincides with a sharp decline in  
 8 subscriber satisfaction as the Subscriptions and the platforms from which they operate have become  
 9 riddled with “dark patterns.” Specifically, Defendant has used various types of dark patterns,  
 10 including but not limited to “Roach Motel,”<sup>22</sup> “Misdirection,”<sup>23</sup> and “Forced Continuity,”<sup>24</sup> in order  
 11 to prevent users from canceling their Subscriptions by way of adopting complex cancellation  
 12 procedures to increase the friction in the subscription cancellation process. Defendant’s utilization  
 13 of these dark patterns – especially in conjunction with its failure to fully disclose the terms of its  
 14 automatic-renewal programs (discussed further below) – has led to a reduction in churn rates by  
 15 making it next to impossible for subscribers to cancel their Subscriptions. It has further led to an  
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 18 <sup>20</sup> UX Design, *Dark patterns in UX: how designers should be responsible for their actions* (Apr. 15,  
 19 2018), <https://uxdesign.cc/dark-patterns-in-ux-design-7009a83b233c> (quoting UX designer Harry  
 Brignull (PhD Cognitive Science), who coined the term “Dark Patters” in August 2010).

20 <sup>21</sup> The Washington Post, *Everything’s becoming a subscription, and the pandemic is partly to blame*  
 (June 1, 2021), *supra*.

21 <sup>22</sup> “Roach Motel” refers to a “design [that] makes it very easy for [consumers] to get into a certain  
 22 situation, but then makes it hard for [consumers] to get out of it (e.g. a subscription).”  
<https://www.darkpatterns.org/types-of-dark-pattern/roach-motel>.

23 <sup>23</sup> “Misdirection” is a type of dark pattern where a website’s “design purposefully focuses  
 24 [customers’] attention on one thing in order to distract [them] attention from another.” In many  
 25 cases, “[w]hat’s deceptive is the way [the website] presents [purchase] options: it uses misdirection  
 to hide what is actually happening[.]” <https://www.darkpatterns.org/types-of-dark-pattern/misdirection>.

26 <sup>24</sup> One example of “Forced Continuity,” another type of dark pattern, is where customers’ sign up  
 27 for a “free trial with a service[ that] comes to an end and [their] credit card silently starts getting  
 28 charged without any warning. [The subscriber is] are then not given an easy way to cancel the  
 automatic renewal.” <https://www.darkpatterns.org/types-of-dark-pattern/forced-continuity>.

1 increase in accidental or unintentional sign-ups by consumers for paid Subscriptions, in effect  
2 increasing subscriber count and, thus, Defendant's overall revenues from renewal fees.<sup>25</sup>

3 21. As discussed below, Defendant has employed a host of dark patterns in its Website  
4 and social-media advertisements to lure and deceive millions of consumers into becoming and  
5 remaining enrolled in Kradle Subscriptions. That is the precise conduct that California's legislature  
6 sought to prevent in enacting California's Automatic Renewal Law.

7 **B. California's Automatic Renewal Law**

8 22. In 2010, the California Legislature enacted the Automatic Renewal Law ("ARL"),  
9 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17600, *et seq.*, with the intent to "end the practice of ongoing charging  
10 of consumer credit or debit cards or third party payment accounts without the consumers' explicit  
11 consent for ongoing shipments of a product or ongoing deliveries of service." Cal. Bus. & Prof.  
12 Code § 17600 (statement of legislative intent).

13 23. The ARL makes it "unlawful for any business making an automatic renewal or  
14 continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to do any of the following:"

15 (1) Fail to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous  
16 service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the  
17 subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual  
18 proximity[] ... to the request for consent to the offer. If the offer also  
19 includes a free gift or trial, the offer shall include a clear and  
20 conspicuous explanation of the price that will be charged after the trial  
21 ends or the manner in which the subscription or purchasing agreement  
22 pricing will change upon conclusion of the trial.

23 (2) Charge the consumer's credit or debit card, or the consumer's  
24 account with a third party, for an automatic renewal or continuous  
25 service without first obtaining the consumer's affirmative consent to  
26 the agreement containing the automatic renewal offer terms or  
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28 <sup>25</sup> See Gizmodo, *Pervasive 'Dark Patterns' Are Fooling People Into Signing Up for Services They Don't Want* (Sep. 15, 2022), <https://gizmodo.com/dark-patterns-ui-cancel-subscription-1849542166> ("As much as you think you have full control of you and your wallet, it's getting increasingly difficult for anybody using an app or a website to avoid getting suckered into surrendering your money or personal information to misleading or tricky UI design. ... Tech companies and online retailers [] lure users into signing up for subscription services while obscuring costs or charges, then making it difficult to actually cancel. Some dark patterns include confusing users in dense terms of service to obscure key limitations of products or junk fees attached to their use.")

continuous service offer terms, including the terms of an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer that is made at a promotional or discounted price for a limited period of time.

(3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer. If the automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer includes a free gift or trial, the business shall also disclose in the acknowledgment how to cancel, and allow the consumer to cancel, the automatic renewal or continuous service before the consumer pays for the goods or services.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)-(3).

24. The ARL also requires that, prior to the completion of the initial order for the automatic renewal or continuous service, sellers must explain the price to be charged when the promotion or free trial ends. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1), *supra*. If the initial offer is at a promotional price that is only for a limited time and will increase later, the seller must obtain consumer consent to the non-discounted price prior to billing. *See id.* Sellers must also notify consumers in the acknowledgment about how to cancel the free trial before they are charged. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3), *supra*.

25. Section 17602(c) of the ARL further provides:

A business that makes an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer **shall provide a toll-free telephone number, electronic mail address**, a postal address if the seller directly bills the consumer, **or it shall provide another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation** that shall be described in the acknowledgment specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(c). (emphasis added).

26. Additionally, the ARL also requires e-commerce sellers, doing business in California, to allow online cancellation of auto-renewing memberships or recurring purchases that were initiated online. Specifically, Section 17602(d) provides:

[A] business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall allow a consumer to terminate the automatic renewal or continuous service ***exclusively online, at will, and without engaging any further steps that obstruct or delay the consumer's ability to terminate the automatic renewal or continuous service immediately.***

1 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(d)(1) (emphasis added).

2 27. The ARL further specifies that a seller who provides an automatic offer “shall provide  
3 a method of termination that is online in the form of either of the following: (A) A prominently  
4 located direct link or button which may be located within either a customer account or profile, or  
5 within either device or user settings[; or] (B) By an immediately accessible termination email  
6 formatted and provided by the business that a consumer can send to the business without additional  
7 information.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(d)(1)(A)-(B).

8 28. Section 17601(a) of the ARL defines the term “Automatic renewal” as a “plan or  
9 arrangement in which a paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the  
10 end of a definite term for a subsequent term.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a).

11 29. Section 17601 of the ARL defines the term “Automatic renewal offer terms” as “the  
12 following clear and conspicuous disclosures: (1) That the subscription or purchasing agreement will  
13 continue until the consumer cancels. (2) The description of the cancellation policy that applies to  
14 the offer. (3) The recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer’s credit or debit card or  
15 payment account with a third party as part of the automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that  
16 the amount of the charge may change, if that is the case, and the amount to which the charge will  
17 change, if known. (4) The length of the automatic renewal term or that the service is continuous,  
18 unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer. (5) The minimum purchase obligation, if  
19 any.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 1760, *et seq.*

20 30. The ARL defines “clear and conspicuous” or “clearly and conspicuously” meaning  
21 “in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text  
22 of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbol ls or other marks,  
23 in a manner that clearly calls attention to the language.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601.

24 31. Finally, Section 17603 of the ARL provides that where a “business sends any goods,  
25 wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer, under a continuous service agreement or automatic  
26 renewal of a purchase, without first obtaining the consumer’s affirmative consent[,]” the material  
27 sent will be deemed “an unconditional gift to the consumer, who may use or dispose of the same in  
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any manner she or she sees fit without any obligation whatsoever on the consumer's part to the business[.]" Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603.

32. As alleged below, Defendant's practices on the Website and its social-media advertisements systematically violate Sections 17602(a)(1), 17602(a)(2), 17602(a)(3), 17602(c), and 17602(d) of the ARL.

**C. Defendant's Business: The Subscription Enrollment Process**

33. At all relevant times, Defendant offered, via the Website and through social-media advertisements (including on Instagram), nutritional supplements to consumers.

34. When a consumer purchases a product from Defendant on its website or through one of its social-media advertisements, Defendant surreptitiously enrolls the consumer in a Kradle Subscription that, unbeknownst to the consumer at the time, results in the consumer's Payment Method being assessed a recurring charge each and every month, in perpetuity (or until canceled by the consumer).

35. Defendant's Kradle Subscriptions constitute automatic renewal and/or continuous service plans or arrangements for the purposes of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601.

36. Regardless of whether a consumer purchases a product from Defendant on its website or through one of its social-media advertisements, the process of making the purchase – and becoming unknowingly enrolled in a Kradle Subscription – is substantially the same. Upon navigating the final screen of the checkout process (the "Checkout Page"), consumers are prompted to input their name, address, other contact information, and the details of their chosen Payment Method, and to finally click a giant payment buttons that obscure the other information on the webpage.

37. Defendant's Checkout Page fails to comply with the ARL in numerous respects.

38. Prior to enrolling Plaintiff and other Californians in Kradle Subscriptions, the ARL required Defendant to "present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity[] ... to the request for consent to the offer." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)

(emphasis added). Under the ARL, a “clear and conspicuous” disclosure “means in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly calls attention to the language.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17601(3).

39. On the Checkout Page, Defendant failed to present to Plaintiff or any member of the Class the terms of the Kradle Subscription in “larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly calls attention to the language.” *See id.* Instead, the only statement provided on the Checkout Page concerning Kradle Subscriptions appeared in miniscule, inconspicuous font (much smaller than the surrounding text on the Checkout Page), all the way *above* or *below* the payment buttons that consumers must click to place an order. In fact, the disclosure is completely missing when a consumer opens the drop-down menu to review their order or scrolls down to enter their payment information. The screenshots below show the Checkout Page as it appears when a visitor first arrives, as well as after they open the dropdown menu or scroll down to the credit card payment button:



Order summary ▾

\$26.34

Express checkout



By continuing with your payment, you agree to the future charges listed on this page and the cancellation policy.

Add discount

**Total**

1 item

USD **\$26.34** ▾

Recurring subtotal \$26.34 every 6 weeks



Pay now

One or more items in your cart is a deferred or recurring purchase. By continuing with your payment, you agree that your payment method will automatically be charged at the price and frequency listed on this page until it ends or you cancel. All cancellations are subject to the [cancellation policy](#).

[Refund policy](#) [Shipping](#) [Privacy policy](#) [Terms of service](#)  
[Cancellations](#)



Order summary ^

\$26.34



**1** CBD Sleepy CLEANZzz Dental Hard Chew  
 6 Chews / Fresh Mint  
 Delivery every 6 weeks

\$26.34

Discount code or gift card

Apply

Subtotal \$26.34

Shipping ⓘ Enter shipping address

**Total** USD **\$26.34**

Recurring subtotal ⓘ \$26.34 every 6 weeks

Express checkout



By continuing with your payment, you agree to the future charges listed on this page and the cancellation policy.

**Recommended for you: Extra savings when you subscribe**



**Bacon CBD Chillers Hard Chews**  
 2 Chews / Bacon  
 Delivery every 2 weeks  
 \$12.99  
 \$11.04

Product description ▾

Options

2 Chews / Bacon ▾

Deliver every

Delivery every 2 weeks ▾

Subscribe and save up to 15%



**1** CBD Sleepy CLEANZzz Dental Hard Chew  
 6 Chews / Fresh Mint  
 Delivery every 6 weeks  
 \$26.34

Discount code or gift card

Apply

Subtotal \$26.34

Shipping ⓘ Enter shipping address

**Total** USD **\$26.34**

Recurring subtotal ⓘ \$26.34 every 6 weeks

Pay now



1           40. Moreover, because a consumer navigating through the Checkout Page would have no  
2 need to review Defendant's purported ARL disclosure, there is no reason to believe that any  
3 consumer who placed an order on the Checkout Page ever saw the recurring charges statement before  
4 placing an order. And even if they did, the disclosure does not unambiguously state that by clicking  
5 on any button consumers were agreeing to those terms.

6           41. Simply put: Defendant failed to "first obtain[] [any] consumer's affirmative consent  
7 to [any] agreement" with respect to the Kradle Subscription, let alone any such agreement  
8 "containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, including the terms  
9 of an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer that is made at a promotional or discounted  
10 price for a limited period of time." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2). Indeed, even the purported  
11 ARL statement does not provide the exact amount of the recurring charges, the billing frequency, or  
12 a full description of the cancellation policy pertaining to the Kradle Subscription. For instance, the  
13 ARL statement appears to suggest that the Kradle Subscription is a recurring plan, without clearly  
14 stating that the price does not include shipping costs. The language was, and did, mislead consumers  
15 about the true nature of the recurring charges. Similarly, the deadline to cancel the recurring charges  
16 and other aspects of the cancellation policy are completely missing.

17           42. Additionally, after enrolling a consumer in a Kradle Subscription, the ARL required  
18 Defendant to "provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or  
19 continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a  
20 manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3).

21           43. After Plaintiff and members of the Class placed orders on the Checkout Page,  
22 Defendant sent them each the same pro forma e-mail regarding their purchase (the  
23 "Acknowledgment Email").

24           44. The post-order Acknowledgment Emails that Defendant systematically sent to its  
25 customers (including to Plaintiff and all proposed Class members) uniformly failed to include "the  
26 automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information  
27 regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer," as required  
28 by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3). Specifically, Defendant's Acknowledgment Emails failed

1 to adequately disclose: that the Kradle Subscription “will continue until the consumer cancels[.]”  
2 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(b)(1); a statement of “[t]he recurring charges that will be charged  
3 to the consumer’s [Payment Method] as part of the automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that  
4 the amount of the charge may change, [and] if that is the case, and the amount to which the charge  
5 will change, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(b)(3); or “[t]he length of the automatic renewal term  
6 or that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer[.]” Cal.  
7 Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(b)(4). As with the Checkout Page, disclosures of these required  
8 automatic renewal terms are either missing altogether, are deceptively incomplete, objectively  
9 inaccurate, and/or are inconspicuously buried in the tiny fine print at the bottom of the  
10 Acknowledgment Email. Further, the Acknowledgment Emails fail to provide a toll-free telephone  
11 number or describe another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation of  
12 the Kradle Subscriptions, and, in fact, Defendant makes it exceedingly difficult and unnecessarily  
13 confusing for consumers to cancel Kradle Subscriptions. Accordingly, each of the Acknowledgment  
14 Emails that Defendant sent to Plaintiff and Class members violated sections 17602(a)(3), 17602(b),  
15 and 17602(c) of the ARL.

16 45. During the time period relevant to this action, the form and content of the  
17 Acknowledgment Email sent by Defendant to each member of the putative Class were the same, in  
18 all material respects, as the Acknowledgment Email that Defendant sent to Plaintiff.

19 46. In sum, during the relevant time period, Defendant’s deficient pre- and post-purchase  
20 disclosures to Plaintiff and Class members concerning the Kradle Subscriptions were totally non-  
21 compliant with the ARL.

22 47. Because Defendant charged Plaintiff’s and its other customers’ Payment Methods in  
23 violation of the ARL, all goods, wares, merchandise, and/or products sent to Plaintiff and Class  
24 members upon the automatic renewal of their continuous service agreements are deemed to be  
25 “unconditional gifts” pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603.

26 48. As a direct result of Defendant’s unlawful conduct described above, Plaintiff and  
27 putative Class members have incurred substantial financial injury in the form of all monies  
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1 withdrawn from their Payment Methods in connection with the Kradle Subscriptions in which they  
2 were surreptitiously enrolled by Defendant.

3 49. As set forth in further detail below, Plaintiff's claims, which are based on Defendant's  
4 failure to comply with the ARL and its use of false discounts and surprise fees constitute "unlawful"  
5 conduct under the UCL. Further, because the Kradle Subscriptions were, by operation of law,  
6 "unconditional gifts" to Plaintiff and putative Class members (*see* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603)  
7 – and thus Plaintiff and Class members already owned the goods, tools, and benefits of the  
8 subscriptions as their personal property at the time Defendant withdrew monies from their Payment  
9 Methods as consideration for access to the same, without any legal or contractual authority to do so  
10 – Plaintiff's claims are also based on Defendant's practice of charging consumers in exchange for  
11 unconditional gifts and arise under the "fraudulent" and "unfair" prongs of the UCL. Additionally,  
12 Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant for violations of the CLRA and FAL, and conversion,  
13 unjust enrichment, negligent misrepresentation, and fraud.

14 **No Adequate Remedy at Law**

15 50. For their equitable relief claims, Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at law to address  
16 the unfair conduct at issue here. Legal remedies available to Plaintiff and Class are inadequate  
17 because they are not equally prompt, certain, and in other ways efficient as equitable relief. Damages  
18 are not equally certain as restitution because the standard that governs restitution is different than  
19 the standard that governs damages. Hence, the Court may award restitution even if it determines that  
20 Plaintiff fails to sufficiently adduce evidence to support an award of damages. Damages and  
21 restitution are not the same amount. Unlike damages, restitution is not limited to the amount of  
22 money Defendant wrongfully acquired plus the legal rate of interest. Equitable relief, including  
23 restitution, entitles Plaintiff to recover all profits from the wrongdoing, even where the original funds  
24 taken have grown far greater than the legal rate of interest would recognize. Legal claims for  
25 damages are not equally certain as restitution because claims under the FAL and UCL entail fewer  
26 elements. In short, significant differences in proof and certainty establish that any potential legal  
27 claim cannot serve as an adequate remedy at law.  
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51. Equitable relief is also appropriate because Plaintiff may lack an adequate remedy at law if, for instance, damages resulting from their purchase of the Kradle Subscription are determined to be an amount less than the total expenditure in connection with that subscription. Without compensation for the full price of the Kradle Subscription, Plaintiff would be left without the parity in purchasing power to which they are entitled.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

52. ***Class Definition.*** Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, defined as follows (collectively, the “Class”):

***ARL Class:*** All persons in the United States who, within the applicable limitation period, up to and including the date of final judgment in this action, were charged a renewal fee for a Kradle Subscription by Defendant.

53. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the definition of the Class if discovery or further investigation reveals that the Class should be expanded or otherwise modified.

54. Specifically excluded from the Class are Defendant and any entities in which Defendant has a controlling interest, Defendant’s agents and employees, the judge to whom this action is assigned, members of the judge’s staff, and the judge’s immediate family.

55. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the definition of the Class if discovery or further investigation reveals that the Class should be expanded or otherwise modified.

56. ***Numerosity.*** The Class are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, the Class comprise at least millions of consumers. The precise number of the members of the Class and their identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery. The members of the Class may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail and/or publication through the distribution records of Defendant.

57. ***Commonality and Predominance.*** Common questions of law and fact exist as to all the members of the Class and predominate over questions affecting only individual members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to: (a) whether Defendant’s Kradle Subscriptions constitute “Automatic renewal[s]” within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a); (b) whether Defendant failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms, or

continuous service offer terms, in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement was fulfilled and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1); (c) whether Defendant charged Plaintiff's and the ARL Class members' Payment Method for an automatic renewal or continuous service without first obtaining their affirmative consent to the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2); (d) whether Defendant failed to provide an acknowledgment that included the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by Plaintiff and the ARL Class members, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3); (e) whether the goods and services provided by Defendant are deemed an "unconditional gift" in accordance with Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603; (f) whether Defendant's conduct alleged herein violated California's False Advertising Law ("FAL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500, et seq., California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, et seq., and/or California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.; (g) whether Defendant's conduct alleged herein constitutes conversion and/or unjust enrichment; (h) whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages and/or restitution; (i) whether Defendant should be enjoined from further engaging in the misconduct alleged herein; and (j) whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

58. **Typicality.** The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the ARL Class in that Plaintiff and the ARL Class sustained damages as a result of Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct, based upon Defendant's failure to obtain Plaintiff's and the ARL Class members affirmative consent to the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms associated with the Kradle Subscriptions before charging their Payment Methods.

59. **Adequacy.** Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to the Class' interests, and Plaintiff has retained counsel that has considerable experience and success in prosecuting complex class actions and consumer-protection cases.

60. ***Superiority.*** A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy for, *inter alia*, the following reasons: prosecutions of individual actions are economically impractical for members of the Class; the Class are readily definable; prosecution as a class action avoids repetitious litigation and duplicative litigation costs, conserves judicial resources, and ensures uniformity of decisions; and prosecution as a class action permits claims to be handled in an orderly and expeditious manner.

61. Defendant has acted or failed to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

62. Without a class action, Defendant will continue a course of action that will result in further damages to Plaintiff and the Class and will likely retain the benefits of its wrongdoing.

63. Based on the foregoing allegations, Plaintiff's claims for relief include those set forth below.

### **COUNT I**

#### **Violations of California's False Advertising Law ("FAL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500, *et seq.* (On behalf of Plaintiff and the ARL Class)**

64. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs as though alleged in this Count.

65. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the ARL Class against Defendant.

66. California's False Advertising Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500, *et seq.*, makes it "unlawful for any person to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state, ...in any advertising device ... or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the Internet, any statement, concerning ... personal property or services, professional or otherwise, or performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading."

67. Defendant has violated, and continues to violate, section 17500 of the Business and Professions Code by disseminating untrue and misleading advertisements to Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class.

68. As alleged more fully above, Defendant violated, and continues to violate, section 17500 of the FAL through its misrepresentations and omissions made to consumers before and after enrollment into its Kradle Subscriptions regarding the terms of payment for and cancellation of a consumer's automatic payments. For instance, Defendant is silent regarding the material terms of its Kradle Subscriptions policies, including Defendant's unilateral rights to change the subscriptions' fees and billing practices, how and when to cancel them, and the consequences of doing so. These misrepresentations and omissions on the Checkout Page and the Acknowledgment Email constitute false and deceptive advertisements.

69. Defendant's actions in violation of the FAL, as described herein, were false and misleading, such that the general public is and was likely to be deceived.

70. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class did not learn of Defendant's automatic payment policies until after they had already signed up and started paying for Defendant's Kradle Subscriptions.

71. As such, Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class saw, read, and reasonably relied on Defendant's statements and omissions to their detriment.

72. In addition, class-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's representations were material, *i.e.*, a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to enroll in the Kradle Subscriptions and deciding when to cancel them.

73. Defendant's representations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class.

74. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class suffered economic injury as a direct result of Defendant's conduct because they were induced to purchase Kradle Subscriptions and/or pay renewal fees they would not have otherwise paid. Had Defendant fully and clearly disclosed the terms associated with the Kradle Subscriptions, Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class would not have subscribed to the Kradle Subscriptions, or they would have canceled their Kradle Subscriptions earlier, *i.e.*, prior to the expiration of the initial subscription period.

75. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class seek restitution, attorneys' fees, and all other relief that the Court deems proper.



**COUNT II**  
**Violations of California’s Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”),**  
**Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, *et seq.***  
**(On behalf of Plaintiff and the ARL Class)**

76. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs as though alleged in this Count.

77. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the ARL Class against Defendant.

78. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class are “consumers” within the meaning of Cal. Civil Code § 1761(d) in that Plaintiff and the ARL Class sought or acquired Defendant’s goods and/or services for personal, family, or household purposes.

79. Defendant’s selection and/or subscription offers and the other products pertaining thereto are “goods” and/or “services” within the meaning of Cal. Civil Code § 1761(a) and (b). The purchases by Plaintiff and the ARL Class are “transactions” within the meaning of Cal. Civil Code § 1761(e).

80. The acts and practices of Defendant as described above were intended to deceive Plaintiff and the ARL Class as described herein, and have resulted, and will result, in damages to Plaintiff and the ARL Class. These actions violated, and continue to violate, the CLRA in at least the following respects: (a) Defendant’s representations and omissions about the nature of the Kradle Subscriptions billing, cancellation, automatic payment terms, policies, and requirements conveyed that they have characteristics, uses, and/or benefits, which they do not, in violation of Cal. Civil Code § 1770(a)(5); and (b) Defendant’s acts and practices constitute the advertisement of the goods in question without the intent to sell them as advertised, in violation of Cal. Civil Code § 1770(a)(9).

81. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class suffered economic injury as a direct result of Defendant’s conduct because they were induced to purchase Kradle Subscriptions and/or pay renewal fees they would not have otherwise paid. Had Defendant fully and clearly disclosed the terms associated with the Kradle Subscriptions, Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class would

not have subscribed to the Kradle Subscriptions, or they would have canceled their Kradle Subscriptions earlier, *i.e.*, prior to the expiration of the initial subscription period.

82. Plaintiff, on behalf of themselves and all other members of the ARL Class, seeks an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing its unlawful practices in violation of the CLRA.

83. In compliance with the provisions of California Civil Code § 1782, Plaintiff sent written notice to Defendant on December 23, 2025, informing Defendant of their intention to seek damages under California Civil Code § 1750. The letter was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, advising Defendant that it was in violation of the CLRA and demanding that it cease and desist from such violations and make full restitution by refunding the monies received therefrom. The letter expressly stated that it was sent on behalf of Plaintiff and “all other persons similarly situated.” Accordingly, if Defendant fails to take corrective action within 30 days of receipt of the demand letter, Plaintiff will amend their complaint to include a request for damages as permitted by Civil Code § 1782(d) for Defendant’s violations of the CLRA.

**COUNT III**  
**Violations of California’s Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”),**  
**Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.***  
**(On behalf of Plaintiff and the ARL Class)**

84. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs as though alleged in this Count.

85. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the ARL Class against Defendant.

86. The UCL prohibits unfair competition in the form of “any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising and any act[.]” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200. The UCL allows “a person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property” to prosecute a civil action for violation of the UCL. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17204. Such a person may bring such an action on behalf of herself or herself and others similarly situated who are affected by the unlawful and/or unfair business practice or act.

87. As alleged in detail above, and incorporated herein by reference, Defendant’s deceptive enrollment process and false sales of the Kradle Subscriptions violate the UCL’s

1 proscription against engaging in **Unlawful Business Practices** through its violations of the FAL,  
2 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500, *et seq.*; CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1770, *et seq.*; the ARL, Cal. Bus.  
3 & Prof. Code § 17602, *et seq.*; and ROSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 8403, *et seq.*

4 88. As alleged in detail above, Defendant violated the ARL and ROSCA by failing to:  
5 (a) provide the auto-renewal terms associated with its Kradle Subscriptions “in a clear and  
6 conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual  
7 proximity[] ... to the request for consent to the offer,” in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §  
8 17602(a)(1); (b) obtain the affirmative consent of Plaintiff and the Class to those terms before  
9 charging their Payment Methods, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2); and (c)  
10 provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms,  
11 cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being  
12 retained by the consumer, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17602(a)(3). Defendant also  
13 makes it exceedingly difficult and unnecessarily confusing for consumers to cancel their Kradle  
14 Subscriptions, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(b).

15 89. Each of these acts and practices constitutes an independent violation of the ARL,  
16 ROSCA, the FAL, and CLRA, and thus an independent violation of the UCL.

17 90. Defendant has also violated the UCL’s proscription against engaging **in Unfair**  
18 **Business Practices**. Defendant’s acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures  
19 as alleged herein also constitute “unfair” business acts and practices within the meaning of Business  
20 & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.* in that Defendant’s conduct is substantially injurious to  
21 consumers, offends public policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous as the  
22 gravity of the conduct outweighs any alleged benefits attributable to such conduct.

23 91. There is no public utility to Defendant’s illegal automatic renewal practices and. The  
24 gravity of the consequences of Defendant’s conduct as described above outweigh any justification,  
25 motive, or reason thereof, particularly considering the available legal alternatives for subscriptions  
26 in the marketplace. Defendant’s illegal auto-renewal and false sales practices only injure healthy  
27 competition and harm consumers.  
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118. When Defendant made these misrepresentations and material omissions of fact, it knew that they were false and misleading at the time they were made and/or Defendant acted recklessly in making the misrepresentations and omissions.

119. Defendant intended that Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class members rely on these representations and material omissions of fact and Plaintiff reasonably relied on them.

120. In addition, class-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to enroll in Defendant's Kradle Subscriptions.

121. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class.

122. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class suffered economic injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct because they were induced to purchase Kradle Subscriptions and/or pay renewal fees they would not have otherwise paid. Had Defendant fully and clearly disclosed the terms associated with the Kradle Subscriptions, Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class would not have subscribed to the Kradle Subscriptions, or they would have canceled their Kradle Subscriptions earlier, i.e., prior to the expiration of the initial subscription period.

123. For the intentional misrepresentation claims, Plaintiff seeks all damages available, including expectation damages, punitive damages, and/or damages measured by the price premium charged to Plaintiff and the Class as a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct.

#### **COUNV VI**

#### **Unjust Enrichment / Restitution (On behalf of Plaintiff and the ARL Class)**

124. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs as though alleged in this Count.

125. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the ARL Class against Defendant under the laws of California, in the alternative.



126. Plaintiff and the Class conferred benefits on Defendant by purchasing the Kradle Subscriptions.

127. Defendant has been unjustly enriched in retaining the revenues derived from Plaintiff and the ARL Class purchases of the Kradle Subscriptions. Retention of those monies under these circumstances is unjust and inequitable because Defendant's misrepresentations and material omissions of fact regarding the Kradle Subscriptions, in violation of California and federal laws, induced Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class to purchase the Kradle Subscriptions under false pretenses. These material misrepresentations and omissions of fact caused injuries to Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class because they would not have purchased the Kradle Subscriptions at all, or on the same terms, if the true facts were known.

128. Due to Defendant's misrepresentations and violation of California and federal laws, its contracts with Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class are void or voidable.

129. Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class seek restitution, and in the alternative, rescission.

130. For the quasi-contract/unjust enrichment claims, Plaintiff seek all available equitable relief, including injunctive relief, disgorgement, and restitution in the form of a full refund and/or measured by the price premium charged to Plaintiff and the members of the ARL Class as a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, seeks judgment against Defendant, as follows:

- a. For an order certifying the Class and naming Plaintiff as a representative of the Class and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Class;
- b. For an order declaring Defendant's conduct violates the statutes referenced herein;
- c. For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on all counts asserted herein;
- d. For actual, expectation, reliance, compensatory, statutory, and/or punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- e. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;

- 1 f. For rescission, restitution and all other forms of equitable relief;
- 2 g. For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and
- 3 h. For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees,
- 4 expenses, and costs of suit.

5 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

6 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any

7 and all issues in this action so triable as of right.

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9 Dated: December 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLRA Venue Declaration Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1780(d)**

I, Adrian Gucovschi, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of California and a member of the bar of this Court.

I am a partner at Gucovschi Law Firm, PLLC, counsel of record for Plaintiff Nicole Guidotti in this action. Plaintiff alleges that she is a citizen of California who resides in Berkeley, California. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto under oath.

2. The Complaint filed in this action is filed in the proper place for trial under Civil Code Section 1780(d) in that Defendant Kradle, LLC regularly does business in the Central District of California, and a substantial portion of the events alleged in the Complaint, including the same misrepresentations, omissions, and injures as alleged herein, have occurred in this judicial District.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed at Miami, Florida, on December 23, 2025.

/s/ Adrian Gucovschi  
Adrian Gucovschi

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This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: [KradleMyPet.com Fails to Inform Consumers of Automatic Subscription Enrollment, Class Action Alleges](#)

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