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22 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**
23 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

24 CAM YUEN, ARRIANNA GARCIA,
25 KATHRYN HEBERLING, SUSAN
26 MCVINNEY, SUNNY STIMSON, ELLEN
27 BERMAN, NEIL MURPHY, DENNIS
28 WILD, ANDREA BURY, MIRANDA
SMELCER, MARCIA POTTS, SHERYL
EMERSON, CHRYSTA CATALDO,
MARLENA GIGA, GINA GIORGIO,
MICHELLE CARPENTER, VALERIE
HITZ, SHAVONNA ARMSTRONG,
HILARY ALLRED, MELISSA
MARSHALL, JOSEPH DUNCAN, AND
DAWN REYNOSA, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

Case No: 3:22-cv-04297

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CLASS ACTION

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vs.
IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC. and IDEXX
DISTRIBUTION, INC.,
Defendants.

Plaintiffs Cam Yuen, Arrianna Garcia, Kathryn Heberling, Susan McVinney, Sunny Stimson, Ellen Berman, Neil Murphy, Dennis Wild, Andrea Bury, Miranda Smelcer, Marcia Potts, Sheryl Emerson, Chrysta Cataldo, Marlena Giga, Gina Giorgio, Michelle Carpenter, Valerie Hitz, Shavonna Armstrong, Hilary Allred, Melissa Marshall, Joseph Duncan, and Dawn Reynosa (“Plaintiffs”) bring this action on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure against defendants IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. and IDEXX Distribution, Inc. (collectively, “IDEXX” or “Defendants”). IDEXX’s anticompetitive behavior has caused pet owners like Plaintiffs and other similarly situated indirect purchasers to pay artificially inflated prices for in-house point-of-care (“POC”) analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, which are components of in-house POC diagnostic tests that veterinary practices use to treat family pets and other companion animal patients. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf of a plaintiff class (the “Class”) consisting of all persons and entities in Repealer Jurisdictions who indirectly purchased, paid, and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of IDEXX POC analyzers, consumables, or single-use rapid test kits for companion animals, other than for resale, at any time during the period from July 26, 2018 through and until the anticompetitive effects of Defendants’ challenged conduct cease (the “Class Period”). A Repealer Jurisdiction is a state or district that has repealed the bar on indirect purchaser plaintiffs recovering under *Illinois Brick Co. v. Illinois*, 431 U.S. 720 (1977), and includes: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants for injunctive

1 relief under Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1-2, and for treble damages under the
2 antitrust laws and consumer protection laws of the several states, and demand a trial by jury.

3 **I. NATURE OF THE ACTION**

4 1. Like thousands of other pet owners in the United States, Plaintiffs Cam Yuen, Arrianna
5 Garcia, Kathryn Heberling, Susan McVinney, Sunny Stimson, Ellen Berman, Neil Murphy, Dennis
6 Wild, Andrea Bury, Miranda Smelcer, Marcia Potts, Sheryl Emerson, Chrysta Cataldo, Marlena Giga,
7 Gina Giorgio, Michelle Carpenter, Valerie Hitz, Shavonna Armstrong, Hilary Allred, Melissa
8 Marshall, Joseph Duncan, and Dawn Reynosa (“Plaintiffs”) and those similarly situated rely on in-
9 house point-of-care (“POC”) diagnostic laboratory tests provided by their veterinary practices to treat
10 family pets and other companion animal patients when fast test results are needed. Such tests are
11 critical in providing timely care by allowing veterinary practices to test, diagnose, and treat certain
12 conditions, such as heart worm, during a single office visit, and they are often used when patients
13 require surgery or other emergency intervention.

14 2. IDEXX is a multinational corporation that develops, manufactures, and distributes a
15 range of products across various veterinary, livestock, and water testing markets. IDEXX is the
16 nation’s dominant provider of “POC Diagnostic Products” comprised of (a) POC diagnostic testing
17 devices or instruments, also referred to as “analyzers,” (b) supplies used in conjunction with POC
18 diagnostic testing, such as, *e.g.*, reagents, slides, etc. (referred to as “consumables”), and (c) single-
19 use rapid test kits used by veterinarians to run critical in-house laboratory tests (referred to as “single-
20 use rapid test kits”). POC Diagnostic Products provide real-time results that cannot be obtained
21 through other kinds of products, such as services offered by outside reference labs.

22 3. IDEXX has a greater than 70% share of sales in the United States in the POC Diagnostic
23 Products market and submarkets for (a) analyzers and their compatible consumables, and (b) single-
24 use rapid test kits (the “Relevant Market and Submarkets”). IDEXX has repeatedly violated the
25 antitrust laws to maintain and enhance its dominance.

26 4. IDEXX achieved and protected its dominant position in the Relevant Market and
27 Submarkets through illegal long-term exclusive agreements with veterinary product distributors to
28 block rivals from competing in the Relevant Market and Submarkets by cutting them off from

1 distributors, which, prior to 2013, were the primary means of selling POC Diagnostic Products to
2 thousands of small veterinary practices around the country. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission
3 (“FTC”) ended that anticompetitive scheme with a decision and order, dated February 11, 2013 (the
4 “FTC Order”), directing IDEXX to discontinue its use of exclusive distribution agreements with the
5 three national distributors, and requiring that future distribution agreements be non-exclusive and
6 capped at two years (with a one-year renewal). The FTC further prohibited IDEXX from withholding
7 or threatening to withhold its products from the distributors or retaliating against them for carrying
8 POC Diagnostic Products made by IDEXX’s rivals.

9 5. Instead of then competing on the merits in the market for POC Diagnostic Products as
10 contemplated by the FTC Order though, IDEXX upended its entire distribution network—cutting
11 loose the distributors it previously had relied on—in order to maintain exclusive restraints in the
12 Relevant Market and Submarkets without violating the letter of the FTC’s Order. IDEXX Laboratories
13 described this abrupt pivot in its 2015 Form 10-K filed with the SEC: “effective January 1, 2015 we
14 transitioned to an all-direct sales strategy in the U.S. and did not renew our current annual contracts
15 with our U.S. distribution partners. Under this approach, we take orders, ship product, invoice and
16 receive payment for all single-use rapid test kits and instrument consumables in the U.S., aligning with
17 our direct model for instruments, reference laboratory services, and other [companion animal group]
18 products and services.”¹

19 6. After cutting out the distributors, IDEXX proceeded to lock the vast majority of
20 veterinary practices into long-term exclusive agreements, thereby substantially foreclosing
21 competition, and maintaining and enhancing its monopoly power over POC Diagnostic Products. As
22 a result of this anticompetitive scheme, IDEXX has been able to impose supracompetitive prices for
23 POC Diagnostic Products on Plaintiffs and members of the Class (defined below).

24 7. IDEXX’s contracts are exclusive and long-term, initially running for six-year terms.
25 They include steep purchase requirements and equally steep “disloyalty” penalty provisions, all of
26 which are scaled to the practice’s individual purchase history to optimize their lock-in effects. And
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28 ¹ IDEXX christened this strategy reversal its “US Go Direct” program and began it in 2014.

1 IDEXX further lengthens its already-long-term exclusive contracts by including automatic renewal
2 provisions in some contracts and extending most others well in advance of expiration, thus ensuring
3 that the exclusive arrangements run longer—often much longer—than even the initial six-year term.
4 Additionally, because practices that fall behind on the purchase requirements face steep penalties,
5 IDEXX is able to leverage that indebtedness into even greater customer lock-in by allowing payments
6 in arrears to be extended over a longer period in exchange for the practices' agreement to extend the
7 terms of their exclusive IDEXX contracts time and again. As a result, once practices sign the long-
8 term deals with IDEXX, many find themselves unable to terminate them, ever, without risking ruinous
9 financial penalties, and thus the exclusive contracts often extend in perpetuity—thereby blocking
10 rivals and potential rivals from accessing the vast majority of customers.

11 8. IDEXX's practice of scaling the financial penalties for giving POC Diagnostic Products
12 business to any company other than IDEXX to the size of each individual practice means that a
13 veterinary practice that tries to extricate itself from IDEXX's six-year exclusive contract faces
14 business-crippling penalties as high as six-years' worth of the practice's typical spending on POC
15 diagnostic testing. For example, with annual minimum spend amounts set anywhere from \$20,000 per
16 year to \$95,000 per year or more, veterinary practices can be subjected to penalties totaling over half
17 a million dollars, which these small businesses simply cannot absorb. The mere threat of such high
18 penalties is typically enough to prevent them from considering switching to rival POC Diagnostic
19 Products options, either during the six-year exclusive term or after. Likewise, the magnitude of
20 IDEXX's penalties and their link to the amount of each practice's POC Diagnostic Product purchases
21 ensures that it never will be economical for any of IDEXX's rivals to absorb some or all of a veterinary
22 practice's switching costs in order to win the practice's business away from IDEXX.

23 9. Further, for those veterinary practices that cannot meet the contractual requirements,
24 IDEXX strictly enforces its contracts through aggressive collection actions. The specter of such
25 enforcement actions are not mere threats that IDEXX uses to browbeat veterinary practices into
26 meeting their minimum spend requirements. To the contrary, IDEXX has brought numerous collection
27 actions against veterinary practices around the country, and those actions are always brought in federal
28 court in Maine under the choice of venue provisions in IDEXX's standard exclusionary contracts.

1 Those contracts also include a “loser pays” provision, threatening to force a veterinary practice that
2 unsuccessfully tries to stand up to IDEXX’s litigious tactics to pay IDEXX’s legal fees and court costs,
3 making the litigation risk to these small businesses potentially existential.

4 10. IDEXX also designs its products to ensure that veterinary practices will not use more
5 than one brand of analyzer at a time. It is impractical for a practice to train staff on the simultaneous
6 use and upkeep of different brands of analyzers, which would require the practice to integrate results
7 from those different machines into the veterinary practice’s practice information management system
8 (“PIMS”) used for patient files. IDEXX designed its popular Cornerstone PIMS software to be
9 compatible only with IDEXX analyzers, which further makes mixing and matching analyzer brands
10 unworkable for those practices that use Cornerstone and increases their costs of switching away from
11 IDEXX. Likewise, IDEXX designed its analyzers to accept only IDEXX consumables, further locking
12 in its customers.

13 11. IDEXX’s competitors are thus foreclosed from having any financially viable
14 opportunity to compete for the business of the vast majority of veterinary practices that purchase POC
15 Diagnostic Products. Indeed, as a result of IDEXX’s tactics, including renewing contracts before they
16 reach the end of their terms, out of the 16,000 to 20,000 veterinary practices in the United States that
17 purchase POC Diagnostic Products from IDEXX, less than 2.5% are ever able to get out from under
18 IDEXX’s thumb in any given year.

19 12. Having been barred by the FTC from blocking rivals’ access to distributors, IDEXX
20 turned to an even more direct and effective route for foreclosing competition: the above-described web
21 of long-term exclusive contracts directly with veterinary practices across the United States that,
22 together, substantially foreclose POC Diagnostic Product rivals’ access to veterinary practices
23 themselves.

24 13. In short, IDEXX used its dominant position in the Relevant Market and Submarkets to
25 cause veterinary practices to enter into long-term exclusive contracts with baseline spending
26 requirements that require each practice to buy its analyzer and all of the associated consumables
27 (which must be used with IDEXX analyzers) from IDEXX for the duration of the agreement. These
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1 agreements also frequently included IDEXX's single-use rapid test kits and Reference Lab Services
2 (defined below) among the products covered by the minimum spend requirements.

3 14. IDEXX's scheme locked veterinary practices into buying all or virtually all their POC
4 Diagnostic Products from IDEXX to avoid the severe financial penalties that IDEXX otherwise
5 imposed. As part of its scheme, IDEXX structured the exclusive agreements so that if a practice failed
6 to meet the minimum spending requirements or sought to exit the long-term agreements before
7 expiration, IDEXX would impose sufficiently large financial penalties to make it economically
8 impossible for the practice to switch to a rival. Once ensnared in an IDEXX contract, a veterinary
9 practice is stuck with the following choices: either continue to buy exclusively from IDEXX or go out
10 of business.

11 15. Through the exclusive dealing scheme alleged herein, IDEXX has substantially
12 foreclosed competition in the Relevant Market and Submarkets, and thereby maintained and enhanced
13 its dominant position and monopoly power. IDEXX's scheme has made the cost of switching to
14 IDEXX's rivals to buy POC Diagnostic Products prohibitively expensive for most veterinary practices,
15 and has thereby made it impossible, or nearly so, for IDEXX's actual or potential competitors to
16 compete for market share.

17 16. IDEXX's anticompetitive tactics have been shockingly effective. Even with the FTC
18 shutting the door on IDEXX's use of long-term exclusive agreements with distributors, IDEXX's pivot
19 to long-term exclusive agreements with veterinary practices has allowed it to prevent all but a small
20 handful of its customers to reach the end of their exclusive agreements and switch to a competitor.
21 IDEXX has thereby retained over 96% of its customers throughout the period relevant to this
22 Complaint—approaching 100% retention today—even while consistently and persistently raising
23 prices.

24 17. IDEXX's anticompetitive conduct harmed Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as
25 persons and entities who indirectly purchased IDEXX's POC Diagnostic Products ("IDEXX POC
26 Diagnostic Products"). Plaintiffs and those similarly situated did not and do not purchase POC
27 Diagnostic Products directly from IDEXX itself, but rather from veterinarians and veterinary practices
28 who purchase directly from IDEXX and re-sell those products.

1 18. Because IDEXX has prevented actual or potential rivals from gaining a foothold in the
2 Relevant Market and Submarkets, it has eliminated or impaired the price discipline that would come
3 from free and fair competition. As a result, IDEXX has charged, and continues to charge,
4 supracompetitive prices for POC Diagnostic Products. Those supracompetitive prices are then passed
5 on by direct purchasers to Plaintiffs and those similarly situated. As a result, Plaintiffs and those
6 similarly situated have paid artificially inflated prices for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, and they
7 will continue to do so until IDEXX's anticompetitive conduct ends and competition is restored in the
8 Relevant Market and Submarkets.

9 **II. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

10 19. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because
11 this is a class action involving common questions of law or fact in which the aggregate amount in
12 controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs; there are more than one hundred
13 members of the class; and at least one member of the class is a citizen of a state different from that
14 of one of the Defendants.

15 20. In the alternative, the Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 4 and
16 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15(a) and 26, and Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act,
17 15 U.S.C. §§ 1-2. Plaintiffs request declaratory and equitable relief and seek to recover overcharges
18 and treble damages for injuries sustained by Plaintiffs and the Class resulting from Defendants'
19 anticompetitive agreements and unlawful foreclosure of competition in the Relevant Market and
20 Submarkets that maintained and enhanced Defendants' dominant position and monopoly power.
21 Given that Plaintiffs seek declaratory and equitable relief for these violations of the Clayton Act and
22 the Sherman Antitrust Act, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331
23 and 1337(a). The Court possesses supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims under 28
24 U.S.C. § 1367.

25 21. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to, among other statutes, § 12 of the Clayton
26 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 22, and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because IDEXX regularly transacts business within this
27 district, a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this District, and a
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1 substantial portion of the affected interstate trade and commerce discussed below has been carried out
2 in this District.

3 22. Defendants' POC Diagnostic Products at issue in this case are sold in interstate
4 commerce, and the unlawful activities alleged in this Complaint have occurred in, and have had a
5 substantial effect upon, interstate commerce in the United States.

6 **III. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

7 23. Assignment is proper to the San Francisco or Oakland Division of this District under
8 Local Rule 3-2(c)-(e), because Plaintiff Cam Yuen resides and purchases IDEXX products in
9 Berkeley, California and a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in
10 Alameda County. Under Local Rule 3-2(d), "all civil actions that arise in the count[y] of Alameda . .
11 . shall be assigned to the San Francisco Division or the Oakland Division."

12 **IV. PARTIES**

13 24. Plaintiff Cam Yuen is a resident of Berkeley, California and a citizen of the United
14 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Yuen, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
15 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
16 veterinary practices. Ms. Yuen has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in California. The
17 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Yuen and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of each
18 POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Yuen suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged in this
19 Complaint.

20 25. Plaintiff Arrianna Garcia is a resident of San Jose, California and a citizen of the United
21 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Garcia, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
22 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
23 veterinary practices. Ms. Garcia has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in California. The
24 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Garcia and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
25 each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Garcia suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged
26 in this Complaint.

27 26. Plaintiff Kathryn Heberling is a resident of Gustine, California and a citizen of the
28 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Heberling, a pet owner, has purchased

1 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
2 from veterinary practices. Ms. Heberling has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in
3 California. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Heberling and other Class members the
4 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Heberling suffered antitrust injury as a
5 result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

6 27. Plaintiff Susan McVinney is a resident of Sun City, Arizona and a citizen of the United
7 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. McVinney, a pet owner, has purchased
8 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
9 from veterinary practices. Ms. McVinney has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Arizona.
10 The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. McVinney and other Class members the supracompetitive
11 prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. McVinney suffered antitrust injury as a result of the
12 violations alleged in this Complaint.

13 28. Plaintiff Sunny Stimson is a resident of Chandler, Arizona and a citizen of the United
14 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Stimson, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
15 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
16 veterinary practices. Ms. Stimson has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Arizona. The
17 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Stimson and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
18 each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Stimson suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged
19 in this Complaint.

20 29. Plaintiff Ellen Berman is a resident of Port Saint Lucie, Florida and a citizen of the
21 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Berman, a pet owner, has purchased
22 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
23 from veterinary practices. Ms. Berman has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Florida.
24 The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Berman and other Class members the supracompetitive prices
25 of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Berman suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations
26 alleged in this Complaint.

27 30. Plaintiff Neil Murphy is a resident of Orlando, Florida and a citizen of the United
28 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Mr. Murphy, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX

1 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
2 veterinary practices. Mr. Murphy has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Florida. The
3 veterinary practices pass on to Mr. Murphy and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
4 each POC Diagnostic Product. Mr. Murphy suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged
5 in this Complaint.

6 31. Plaintiff Dennis Wild is a resident of Wilmington, Illinois and a citizen of the United
7 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Mr. Wild, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
8 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
9 veterinary practices. Mr. Wild has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Illinois. The
10 veterinary practices pass on to Mr. Wild and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of each
11 POC Diagnostic Product. Mr. Wild suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged in this
12 Complaint.

13 32. Plaintiff Andrea Bury is a resident of Rosedale, Maryland and a citizen of the United
14 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Bury, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
15 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits from
16 veterinary practices. Ms. Bury has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Maryland. The
17 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Bury and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of each
18 POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Bury suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged in this
19 Complaint.

20 33. Plaintiff Miranda Smelcer is a resident of Bridgewater, Massachusetts and a citizen of
21 the United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Smelcer, a pet owner, has
22 purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid
23 test kits from veterinary practices. Ms. Smelcer has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in
24 Massachusetts. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Smelcer and other Class members the
25 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Smelcer suffered antitrust injury as a
26 result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

27 34. Plaintiff Marcia Potts is a resident of Grand Ledge, Michigan and a citizen of the United
28 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Potts, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX

1 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits from
2 veterinary practices. Ms. Potts has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Michigan. The
3 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Potts and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of each
4 POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Potts suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged in this
5 Complaint.

6 35. Plaintiff Sheryl Emerson is a resident of Hannibal, Missouri and a citizen of the United
7 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Emerson, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX
8 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
9 veterinary practices. Ms. Emerson has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Missouri. The
10 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Emerson and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
11 each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Emerson suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations
12 alleged in this Complaint.

13 36. Plaintiff Chrysta Cataldo is a resident of Massapequa Park, New York and a citizen of
14 the United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Cataldo, a pet owner, has purchased
15 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits
16 from veterinary practices. Ms. Cataldo has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in New York.
17 The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Cataldo and other Class members the supracompetitive prices
18 of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Cataldo suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations
19 alleged in this Complaint.

20 37. Plaintiff Marlena Giga is a resident of Washingtonville, New York and a citizen of the
21 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Giga, a pet owner, has purchased
22 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits
23 from veterinary practices. Ms. Giga has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in New York.
24 The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Giga and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
25 each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Giga suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged
26 in this Complaint.

27 38. Plaintiff Gina Giorgio is a resident of North Scituate, Rhode Island and a citizen of the
28 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Giorgio, a pet owner, has purchased

1 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
2 from veterinary practices. Ms. Giorgio has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Rhode
3 Island. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Giorgio and other Class members the supracompetitive
4 prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Giorgio suffered antitrust injury as a result of the
5 violations alleged in this Complaint.

6 39. Plaintiff Michelle Carpenter is a resident of Irmo, South Carolina and a citizen of the
7 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Carpenter, a pet owner, has purchased
8 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
9 from veterinary practices. Ms. Carpenter has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in South
10 Carolina. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Carpenter and other Class members the
11 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Carpenter suffered antitrust injury as a
12 result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

13 40. Plaintiff Valerie Hitz is a resident of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and a citizen of the
14 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Hitz, a pet owner, has purchased
15 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits
16 from veterinary practices. Ms. Hitz has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Illinois. The
17 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Hitz and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of each
18 POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Hitz suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged in this
19 Complaint.

20 41. Plaintiff Shavonna Armstrong is a resident of Goodlettsville, Tennessee and a citizen
21 of the United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Armstrong, a pet owner, has
22 purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid
23 test kits from veterinary practices. Ms. Armstrong has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in
24 Tennessee. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Armstrong and other Class members the
25 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Armstrong suffered antitrust injury as
26 a result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

27 42. Plaintiff Hilary Allred is a resident of Eagle Mountain, Utah and a citizen of the United
28 States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Allred, a pet owner, has purchased IDEXX

1 POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits, from
2 veterinary practices. Ms. Allred has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Utah. The
3 veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Allred and other Class members the supracompetitive prices of
4 each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Allred suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations alleged
5 in this Complaint.

6 43. Plaintiff Melissa Marshall is a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia and a citizen of the
7 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Marshall, a pet owner, has purchased
8 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
9 from veterinary practices. Ms. Marshall has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in West
10 Virginia. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Marshall and other Class members the
11 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Marshall suffered antitrust injury as a
12 result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

13 44. Plaintiff Joseph Duncan is a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a citizen of the
14 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Mr. Duncan, a pet owner, has purchased
15 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits,
16 from veterinary practices. Mr. Duncan has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Wisconsin.
17 The veterinary practices pass on to Mr. Duncan and other Class members the supracompetitive prices
18 of each POC Diagnostic Product. Mr. Duncan suffered antitrust injury as a result of the violations
19 alleged in this Complaint.

20 45. Plaintiff Dawn Reynosa is a resident of Stevens Point, Wisconsin and a citizen of the
21 United States. Throughout the Class Period defined below, Ms. Reynosa, a pet owner, has purchased
22 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits
23 from veterinary practices. Ms. Reynosa has purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in
24 Wisconsin. The veterinary practices pass on to Ms. Reynosa and other Class members the
25 supracompetitive prices of each POC Diagnostic Product. Ms. Reynosa suffered antitrust injury as a
26 result of the violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 46. Defendant IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the
2 State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at One IDEXX Drive, Westbrook,
3 Maine.

4 47. Defendant IDEXX Distribution, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the
5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its principal place of business also located at One IDEXX
6 Drive, Westbrook, Maine.

7 48. IDEXX Distribution is a wholly owned subsidiary of IDEXX Laboratories and the two
8 entities share corporate officers. Brian P. McKeon serves as the president, treasurer, CEO, CFO, and
9 director of IDEXX Distribution. He also serves as the CFO and treasurer of IDEXX Laboratories.
10 Jonathan Jay Mazelsky serves as a director of IDEXX Distribution and the president and CEO of
11 IDEXX Laboratories. IDEXX Distribution also shares corporate offices with IDEXX Laboratories, as
12 both are headquartered at One IDEXX Drive, Westbrook, Maine.

13 49. IDEXX Laboratories and IDEXX Distribution operate as a single unit in the veterinary
14 space with IDEXX Laboratories referring to IDEXX Distribution as “IDEXX,” “Company,”
15 “registrant,” “we,” “us,” and “our” in its Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings and
16 consolidating IDEXX Distribution under U.S. GAAP in its SEC filings.

17 50. All of IDEXX Distribution’s profits are reported in IDEXX Laboratories’ financial
18 statements as if they were IDEXX Laboratories’ profits. Indeed, IDEXX Laboratories does not even
19 recognize profits on products when the products are passed to IDEXX Distribution, and instead sales
20 are recognized only once products have been sold by IDEXX Distribution to veterinarians and other
21 direct purchasers.

22 51. IDEXX Laboratories directs the corporate strategy of IDEXX Distribution. In its 2015
23 Form 10-K filed with the SEC, IDEXX Laboratories described its shift in strategy from selling
24 products through distributors to selling directly to veterinary practices. IDEXX undertook this change
25 as a result of the FTC’s Order that attempted to curtail its anticompetitive conduct at the distribution
26 level. As the 10-K states: “effective January 1, 2015 we transitioned to an all-direct sales strategy in
27 the U.S. and did not renew our current annual contracts with our U.S. distribution partners. Under this
28 approach, we take orders, ship product, invoice and receive payment for all single-use rapid test kits

1 and instrument consumables in the U.S., aligning with our direct model for instruments, reference
2 laboratory services, and other [companion animal group] products and services.” In doing so, IDEXX
3 Laboratories made no distinction between IDEXX Laboratories and IDEXX Distribution. Further,
4 IDEXX Distribution does not perform any services other than those carried out on behalf of IDEXX
5 Laboratories in the veterinary space.

6 52. Further, IDEXX Laboratories describes the anticompetitive “customer loyalty
7 programs,” discussed below and executed by IDEXX Distribution, as its own in its SEC filings. And
8 IDEXX Laboratories and IDEXX Distribution have been co-plaintiffs in lawsuits against veterinary
9 practices seeking to recover the full annual minimum commitments under the long-term exclusive
10 agreements that form part of the anticompetitive scheme alleged in this case. In those lawsuits, IDEXX
11 Laboratories and IDEXX Distribution present themselves as a single wronged party and seek a single
12 damages award unallocated between themselves.

13 53. The IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreements discussed in more detail below are on
14 behalf of IDEXX Distribution and its affiliates (*i.e.*, IDEXX Laboratories) and include the insignia of
15 IDEXX Laboratories. Similarly, the IDEXX 360 Agreements discussed in more detail below are on
16 behalf of IDEXX Distribution, bear the insignia of IDEXX Laboratories, explain that IDEXX
17 Distribution is an affiliate of IDEXX Laboratories, and incorporate the “One-IDEXX Master Terms,”
18 which dictate that all notices under the agreement be addressed to IDEXX Laboratories at the address
19 it shares with IDEXX Distribution. Invoices for items purchased as required under the long-term
20 agreements challenged as part of the anticompetitive scheme herein come from IDEXX Laboratories,
21 while payments are directed to IDEXX Distribution.

22 54. In short, IDEXX Laboratories controls, dictates, and encourages IDEXX Distribution’s
23 actions concerning the long-term exclusive agreements used by IDEXX to perpetuate the
24 anticompetitive scheme. Moreover, the two entities work as a single unit in exercising monopoly
25 power over the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

26 55. The FTC’s Order stemming from its 2012 investigation of IDEXX’s anticompetitive
27 conduct in the Relevant Market and Submarkets applies equally to IDEXX Laboratories and IDEXX
28 Distribution as it defines “‘Respondent’ or ‘Respondent IDEXX’ [to] mean[] IDEXX Laboratories,

1 Inc.; its directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives; its successors and assigns; its joint
2 ventures, subsidiaries, divisions, groups and affiliates controlled by IDEXX Laboratories (including,
3 but not limited to IDEXX Distribution, Inc.), and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents,
4 representatives, successors and assigns of each.”

5 **V. FACTS**

6 **A. Background**

7 56. IDEXX operates in the veterinary space, including providing: (a) POC Diagnostic
8 Products; (b) veterinary reference laboratory diagnostic and consulting services (“Reference Lab
9 Services”); and (c) veterinary practice information management systems. These operations are under
10 the umbrella of the Companion Animal Group at IDEXX. IDEXX’s U.S. Companion Animal Group
11 revenues were \$2.38 Billion in 2020 and \$2.88 Billion in 2021.

12 57. POC diagnostic testing provides veterinary practices and pet owners the medical
13 advantage and convenience of on-the-spot results. For some diseases or conditions, veterinarians
14 perform POC diagnostic chemistry, hematology, immunoassay, urinalysis, and coagulation testing at
15 veterinary clinics with devices or instruments also referred to as “analyzers.” Those analyzers require
16 chemical reagents, slides and other single-use products to run the desired tests. Those single-use
17 products used to run tests on POC analyzers are referred to as “consumables.” Analyzers must be used
18 with company-specific consumables, which are proprietary to a given machine and manufacturer. In
19 other words, IDEXX’s analyzers only work with IDEXX’s consumables and the same is true for
20 analyzers sold by other suppliers in the market. To test for certain diseases and conditions,
21 veterinarians perform POC tests using single-use rapid test kits that do not require the use of an
22 analyzer, but likewise provide quick, accurate, and convenient POC diagnostic test results.

23 58. IDEXX’s POC Diagnostic Products include analyzers in its IDEXX VetLab suite of
24 in-clinic chemistry, hematology, immunoassay, urinalysis, and coagulation tests, the associated
25 consumable products that are required to run the tests necessary to provide real time lab results using
26 IDEXX’s analyzers, and single-use rapid test kits, which IDEXX has branded “SNAP.”

27 59. POC Diagnostic Products include the POC analyzers and associated consumables used
28 to run tests with those analyzers, as well as the single-use rapid test kits. Consumables and single-use

1 rapid tests kits account for most of the sales revenue in the market. For instance, IDEXX's reported
2 revenues from the sale of consumables and single-use rapid test kits in 2020 (\$1,077,394,000) and
3 2021 (\$1,303,633,000) were well over eight times higher than its revenues from analyzers in those
4 years (\$108,590,000 and \$149,140,000 respectively). And IDEXX estimates that between 2022-25 it
5 will receive approximately \$2.9 billion from sales of consumables to veterinary practices under its
6 long-term exclusive agreements.²

7 60. There are two other entities that offer POC diagnostic analyzers, consumables, and
8 single-use rapid test kits to veterinary practices in the United States: Zoetis, Inc. ("Zoetis") and Heska
9 Corporation ("Heska"). As is the case with IDEXX, Zoetis analyzers use only Zoetis consumables,
10 and the same is true of the analyzers sold by Heska.

11 61. In addition to POC Diagnostic Products, IDEXX sells Reference Lab and related
12 consulting services to veterinary practices (*i.e.*, services referred to an outside lab). Reference Labs
13 are off-site facilities that process tests that are more complicated, often requiring pathologists to
14 analyze the test results, or otherwise cannot be completed at the veterinary practice's office. Depending
15 on the type of test, the results from Reference Lab tests are not instantaneous, and may take up to
16 several days after the submission of the sample to the Reference Lab to be completed.

17 62. IDEXX also sells PIMS software called Cornerstone. PIMS software enables
18 veterinary practices to incorporate lab test results from POC analyzers or Reference Lab Services
19 directly into a patient's file and then allows the veterinary practice to access the results electronically.
20 IDEXX designed Cornerstone to allow direct importation of test results only from IDEXX analyzers.
21 IDEXX also sells other PIMS software, including ezyVet, Neo, and DVMAX, all of which integrate
22 with IDEXX's VetLab Station and allow veterinary practices to import test results from IDEXX
23 analyzers directly into the system.

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27 ² In fact, in 2020, IDEXX reported that sales of consumables and single-use rapid test kits
28 accounted for about 35% and 11%, respectively, of the company's total net revenue in the companion
animal segment, while analyzer sales accounted for only about 5%.

1 **B. Monopoly Power and Market Definition**

2 63. Insofar as Plaintiffs are required to prove monopoly power circumstantially by first
3 defining a relevant product market, the relevant antitrust market here is the market for the sale of in-
4 clinic POC Diagnostic Products, which includes analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits
5 (the “POC Diagnostic Products market”). Within the broader POC Diagnostic Products market are
6 two distinct submarkets, namely (a) the sale of POC Diagnostic analyzers and the consumables used
7 to run tests on the analyzer machines (the “Analyzer & Consumables submarket”), and (b) the sale of
8 single-use rapid test kits (the “Rapid Test Kit submarket”). The POC Diagnostic Products market,
9 Analyzer & Consumables submarket, and Rapid Test Kit submarket are collectively referred to as the
10 “Relevant Market and Submarkets.”

11 **i. POC Diagnostic Products Market**

12 64. At all times relevant to this Complaint, IDEXX had monopoly power in the market for
13 POC Diagnostic Products in the United States. It had the power to maintain the price of POC
14 Diagnostic Products at supracompetitive levels profitably and without losing substantial sales.

15 65. POC Diagnostic Products are designed for in-clinic testing of biological samples. POC
16 Diagnostic Products include single-use rapid test kits, and diagnostic analyzers and their associated
17 single-use products (consumables), which are the chemical reagents necessary for each test and are
18 proprietary to a given machine and manufacturer. The POC analyzers can be used to run tests only
19 with compatible consumables sold by the same entity, and consumables can be used to run tests only
20 on corresponding analyzers. On information and belief, no entity has attempted to sell consumables
21 for use with diagnostic analyzers that are not sold by that entity.

22 66. The in-clinic laboratory diagnostic testing conducted using POC Diagnostic Products
23 allows for rapid in-office testing, including in support of surgical procedures, during emergencies, and
24 for diagnoses of conditions that may require the veterinarians to perform follow-up testing or dispense
25 or prescribe medicine as soon as possible after the results have been received. Reference Lab Services,
26 on the other hand, take days for results to come back and typically require pathologists to analyze the
27 results of the test.

1 67. For those conditions or diseases that can be diagnosed at the POC with an analyzer (and
2 its consumables) or a single-use rapid test kit, other forms of diagnostic testing, particularly those not
3 available for on-the-spot diagnosis, are not substitutable, and thus a small but significant non-transitory
4 increase in price of POC Diagnostic Products will not cause a sufficient number of veterinarians to
5 switch to non-POC diagnostic products or services to make such a price increase unprofitable. That is,
6 POC Diagnostic Products do not exhibit significant positive cross-elasticity of demand with respect to
7 price with products that are not in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

8 68. The FTC agrees. As the FTC explained in defining the relevant product market in which
9 to evaluate IDEXX's previous exclusionary conduct involving similar products as the development,
10 manufacture, and sale of POC Diagnostic Products: "[t]here are no close substitutes for POC
11 Diagnostic Products. Although veterinary practices can purchase some diagnostic services by sending
12 specimens to outside laboratories, POC testing provides state-of-the-art diagnostics. Veterinarians
13 value faster results, particularly when testing is associated with emergencies, pre-surgery, and for
14 diagnoses of conditions that may require the veterinarians to perform follow-up testing or dispense or
15 prescribe medicine as soon as possible after the results have been received." *In the Matter of IDEXX*
16 *Laboratories, Inc.* (Docket No. C-4383), Complaint ¶ 14 ("FTC Complaint").

17 69. In 2012, the FTC determined that "IDEXX has monopoly power in the POC Diagnostic
18 Products market" and that "IDEXX's share of the relevant market has been at least 70% during each
19 of the past five years (2006-2011). No other firm had more than a 20% share of the relevant market in
20 those same five years." FTC Complaint ¶ 15.

21 70. Since then, IDEXX has maintained or grown its monopoly power in the POC
22 Diagnostic Products market. IDEXX has used exclusionary conduct to maintain or increase its
23 dominant share of the POC Diagnostic Products market and to lock in virtually all of its customers—
24 a nearly 100% retention rate.

25 71. Neither Zoetis nor Heska has had more than a 10% to 15% share of the POC Diagnostic
26 Products market at any time relevant to the claims alleged in this Complaint.

27 72. IDEXX's anticompetitive conduct as alleged herein has constrained Zoetis and Heska's
28 ability to effectively compete for customers, and thus neither has been able to increase its relatively

1 small respective share of the Relevant Market and Submarkets during the entire period relevant to this
2 Complaint.

3 73. As alleged above, at all times relevant to this Complaint, IDEXX has possessed
4 monopoly power—the ability to raise prices significantly above competitive levels without losing
5 sufficient sales in the POC Diagnostic Products market to make such price inflation unprofitable.

6 74. As a result, IDEXX has sold its POC Diagnostic Products, including those products
7 sold in the Analyzer & Consumables and Rapid Test Kit submarkets, at prices well in excess of
8 marginal costs, and in excess of the prices that would have prevailed absent the challenged
9 anticompetitive conduct, and enjoyed high profit margins, particularly on consumables. Indeed,
10 IDEXX bragged in one of its 2021 quarterly reports that it had realized a company-wide “310 basis
11 point increase in [its] gross profit margin,” due in part to “the net benefit of price increases in [its
12 Companion Animal Group] Diagnostics recurring revenue portfolio.” IDEXX’s gross profit margin
13 increase in its Companion Animal Group segment was even higher, at 360 basis points.

14 **ii. Analyzer & Consumables Submarket**

15 75. As explained above, within the POC Diagnostic Products market, POC diagnostic
16 testing can be conducted using analyzers (with consumables) and/or single-use rapid test kits. But tests
17 using analyzers and consumables diagnose conditions that are different from the conditions diagnosed
18 using single-use rapid test kits. For that reason, a small but significant non-transitory increase in
19 pricing of analyzers and consumables will not cause a sufficient number of veterinarians to switch to
20 other diagnostic testing products, including single-use rapid test kits, to make such a price increase
21 unprofitable. Thus, products in the Analyzer & Consumables submarket do not exhibit significant
22 positive cross-elasticity of demand with respect to price with other diagnostic products, including
23 single-use rapid test kits.

24 76. As with the POC Diagnostic Products market, IDEXX has at all relevant times
25 maintained at least 70% share of the Analyzer & Consumables submarket through its exclusionary
26 conduct that has resulted in a nearly 100% retention rate. Neither Zoetis nor Heska has had more than
27 a 10% to 15% share of the Analyzer & Consumables submarket at any time relevant to this Complaint.
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1 77. IDEXX's anticompetitive conduct as alleged herein has constrained Zoetis and Heska's
2 ability to effectively compete for customers, and thus neither has been able to increase its relatively
3 small respective share of those markets during the entire period relevant to this Complaint.

4 78. At all times relevant to this Complaint, IDEXX has possessed monopoly power—the
5 ability to raise prices significantly above competitive levels profitably without losing sufficient sales
6 to make such price inflation unprofitable—in the Analyzer & Consumables submarket.

7 79. As a result, IDEXX has sold its analyzers and consumables at prices well in excess of
8 marginal costs, and in excess of the prices that would have prevailed absent the challenged
9 anticompetitive conduct, and enjoyed high profit margins, particularly on consumables.

10 **iii. Rapid Test Kit Submarket**

11 80. Similarly, because the POC diagnostic tests conducted using single-use rapid test kits
12 cannot be substituted with in-house diagnostic tests run using analyzers or other products or services,
13 a small but significant non-transitory increase in pricing of single-use rapid tests will not cause a
14 sufficient number of veterinarians to switch to tests run using analyzers and consumables (or any other
15 product or service) to make such a price increase unprofitable. That is, products in the Rapid Test Kit
16 submarket do not exhibit significant positive cross-elasticity of demand with respect to price with
17 products that are not in the Rapid Test Kit Submarket.

18 81. As with the POC Diagnostic Products market, and the Analyzer and Consumables
19 submarket, IDEXX has at all relevant times maintained at least a 70% share of the Rapid Test Kit
20 submarket through its exclusionary conduct that has resulted in a nearly 100% retention rate. Neither
21 Zoetis nor Heska, each of which sells single-use rapid test kits, has had more than a 10% to 15% share
22 of the Rapid Test Kit submarket at any time relevant to this Complaint.

23 82. IDEXX's anticompetitive conduct as alleged herein has constrained Zoetis and Heska's
24 ability to effectively compete for customers, and thus neither has been able to increase its relatively
25 small respective share of the Relevant Market and Submarkets during the entire period relevant to this
26 Complaint.

1 83. At all times relevant to this Complaint, IDEXX has possessed monopoly power—the
2 ability to raise prices significantly above competitive levels profitably without losing significant
3 sales—in the Rapid Test Kit submarket.

4 84. As a result, IDEXX has sold its single-use rapid test kits at prices well in excess of
5 marginal costs, and in excess of the prices that would have prevailed absent the challenged
6 anticompetitive conduct, and has enjoyed very high profit margins.

7 **iv. High Barriers to Entry**

8 85. In the Relevant Market and Submarkets, high barriers to entry, including high fixed
9 costs, high risk of failure in the developmental process, and burdensome regulatory requirements,
10 render the entry of new competitors difficult. IDEXX’s anticompetitive conduct has made new entry
11 or expansion by rivals or potential rivals effectively impossible.

12 86. The design and manufacturing of POC Diagnostic Products—including analyzers,
13 consumables and single-use rapid test kits—require substantial capital investment along with technical
14 expertise and training, which serve as further barriers to entry in the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

15 87. These barriers to entry, along with IDEXX’s deliberate contracting and design choices
16 intended to raise customer switching costs, have permitted IDEXX to exercise monopoly power in the
17 Relevant Market and Submarkets.

18 88. Indeed, Zoetis’s experience, discussed more fully below, has shown that even when a
19 global leader in the veterinary space acquires an established POC Diagnostic Product seller like
20 Abaxis, Inc. (“Abaxis”) for almost \$2 billion, it nevertheless has been unable to make headway in
21 those markets because IDEXX has substantially foreclosed rivals from competing through the
22 anticompetitive conduct alleged herein.

23 **v. Relevant Geographic Market is the United States**

24 89. The relevant geographic market for the POC Diagnostic Products market and the
25 Analyzer & Consumables and Rapid Test Kit submarkets is the United States. The exclusive
26 agreements complained of herein are between IDEXX and veterinary practices doing business in the
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1 United States. Sellers of POC analyzers, consumables and single-use rapid test kits, including IDEXX,
2 market and distribute these products throughout the country.

3 90. Numerous of the POC Diagnostic Products are subject to regulations for approval and
4 quality from the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) and the United States
5 Department of Agriculture (“USDA”). For example, certain of IDEXX’s veterinary diagnostic slide
6 and instrument systems (*i.e.*, analyzers) are veterinary medical devices regulated by the FDA under
7 the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act. 21 U.S.C. § 301, *et seq.* The FDA also regulates IDEXX’s non-
8 licensed rapid assay test kits. Further, the USDA must approve some products before they may be sold
9 in and from the United States. Each lot of such licensed product must be submitted to USDA for test
10 review before release to customers and must be manufactured in USDA-licensed facilities.

11 91. Thus, veterinary practices cannot practically purchase many POC Diagnostic Products,
12 including analyzers, consumables and single-use rapid test kits, if they are not manufactured in
13 approved facilities, approved for sale in the United States, or meet the requirements of the FDA.
14 Veterinary practices in the United States therefore cannot rely on POC Diagnostic Products
15 manufactured and sold outside of the United States.

16 92. The prices of POC analyzers and consumables in other countries do not affect the
17 market for Analyzers & Consumables in the United States. A small but significant and non-transitory
18 increase in the price of POC analyzers and consumables in the United States would not cause sufficient
19 numbers of veterinary practices to purchase products in the Analyzer & Consumables submarket sold
20 in other countries to make that price increase unprofitable. Likewise, the price of single-use rapid tests
21 kits in other countries does not affect the market for single-use rapid tests kits in the United States. A
22 small but significant and non-transitory increase in the price of single-use rapid tests kits in the United
23 States would not cause enough veterinary practices to purchase single-use rapid tests kits products
24 sold in other countries to make that price increase unprofitable.

25 93. It therefore follows that the prices of POC Diagnostic Products in other countries do
26 not affect the market for POC Diagnostic Products in the United States. A small but significant and
27 non-transitory increase in the price of POC Diagnostic Products in the United States would not cause
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1 sufficient veterinary practices to purchase POC Diagnostic Products sold in other countries to make
2 such price increase unprofitable.

3 **C. IDEXX's Exclusionary Scheme**

4 94. IDEXX has maintained and enhanced its monopoly power in the Relevant Market and
5 Submarkets through an anticompetitive scheme that began with transitioning customers that IDEXX
6 had previously acquired through the anticompetitive scheme ended by the FTC to exclusive long-term
7 contracts, often with automatic renewals, covering the vast majority of buyers in the Relevant Market
8 and Submarkets. IDEXX's web of exclusive contracts, and related conduct to enforce and renew such
9 contracts, has foreclosed substantial competition, impaired rivals, and thereby artificially inflated
10 prices Plaintiffs and Class members pay for POC Diagnostic Products.

11 95. IDEXX enforces its anticompetitive scheme using a variety of coercive practices,
12 including but not limited to threatening to sue, or in fact suing, geographically dispersed veterinary
13 practice customers in a distant and expensive venue for huge financial penalties to prevent switching
14 to lower-priced alternatives.

15 **i. IDEXX Previously Used Exclusive Dealing Contracts to Achieve**
16 **Monopoly Power in the POC Diagnostic Products Market.**

17 96. In 2012, the FTC investigated IDEXX's contracting practices concerning the
18 distribution of POC Diagnostic Products mainly through three wholesalers that, at the time, distributed
19 between 75% and 85% of all such products sold to veterinary practices. Specifically, the FTC stated
20 that IDEXX, among other things, had used its dominant position in the POC Diagnostic Products
21 market to enter into long-term exclusive distributor agreements with the large wholesalers that IDEXX
22 used to "bar[] its distributors from carrying any competing POC diagnostic testing products," resulting
23 in IDEXX stifling competition and achieving monopoly power. Indeed, according to the FTC, because
24 of IDEXX's conduct, "distributors [had] no choice but to agree to carry IDEXX's products exclusively
25 to avoid termination by IDEXX."

26 97. The FTC's investigation concluded with IDEXX and the FTC entering into a consent
27 agreement, dated November 29, 2012. Through that agreement, the FTC directed IDEXX to
28 discontinue its use of exclusive distribution agreements with the three national distributors, and

1 required that future distribution agreements be non-exclusive and capped at two years (with a one-
2 year renewal). IDEXX was further prohibited from withholding or threatening to withhold its products
3 from the national wholesalers or retaliating against those wholesalers in the event they were to sell
4 competing products. The FTC Order does not expire until February 2023.

5 98. The stated purpose of the FTC's settlement with IDEXX was to "restore competition
6 in the market for diagnostic testing products used by pet veterinarians."

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8 **ii. IDEXX Shifts its Exclusionary Conduct to Veterinary Practices by**
9 **Imposing Long-term Exclusivity Agreements that Effectively**
10 **Cannot be Terminated.**

11 99. The FTC settlement did not restore competition. As the ink dried on its consent
12 agreement with the FTC, IDEXX pivoted away from the distributor channel and began imposing long-
13 term exclusive dealing contracts directly on veterinary practices as a means of continuing to lock in
14 its dominant market position, foreclose competition, and willfully maintain and enhance its monopoly
15 power in the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

16 100. As part of its new scheme, IDEXX imposed agreements on the vast majority of
17 veterinary practices in the United States which are (a) long term—six years with the potential for auto-
18 renewal, and (b) exclusive, as they include minimum annual purchase amounts often covering a variety
19 of qualifying IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, including IDEXX POC consumables and single-use
20 rapid test kits, and Reference Lab Services. IDEXX calibrates the required minimum purchase
21 amounts so that they are set at or above the veterinary practice's previous spending levels, making it
22 virtually impossible for veterinary practices to shop elsewhere while meeting their contract's quotas.
23 Further, IDEXX's bundling of POC analyzers and consumables with single-use rapid test kits and
24 Reference Lab Services is an additional mechanism for impairing competitors that do not manufacture
25 and sell all of the products in IDEXX's bundle.

26 101. The quotas for purchasing IDEXX consumables are typically in excess of \$20,000 and
27 can range as high as \$95,000 or more per year depending on the size of the veterinary practice. These
28 minimum purchase requirements are used to determine the penalty paid by veterinary practices that
do not meet their quotas, including the penalties that would be imposed on those practices that

1 switch—or attempt to switch—to an IDEXX rival for some of their POC laboratory testing needs
2 during the term of the agreements. Those penalties can be up to six years’ worth of the veterinary
3 practice’s expected spending under the agreements and can amount to half a million dollars or more.
4 As such, the penalties well outpace the actual cost of the analyzers, which range in price between
5 \$12,000 and \$30,000.

6 102. IDEXX’s long-term exclusive contracts take two primary forms. Since at least 2015,
7 IDEXX has imposed six-year contracts that it euphemistically refers to as “up-front customer loyalty
8 programs” in which the veterinary practices are tied to IDEXX through an “IDEXX Laboratory
9 Diagnostic Agreement” or similar agreement. Under this form of IDEXX agreement, veterinary
10 practices (i) purchase IDEXX POC analyzer(s) up-front, (ii) are forced to purchase an annual
11 minimum purchase amount of qualified IDEXX POC consumables and/or single-use rapid test kits for
12 the duration of the six-year agreement, and (iii) have no right to terminate early without paying the
13 balance of the annual minimum purchase amount remaining on the life of the agreement. The
14 veterinary practices also typically receive some amount of IDEXX Points (each point being worth \$1)
15 upfront, which can be used to buy some of the qualified IDEXX products included in the annual
16 minimum purchase amount. However, if the veterinary practice were to attempt to terminate the
17 agreement early, it would have to repay any used IDEXX Points. The IDEXX Points are not free, nor
18 a benefit to the veterinary practice, but instead are a further means of making it financially impossible
19 for the veterinary practice to leave or threaten to leave IDEXX for a cheaper or better POC Diagnostic
20 Product rival.

21 103. The analyzers sold to veterinary practices through these long-term exclusionary
22 agreements range in price from around \$12,000 (for an IDEXX Catalyst One Chemistry analyzer) to
23 around \$30,000 (for an IDEXX Procyte Hematology analyzer). The minimum annual spend amounts
24 IDEXX sets for the veterinary practices under those agreements are not pricing concessions offered
25 on the upfront cost of the analyzer machines. Instead, under IDEXX’s exclusive dealing scheme,
26 minimum annual spend requirements are set based on the diagnostic test spending the veterinary
27 practice is expected to run, including spending on analyzer machines using consumables or on single-
28 use rapid test kits, based on each individual business’s past practices. In other words, the annual

1 minimum volume commitments in IDEXX's long-term contracts are typically set at or above a
2 veterinary practice's then current baseline spending for its POC consumables and single-use rapid test
3 kits.

4 104. Similarly, in the first quarter of 2018, IDEXX implemented what it describes as a
5 volume commitment program, called IDEXX 360. Through "IDEXX 360 Agreements," IDEXX
6 imposes six-year exclusive agreements on veterinary practices that set minimum purchase amounts
7 covering a variety of qualifying IDEXX products, including IDEXX POC consumables, single-use
8 rapid test kits and Reference Lab Services. These agreements cannot be terminated without paying
9 enormous financial penalties.

10 105. To ensure exclusivity, the total minimum spend amounts in both types of IDEXX
11 agreements—the IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreements and IDEXX 360 Agreements—are set
12 at or above the veterinary practice's expected total purchases of the relevant laboratory services based
13 on past purchasing behavior, thus foreclosing the ability to use competing products and services. If a
14 veterinary practice does not meet its annual minimum purchase amount, or otherwise attempts to exit
15 an IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement, IDEXX still forces the veterinary practice to pay the
16 full value of the remainder of the annual minimum purchase amount (*i.e.*, if the agreement had four
17 years remaining, IDEXX forces veterinary practices to pay four times the annual minimum purchase
18 amount to leave).

19 106. A veterinary practice covered by an IDEXX 360 Agreement is subject to the same full
20 annual minimum amount penalty as the IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement plus additional
21 restrictive requirements. For instance, if a veterinary practice under one of these IDEXX 360
22 Agreements repeatedly fails to meet its annual minimum spending quotas, IDEXX can collect
23 projected shortfalls on a monthly or quarterly basis without any qualifying IDEXX product being
24 purchased by or provided to the veterinary practice. In other words, if a veterinary practice with, for
25 example, a \$40,000 per year purchasing quota repeatedly missed its marks, the contract would allow
26 IDEXX to collect \$10,000 each quarter regardless.

27 107. These penalty amounts are prohibitively expensive and in line with IDEXX's
28 explanation of the consequences of breaching its long-term exclusive agreements in its 2020 Annual

1 Report: “If a customer breaches its agreement, they are required to refund all or a portion of the up-
2 front cash or IDEXX Points, or make other repayments, remedial actions, or both.”

3 108. The key feature of these agreements in locking in veterinary practices and locking out
4 competitors is not the equipment and supplies provided by IDEXX, but the penalties imposed on
5 customers who might want to take their business elsewhere: up to six years’ worth or more of the
6 practice’s typical spend on POC and other laboratory testing. These exclusivity penalties imposed by
7 IDEXX’s long-term agreements effectively prohibit veterinary practices from switching to
8 competitors.

9 109. IDEXX strictly polices its long-term exclusive contracts. In January 2021, for instance,
10 IDEXX Laboratories, through its counsel, accused a non-profit animal rescue hospital in Florida of
11 breaching its IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement for daring to move its business to
12 Zoetis/Abaxis, and threatened the non-profit hospital with litigation. IDEXX sought over \$200,000
13 due to the hospital’s failure to meet annual spend minimums of greater than \$76,000, while reminding
14 the hospital that it must purchase 90% of its Reference Lab services from IDEXX as well.

15 110. IDEXX does not merely threaten to enforce contractual annual minimum purchase
16 requirements, but in fact has filed multiple lawsuits seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars in
17 penalties from individual veterinary practices that failed to meet IDEXX’s quotas. Indeed, in the above
18 example, IDEXX eventually filed suit against the non-profit animal rescue hospital, seeking at least
19 \$203,800 in damages. *IDEXX Distribution, Inc. v. Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue, Inc.*, 2:21-cv-0222-
20 JDL (D. Me.). IDEXX has done the same in myriad other cases. *See, e.g., IDEXX Distribution, Inc.*
21 *v. Pet Care Veterinary Center, Inc., P.C.*, 2:20-cv-00252 (D. Me.) (asserting that under IDEXX
22 Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement veterinary practice agreed to purchase annually at least \$95,055 of
23 qualifying diagnostic products and services from IDEXX and seeking at least at least \$282,780);
24 *IDEXX Distribution, Inc. v. Fort Lauderdale Veterinary Center, Inc.*, 2:19-cv-00411 (D. Me.)
25 (asserting that under IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement veterinary practice agreed to purchase
26 annually at least \$47,398 of qualifying diagnostic products and services from IDEXX and seeking at
27 least \$190,795); *IDEXX v. Auburn, Inc.*, 2:17-cv-00098 (D. Me.) (seeking at least \$117,000 by
28 enforcing contractual provision that veterinary practice would purchase an “Annual Minimum

1 Purchase Amount” of qualifying POC Diagnostic Products from IDEXX); *IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.,*
2 *et al. v. Donkate Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Veterinary Center at Fishawk*, No. 17-cv-100 (D. Me)
3 (asserting that under IDEXX Laboratory Diagnostic Agreement veterinary practice agreed to purchase
4 annually at least \$57,000 of qualifying reference laboratory services and certain in-house diagnostic
5 products from IDEXX and seeking at least \$247,000).

6 111. One veterinary practice that IDEXX sued characterized its experience as a “nightmare”
7 and stated that IDEXX threatened that it would not allow the practice to terminate the contract unless
8 the practice paid it nearly \$300,000:

9 “As of today’s date, in the event you stop performing your obligations under the
10 Agreement . . . IDEXX would be willing to mutually terminate the Agreement with
11 no further liability on the part of either party for \$289,750. This is comprised of the
12 remaining amount required to meet your Annual Minimum Purchase Amounts over
13 the next sixty-one months, when the Agreement would otherwise expire.”

14 *IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., et al. v. Donkate Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Veterinary Center at Fishawk*, No.
15 17-cv-100, ECF No. 9 at 13, 20 (April 17, 2017 D. Me.).

16 112. For those veterinary practices that are unable to meet their minimum spend
17 requirements, the threats from IDEXX to bankrupt the practices and fear of lawsuits seeking hundreds
18 of thousands of dollars successfully secure exclusivity for IDEXX. IDEXX uses its threats and
19 lawsuits as leverage to extend its exclusive agreements with still more minimum spend requirements,
20 thereby preventing the distressed practices from ever being able to buy from rivals. The perpetual
21 nature of IDEXX’s contracts further explains why IDEXX has been able to retain customers at an
22 unheard-of rate of 96% or more even after the FTC Order.

23 113. IDEXX also targets new veterinary practices with offers of zero purchase requirements
24 in the first year of practice, but then adds steadily increasing minimum purchase amounts thereafter to
25 trap the new practices in IDEXX’s perpetual exclusive contract web.

26 114. When veterinary practices can’t keep up with the financial commitments, IDEXX
27 “renegotiates” by extending the agreements even longer and preventing competitors in the Relevant
28 Market and Submarkets from ever having a chance to compete. IDEXX’s contracts prevent practices

1 from ever having the flexibility to switch business to a POC Diagnostic Product competitor due to the
2 excessive penalties tied to violating IDEXX's exclusivity requirements.

3 115. There is simply no way for veterinary practices to terminate their agreements with
4 IDEXX early without incurring severe penalties—often requiring the payment of multiple years'
5 worth of anticipated POC laboratory spending. Likewise, there is no economically viable way for a
6 competitor to price POC Diagnostic Products low enough to justify the veterinary practice taking on
7 the huge penalty from IDEXX, even if it could theoretically afford to do so, or to pay the penalty itself
8 to allow the veterinary practice to switch its business. IDEXX's scheme simply raises the costs for
9 veterinary practices to switch and competitors to compete to such a level that competition becomes
10 impossible.

11 116. To further insulate itself from competition, unlike other PIMS providers, IDEXX has
12 programmed its Cornerstone PIMS software to prevent integration of information from rival POC
13 analyzers and Reference Lab Services. This means veterinary practices using Cornerstone—about
14 28% of veterinary practices in the United States—cannot easily or efficiently integrate and incorporate
15 results from non-IDEXX POC or Reference Lab Service providers. Consequently, IDEXX
16 Cornerstone users are unlikely to use competing POC analyzers or Reference Lab Service providers,
17 and if an IDEXX user were to switch from IDEXX to a competing POC or Reference Laboratory
18 Service provider it would have to obtain or contract with a competing PIMS software provider and
19 restructure its back-office operations. IDEXX's programming of Cornerstone to preclude competitors
20 further cements IDEXX's stranglehold over veterinary practices, as those that wish to leave IDEXX
21 face yet another expensive impediment to doing so.

22 117. To the extent that Reference Lab Services might have been used as a means to infiltrate
23 IDEXX's control over veterinary practices, IDEXX has worked to cut off that option by (a) including
24 Reference Lab Services among the qualified products that count to the annual minimum spend and/or
25 (b) imposing contractual requirements that veterinary practices purchase 90% of their Reference Lab
26 Services from IDEXX. Thus, any diversion of Reference Lab Services spending to competitors would
27 result in a penalty—the difference between the contractual minimum and the veterinary practice's
28 actual spend—that would make the competitive services prohibitively expensive.

1 118. IDEXX also has worked to insulate itself from Reference Lab Services competition
2 through acquisitions of competing reference labs. For example, IDEXX recently acquired Marshfield
3 Labs, despite already running a competing reference laboratory in the Marshfield region, and then laid
4 off the Marshfield Labs employees and closed the acquired facilities. Evidently, the primary goal of
5 IDEXX's acquisition was to obtain Marshfield Labs' customer base and lock those customers into
6 multi-year contracts that both block competition and increase customer prices.

7 **D. IDEXX's Conduct Substantially Foreclosed Competition**

8 119. IDEXX's conduct as alleged herein has substantially foreclosed competition in the
9 Relevant Market and Submarkets and has enabled IDEXX to impose supracompetitive prices for
10 POC Diagnostic Products.

11 120. IDEXX's anticompetitive scheme has erected significant barriers to entry and
12 expansion for those companies, such as Zoetis and Heska, that have offered or otherwise would offer
13 for sale POC Diagnostic Products to compete with IDEXX.

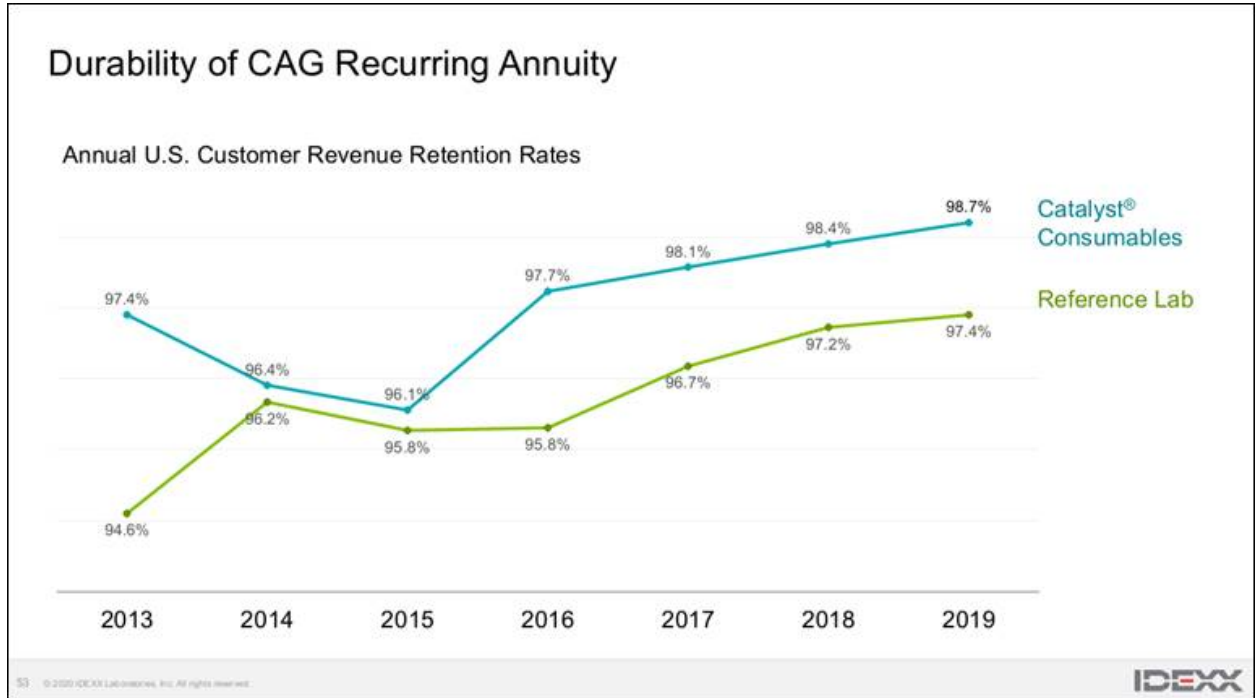
14 121. IDEXX's long-term exclusive contracts allow it to maintain and even grow its
15 dominant share of the Relevant Market and Submarkets and thereby to charge supracompetitive
16 prices. As explained above, a veterinary practice that has contracted with IDEXX under one of its
17 long-term contracts is subject to minimum spend provisions that require the practice to use IDEXX
18 for its POC Diagnostic Product needs with no way out absent paying IDEXX the minimum spend
19 total, encompassing consumables, single-use rapid test kits and/or Reference Lab Services for the
20 remainder of the six-year contract.

21 122. The penalties imposed by IDEXX under its contracts—which IDEXX aggressively
22 enforces through threats and lawsuits—prevent competition, as any would-be competitor would need
23 to compensate veterinary practices for those penalties. Given that those penalties account for years'
24 worth of POC laboratory test spending, the cost of switching an individual veterinary practice from
25 IDEXX that a customer or competitor would have to bear is prohibitively expensive. And even if
26 such an arrangement were possible on a small subset of veterinary practices at any given time,
27 IDEXX's use of automatic renewal provisions and pattern of extending its exclusive agreements well
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1 in advance of expiration preclude rivals from having access to a critical mass of veterinary practices
2 that it could switch without paying the excessive penalties.

3 123. IDEXX's contracts last six years, and thus, in theory, in any given year about 16.5% of
4 its veterinary customers should be available for conversion to a competitor. But because of IDEXX's
5 tactics, including extending contracts before they get to the end, nowhere near that many practices
6 convert, and even those practices that do have expiring contracts are so in debt to IDEXX that the
7 contracts are essentially uncontestable because they will inevitably succumb to renewal with IDEXX
8 to be able to extend their debt over additional years. So only a handful of practices are actually
9 available to the competition in any given year. And, of those, many are locked in because they use
10 IDEXX's PIMS system. As a result, IDEXX's rivals have no real ability to cut into IDEXX's
11 dominant shares of the Relevant Market and Submarkets. Accordingly, because of IDEXX's tactics,
12 rivals do not have the ability or incentive to invest further in competing in the Relevant Market or
13 Submarkets because, no matter the investment, they cannot achieve sufficient scale for such
14 investments to be profitable.

15 124. The effectiveness of IDEXX's scheme is reflected in its own public statements. As part
16 of an August 14, 2019 investor day presentation, IDEXX explained that since 2013—the year of the
17 FTC Order—its retention of POC consumables customers has never dipped below 96% and since
18 2015 has steadily grown so that IDEXX anticipated retaining an astounding 98.7% of its POC
19 consumable customers in 2019.



125. Indeed, IDEXX has touted that its business is: “supported by our extraordinary customer loyalty and retention rates, which range from 96% to 99.9%, depending on the product line and geography. We estimate that our recurring revenue has grown from 81% of our total revenue in 2010 to 89% in 2019, and the largest contributor is our [Companion Animal Group] Diagnostics business, which constituted 76% of our total 2019 revenue.”

126. Similarly, IDEXX has shown that as of 2018, 75% of IDEXX’s revenues were generated from the recurring POC consumables sold under IDEXX’s long-term exclusionary contracts and that it expects the good times to roll on with 80% of its billions in revenues coming from veterinary practices locked into long-term exclusionary contracts by 2024.

127. It is no surprise that IDEXX has not faced any real competitive threat, as its conduct described above has substantially foreclosed veterinary practices comprising sales of at least 70% of the Relevant Market and Submarkets from competition from Zoetis, Heska, or any other would-be competitor.

128. Indeed, even Zoetis, which as a former Pfizer, Inc. subsidiary and global leader in animal health medicines and vaccines had a natural entry point to the Relevant Market and

1 Submarkets, has not been able to break IDEXX's stranglehold. Zoetis's lack of success—and the
2 effectiveness of IDEXX's scheme—is particularly striking when one considers that that Zoetis spent
3 approximately \$2 billion acquiring Abaxis in 2018 to bolster its efforts in the Relevant Market and
4 Submarkets, but that acquisition has done almost nothing to reduce IDEXX's monopoly power.

5 129. Abaxis, though having only a small share of the Relevant Market and Submarkets,
6 offered a full array of POC analyzers, related consumables, and single-use rapid test kits at the time
7 of Zoetis's acquisition. As explained by Zoetis's CEO, "Abaxis, with its VetScan family of diagnostic
8 instruments, brings Zoetis experienced colleagues and a proven, competitive platform for growth in
9 diagnostics." The CEO further explained Zoetis's goal to "leverage[e] [its] global scale and direct
10 customer relationships in approximately 45 countries, [to] help Abaxis accelerate that growth in the
11 U.S. and worldwide. Together, we can bring more veterinarian customers comprehensive solutions
12 to predict, prevent, detect, and treat disease in animals."

13 130. But even after the Abaxis acquisition, Zoetis has not been able to take market share
14 from IDEXX, despite the combined resources of Zoetis and Abaxis, and despite Zoetis offering
15 contracts that are much friendlier to veterinary practices, as they can be terminated on limited notice
16 at the practice's discretion without incurring oppressive penalties.

17 131. Indeed, Zoetis offers two options to veterinary practices. The first is a Freedom Flex
18 plan under which a veterinary practice is provided POC analyzers that they can use at no charge if the
19 practice maintains a minimum spend on POC consumables and single-use rapid test kits with Zoetis.
20 However, unlike IDEXX, Zoetis does not lock the veterinary practice in for the duration of the
21 agreement. Instead, if the practice cannot fulfill the spending levels with Zoetis or is dissatisfied with
22 the equipment, it can return the equipment without penalty.

23 132. Zoetis also offers a Freedom plan through which a veterinary practice purchases POC
24 equipment (such as a VetScan VS2 Blood Chemistry analyzer for \$11,600 or a VetScan HM5
25 Hematology analyzer for \$12,900) and earns rebates from Zoetis on consumables and single-use rapid
26 test kit purchases that can be used towards the cost of the machines. These arrangements are typically
27 financed through a 72-month lease with a third-party financing company and cost less than \$1,000 per
28 month.

1 133. If a veterinary practice switches from Zoetis to a different POC Diagnostic Product
2 provider, it can pay the equipment balance from the leasing company under the Freedom plan. The
3 veterinary practice incurs no additional penalty or requirement to purchase future consumables or
4 single-use rapid test kits or pay back previously earned rebates under the contract with Zoetis.

5 134. Yet Zoetis, a large global leader in the veterinary space with more favorable contract
6 terms and products of comparable qualities to those offered by IDEXX, cannot break through
7 IDEXX's web of long-term exclusive agreements because of the excessive switching costs imbedded
8 in IDEXX's agreements, as any attempt to convert IDEXX customers would force Zoetis to take on
9 the veterinary practice's draconian IDEXX penalties (*i.e.*, the remainder of the annual minimum spend
10 amounts). Doing so would force Zoetis to price its POC Diagnostic Products below cost, which is
11 impossible at a large enough scale to allow Zoetis to compete with IDEXX and act as a restraint on
12 IDEXX's prices. Zoetis is further locked out by IDEXX's use of automatic renewal provisions and its
13 practice of extending agreements before expiration to lock veterinary practices into IDEXX in
14 perpetuity, thus depriving Zoetis of any real opportunity to compete for business from a substantial
15 number of practices. The same economic realities apply to Heska or any other would-be competitor in
16 the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

17 135. IDEXX's exclusive agreements have the additional purpose and effect of
18 anticompetitively impeding rivals' ability to compete in the Rapid Test Kit market by including
19 IDEXX's single-use rapid test kits among the IDEXX products that are covered by a veterinary
20 practice's minimum spend quotas. By bundling its single-use rapid test kits with its
21 analyzer/consumables, IDEXX ensures that any veterinary practice tied to IDEXX's analyzers through
22 the exclusive agreements would risk triggering the oppressive penalties of years' worth of laboratory
23 spending if it were to buy single-use rapid test kits from IDEXX's rivals.

24 136. As a result of IDEXX's anticompetitive scheme, the aggregate penalty that a veterinary
25 practice pays for missing its minimum spend quota is so large that if that practice subtracts that penalty
26 from the prices paid to Zoetis or Heska for analyzers/consumables, single-use rapid test kits, or both,
27 the price would be below the cost of selling those products. Accordingly, a hypothetical equally
28 efficient rival selling POC Diagnostic Products would have to sell below its costs in order to compete

1 on an equal basis with IDEXX. This is because the hypothetical equally efficient competitor to IDEXX
2 would need to compensate the veterinary practice for all the penalties that the buyer would incur for
3 breaking IDEXX's bundle and incurring IDEXX's other switching penalties.

4 137. Thus, it is unsurprising that since 2018 when Zoetis acquired Abaxis, veterinary
5 practices overwhelmingly turn Zoetis away because veterinary practices simply cannot afford the
6 penalties associated with leaving IDEXX, no matter how good the offer is from Zoetis (or Heska).
7 IDEXX's exclusive agreements simply provide veterinary practices with no flexibility to do business
8 with IDEXX's competitors. Absent IDEXX's conduct, more veterinary practices could and would
9 switch to IDEXX's competitors, or IDEXX would substantially lower its prices, or both.

10 138. IDEXX's conduct has substantially foreclosed rivals from competing for POC
11 Diagnostic Products business, including the business for the sale of POC analyzer/consumables and
12 single-use rapid test kits to veterinary practices and thereby limited competition in the Relevant Market
13 and Submarkets, leading to supracompetitive prices, lower output, reduced innovation and diminished
14 consumer choice.

15 **E. Anticompetitive Effects of IDEXX's Conduct**

16 139. IDEXX's anticompetitive and exclusionary conduct as alleged herein has the purpose,
17 capacity, tendency, and effect of impairing the competitive effectiveness of IDEXX's competitors in
18 the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

19 140. IDEXX's anticompetitive and exclusionary conduct alleged herein has resulted in
20 IDEXX's willfully acquiring and/or maintaining monopoly power in the Relevant Market and
21 Submarkets.

22 141. IDEXX intended to harm and did harm competition in the Relevant Market and
23 Submarkets by:

- 24 a. reducing the output of POC Diagnostic Products;
- 25 b. locking in customers to long-term contracts that ultimately increase the prices
26 that veterinary practices pay for POC Diagnostic Products;
- 27 c. deterring, delaying, foreclosing, and impeding the ability of IDEXX's actual or
28 potential competitors to enter or to expand their sales in the market for POC Diagnostic Products;

- 1 d. reducing innovation;
- 2 e. reducing consumer choice among users of POC Diagnostic Products; and
- 3 f. causing indirect purchasers of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products to pay
- 4 artificially inflated prices.

5 142. IDEXX’s anticompetitive conduct through its long-term non-terminable exclusive
6 contracts has impaired competition in the sale of POC Diagnostic Products, including analyzers,
7 consumables and single-use rapid test kits in the United States and has unlawfully enabled IDEXX to
8 sell its products at artificially inflated prices. But for IDEXX’s unlawful conduct, competitors like
9 Zoetis and Heska would have been able to compete, unimpeded, with their products. Such competition
10 would have led to lower prices for analyzers, consumables and single-use rapid test kits. And had
11 competition caused IDEXX to sell its analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits at lower
12 prices, Plaintiffs and other members of the Class would have paid less for those products. There is no
13 valid procompetitive justification for IDEXX’s long-term exclusionary contracts that cannot be
14 terminated without the veterinary practice incurring an obscenely large and unaffordable penalty that
15 is equivalent to years’ worth of laboratory spending.

16 143. IDEXX did not use these long-term non-terminable exclusionary contracts to achieve
17 economies of scale or other efficiencies.

18 144. IDEXX’s unlawful conduct deprived Plaintiffs and the Class of the benefits of
19 competition that the antitrust laws were designed to ensure.

20 **F. Injury and Damages to Plaintiff and the Class**

21 145. IDEXX uses the monopoly power it maintained through the challenged conduct to raise
22 prices of its POC Diagnostic Products well above competitive levels. Even when Zoetis threatened to
23 shake up the industry with its acquisition of Abaxis, IDEXX did not flinch, still expecting to raise net
24 prices by two to three percent in the face of what should have been increased competition.

25 146. IDEXX itself identifies the effect of its scheme on prices paid by veterinary practices,
26 explaining that it has been able to “[m]aintain[] premium pricing, including by effectively
27 implementing price increases, for our differentiated products and services ... in an environment where
28 many of our competitors promote, market, and sell lesser offerings at prices lower than ours....”

1 147. IDEXX explains in its 2021 Annual Report that its revenue and margins are
2 substantially derived “from the sale of consumables that are used in IDEXX VetLab instruments and
3 the multi-year consumable revenue stream is significantly more valuable than the placement of the
4 instrument.” This scheme is highly profitable—indeed, IDEXX’s “consumables and rapid assay test
5 kits, have significantly higher gross margins than those provided by [IDEXX’s] instrument sales”—
6 and these locked-in sales account for nearly 90% of IDEXX’s total company sales, further evidencing
7 that IDEXX has foreclosed competition from rivals for the business of a vast majority of IDEXX
8 customers, which is over 70% of each of the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

9 148. As explained, IDEXX no longer sells its POC Diagnostic Products through distributors
10 and instead sells its products only directly to veterinary practices. During the Class Period defined
11 below, veterinary practices then sold POC Diagnostic Products to Class members in the same form in
12 which they purchased them from IDEXX, meaning IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products followed a
13 traceable physical chain from Defendants to Plaintiffs and Class members, and the overcharges on
14 them can be traced from Defendants to Plaintiffs and Class members.

15 149. While direct purchaser veterinary practices were the first to pay supracompetitive
16 prices for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products, all or most of the overcharge was passed along the
17 distribution chain and absorbed by Plaintiffs and Class members when they indirectly purchased those
18 products. Commonly used and well-accepted economic models can be used to measure both the extent
19 and the amount of the supracompetitive charge passed through the chain of distribution to indirect
20 purchasers. Thus, the economic harm to Plaintiffs and the Class members can be quantified.

21 150. As a consequence of IDEXX’s anticompetitive conduct as alleged herein, during the
22 Class Period defined below, Plaintiffs and other members of the Class indirectly purchased POC
23 Diagnostic Products at artificially inflated prices, which were substantially higher than they would
24 have paid absent IDEXX’s unlawful conduct. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have sustained
25 losses and damages to their business and property in the form of paying artificially inflated prices
26 (“overcharges”), which are the type of injuries that the antitrust laws were designed to prevent and are
27 a direct and proximate result of IDEXX’s unlawful conduct. Therefore, Defendants have caused
28 antitrust injury to Plaintiffs and all members of the Class.

1 **VI. CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

2 151. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated
3 pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as representatives of a
4 class (the “Class”) defined as follows:

5 All persons and entities in Repealer Jurisdictions who indirectly purchased, paid, and/or
6 provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of IDEXX POC
7 analyzers, consumables, or single-use rapid test kits for companion animals, other than
8 for resale, at any time during the period from July 26, 2018 through and until the
9 anticompetitive effects of Defendants’ challenged conduct cease (the “Class Period”).

10 152. A Repealer Jurisdiction is a state or district that has repealed the bar on indirect
11 purchaser plaintiffs recovering under *Illinois Brick Co. v. Illinois*, 431 U.S. 720 (1977), and includes
12 the following: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine,
13 Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada,
14 New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island,
15 South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

16 153. The following are specifically excluded from the Class: the Defendants; the officers,
17 directors, and employees of the Defendants; any entity in which the Defendants have a controlling
18 interest; any divisions, subsidiaries, and predecessors of the Defendants; and any affiliate, legal
19 representative, heir, or assign of the Defendants. Also excluded from the Class are: any federal, state,
20 or local governmental entity; any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her
21 immediate family and judicial staff; any juror assigned to this action; and any co-conspirator identified
22 during the course of this action.

23 154. At least hundreds of thousands of persons or entities have indirectly purchased IDEXX
24 POC Diagnostic Products during the Class Period. Thus, the Class is so numerous that joinder is
25 impracticable.

26 155. Plaintiffs’ claims are typical of the Class.

27 156. Plaintiffs and all members of the Class were injured in the form of overcharges caused
28 by Defendants’ same conduct.

1 157. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class.
2 Plaintiffs' interests are not antagonistic to those of the Class.

3 158. Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are experienced and competent in the
4 prosecution of complex class action antitrust litigation.

5 159. Questions of law and fact are common to the members of the Class and predominate
6 over questions, if any, that may affect only individual members because IDEXX has acted and refused
7 to act on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class. Such generally applicable conduct is inherent
8 in IDEXX's exclusionary and anticompetitive conduct in monopolizing the Relevant Market and
9 Submarkets, as more fully alleged herein.

10 160. Questions of law and fact common to the class include:

11 a. Whether IDEXX intentionally or unlawfully impaired or impeded competition
12 in the POC Diagnostic Products market, Analyzer & Consumables submarket and Rapid Test Kit
13 submarket;

14 b. Whether IDEXX willfully maintained or enhanced monopoly power in the POC
15 Diagnostic Products market, Analyzer & Consumables submarket and Rapid Test Kit submarket;

16 c. Whether IDEXX has monopoly power in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
17 Analyzer & Consumables submarket and Rapid Test Kit submarket;

18 d. The effects of IDEXX's conduct on prices for POC Diagnostic Products,
19 including analyzers, consumables, and single-use rapid test kits;

20 e. Whether IDEXX's scheme, in whole or in part, caused antitrust injury to the
21 business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Class in the nature of overcharges; and

22 f. The proper measure of damages.

23 161. The Class is readily identifiable from information and records in the possession of
24 Defendants.

25 162. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the
26 controversy in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated
27 persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without
28 the unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender.

1 The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or
2 entities with a method for obtaining redress for claims that might not be practicable for them to pursue
3 individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that might arise in management of this class
4 action.

5 163. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty to be encountered in maintenance of this action as a
6 class action.

7 **VII. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

8 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
9 **VIOLATION OF SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN ACT**
10 **15 U.S.C. § 1**
11 **(ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS IN REPEALER JURISDICTIONS FOR DECLARATORY**
12 **AND EQUITABLE RELIEF)**

13 164. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
14 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

15 165. At all relevant times IDEXX Distribution acted as an alter-ego for IDEXX Laboratories
16 or IDEXX Laboratories and IDEXX Distribution acted as a single enterprise.

17 166. The relevant market is the POC Diagnostic Products market and the relevant
18 geographic market is the United States. IDEXX has had and continues to have at least a 70% market
19 share in the POC Diagnostic Products market in the United States. At all relevant times IDEXX has
20 had monopoly power in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

21 167. A narrower relevant product submarket within the POC Diagnostic Products market is
22 the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the relevant geographic market is the United States. At
23 all relevant times IDEXX has had monopoly power in the Analyzer & Consumables submarket.

24 168. A second narrower relevant product submarket within the POC Diagnostic Products
25 Market is the Rapid Test Kit submarket and the relevant geographic market is the United States. At all
26 relevant times IDEXX has had monopoly power in the Rapid Test Kit submarket.

27 169. IDEXX has had and continues to have the power to control prices and/or exclude
28 competition in the POC Diagnostic Products market in the United States, including the Analyzer &
Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket.

1 170. IDEXX entered into agreements with veterinary practices that contained
2 anticompetitive terms that were designed to hobble IDEXX's competitors and to keep prices for POC
3 Diagnostic Products artificially high.

4 171. The agreements between IDEXX and veterinary practices had substantial
5 anticompetitive effects. The agreements effectively excluded Zoetis, Heska, and every other actual or
6 potential rival provider of POC Diagnostic Products from competing for a substantial portion of
7 transactions in the Relevant Market and Submarkets.

8 172. The agreements between IDEXX and veterinary practices raised prices for POC
9 Diagnostic Products above the competitive level and otherwise injured competition without any
10 offsetting procompetitive benefit to customers.

11 173. IDEXX's exclusionary and anticompetitive acts have injured and will continue to injure
12 competition in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables
13 submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket.

14 174. IDEXX's exclusionary and anticompetitive acts affect interstate commerce and injure
15 competition nationwide.

16 175. IDEXX's conduct has caused Plaintiffs and those similarly situated to suffer damages
17 in the form of injuries to their business or property, and Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated will
18 continue to suffer such damages if IDEXX does not cease its anticompetitive conduct.

19 176. Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated have been injured in their business or property
20 by reason of IDEXX's violation of Sections 1 of the Sherman Act within the meaning of Section 4 of
21 the Clayton Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C § 15.

22 177. Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated are threatened with future injury to their
23 business and property by reason of IDEXX's continuing violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act
24 within the meaning of Section 16 of the Clayton Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26.

25 178. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 57 and 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a), Plaintiffs and
26 the Class seek a declaratory judgment that Defendants' conduct in seeking to prevent competition as
27 described in the preceding paragraphs violates Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

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1 179. Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek and are entitled to an injunction against
2 Defendants, preventing and restraining the violations alleged herein.

3 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
4 **VIOLATION OF SECTION 2 OF THE SHERMAN ACT**
5 **15 U.S.C. § 2**
6 **(ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS IN REPEALER JURISDICTIONS FOR DECLARATORY**
7 **AND EQUITABLE RELIEF)**

8 180. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
9 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

10 181. IDEXX has willfully and intentionally maintained, enhanced, and abused its monopoly
11 power in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and
12 the Rapid Test Kit submarket, through long-term anticompetitive exclusive agreements with
13 veterinary practices that could not be terminated by Plaintiffs or members of the Class without
14 incurring a cost-prohibitive penalty. For example, by including single-use rapid tests kits among the
15 bundle of products covered by the quotas in its exclusive agreements, IDEXX prevents rivals from
16 being able compete for single-use rapid test kit business based on price because such rivals would
17 have to also cover the severe penalties—typically in excess of \$100,000 and often upward of half a
18 million dollars—imposed by IDEXX under its exclusive agreements, thereby preventing an efficient
19 rival, like Zoetis, from competing in the Rapid Test Kit submarket. The purpose of IDEXX’s conduct
20 is to impede competition and provide IDEXX with an unlawful competitive advantage rather than
21 competing on the merits through lower prices or higher quality products.

22 182. By suppressing competition and maintaining and enhancing its monopoly power,
23 IDEXX was and is able to artificially inflate prices of its POC Diagnostic Products above levels that
24 it would have obtained in a world in which IDEXX did not engage in the anticompetitive conduct
25 alleged herein.

26 183. There are no procompetitive justifications for IDEXX’s conduct, and even if there
27 were, there are less restrictive means to achieve them.

28 184. IDEXX’s exclusionary conduct has foreclosed a substantial share of the POC
Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test

1 Kit submarket, as IDEXX, with an over 70% share of the POC Diagnostic Products market, imposes
2 its unlawful exclusivity agreements on a vast majority of its veterinary practice customers.

3 185. Through the anticompetitive and exclusionary practices described above, IDEXX has
4 willfully and unlawfully maintained and enhanced its monopoly power in the POC Diagnostic
5 Products market in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act.

6 186. IDEXX's exclusionary and anticompetitive acts have injured and will continue to injure
7 competition in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables
8 submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket.

9 187. IDEXX's exclusionary and anticompetitive acts affect interstate commerce and injure
10 competition nationwide.

11 188. As a direct and proximate result of IDEXX's violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act,
12 Plaintiffs and Class members have been injured in their businesses and property in the form of
13 overcharges, and Plaintiffs and all other Class members will continue to suffer such injuries if IDEXX
14 does not cease its anticompetitive conduct. These injuries are of the type the antitrust laws were
15 designed to prevent and flow from that which makes IDEXX's conduct unlawful.

16 189. As a direct and proximate result of IDEXX's violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act,
17 Plaintiffs and Class members have suffered injury and damages in the form of paying artificially
18 inflated prices for POC Diagnostic Products purchased indirectly during the Class Period.

19 190. Plaintiffs and Class members have been injured in their business or property by reason
20 of IDEXX's violations of Section 2 of the Sherman Act within the meaning of Section 4 of the Clayton
21 Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 15.

22 191. Plaintiffs and Class members are threatened with future injury to their business and
23 property by reason of IDEXX's continuing violation Section 2 of the Sherman Act within the meaning
24 of Section 16 of the Clayton Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26.

25 192. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 57 and 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a), Plaintiffs and
26 the Class seek a declaratory judgment that Defendants' conduct in seeking to prevent competition as
27 described in the preceding paragraphs violates Section 2 of the Sherman Act.

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1 193. IDEXX engaged in the anticompetitive conduct alleged herein after it was subject to
2 an FTC order aimed at ending its other anticompetitive conduct, which demonstrates that the
3 anticompetitive conduct alleged herein is highly susceptible to reoccurrence. IDEXX should be
4 enjoined from willfully and intentionally maintaining, enhancing, and abusing its monopoly power in
5 the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the
6 Rapid Test Kit submarket, through long-term anticompetitive exclusive agreements with veterinary
7 practices that could not be terminated by those practices without triggering cost-prohibitive penalties.
8 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and other Class members, seek injunctive relief against IDEXX for
9 its violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act, preventing and restraining the violations alleged herein.

10 **VIOLATIONS OF STATE ANTITRUST LAWS**

11 194. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
12 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

13 195. The following Third through Twenty-Eighth Claims for Relief are pleaded under the
14 antitrust laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of Plaintiffs and members of the
15 Class.

16 196. Although each individual count relies upon state law, the essential elements of each state
17 antitrust claim are the same. The above-alleged conduct, which violates the federal Sherman Antitrust
18 Act, will, if proven, establish a claim under each of the state laws cited below.

19 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
20 **VIOLATION OF ARIZONA'S UNIFORM STATE ANTITRUST ACT,**
21 **ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 44-1401, ET SEQ.**

22 197. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
23 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

24 198. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendant has violated ARIZONA REV. STAT.
25 § 44-1401, *et seq.*

26 199. Under Arizona law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the
27 Antitrust Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *Bunker's Glass Co. v. Pilkington PLC*, 206
28 Ariz. 9, 11-20 (2003).

1 200. Under Arizona law, “[t]he establishment, maintenance or use of a monopoly or an
2 attempt to establish a monopoly of trade or commerce, any part of which is within this state, by any
3 person for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices is
4 unlawful.” ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 44-1403.

5 201. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
6 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
7 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part
8 of which occurred within Arizona.

9 202. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
10 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
11 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
12 Arizona, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the
13 POC Diagnostic Products market.

14 203. Defendants’ violations of Arizona law were flagrant.

15 204. Defendants’ unlawful conduct substantially affected Arizona’s trade and commerce.

16 205. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
17 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
18 injury.

19 206. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
20 forms of relief available under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 44-1401, *et seq.*

21 207. In conjunction with the filing of this Complaint, Plaintiffs have served a copy of this
22 Complaint on the Arizona Attorney General in accordance with ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 44-1415.
23 Plaintiffs will file proof of such service with the Court.

24 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
25 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA’S CARTWRIGHT ACT,**
26 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16700, *ET SEQ.***

27 208. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
28 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

1 209. The California Business & Professions Code generally governs conduct of corporate
2 entities. The Cartwright Act, CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 16700-16770, governs antitrust violations
3 in California.

4 210. California policy is that “vigorous representation and protection of consumer interests
5 are essential to the fair and efficient functioning of a free enterprise market economy,” including by
6 fostering competition in the marketplace. CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 301.

7 211. Under the Cartwright Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action
8 based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16750(a).

9 212. A trust in California is any combination of capital, skills or acts by two or more persons
10 intended for various purposes, including but not limited to creating or carrying out restrictions in trade
11 or commerce, limiting or reducing the production or increasing the price of any commodity, or
12 preventing competition in the market for a commodity. CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16720. Every trust
13 in California is unlawful except as provided by the Code. *Id.* at § 16726.

14 213. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
15 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products Market,
16 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part
17 of which occurred within California.

18 214. Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
19 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products Market, including the Analyzer &
20 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
21 California, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in
22 the POC Diagnostic Products Market.

23 215. Defendants enacted a combination of capital, skill or acts for the purpose of creating
24 and carrying out restrictions in trade or commerce, in violation of CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16700,
25 *et seq.*

26 216. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
27 within the State of California during the Class Period. But for Defendant’s conduct set forth herein,
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1 the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined
2 at trial.

3 217. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured in their business or property, with
4 respect to purchases of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in California and are entitled to all forms of
5 relief, including recovery of treble damages, interest, and injunctive relief, plus reasonable attorneys'
6 fees and costs.

7 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
8 **VIOLATION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ANTITRUST ACT,**
9 **D.C. CODE § 28-4501, *ET SEQ.***

10 218. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
11 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

12 219. The policy of the District of Columbia Code, Title 28, Chapter 45 (Restraints of Trade)
13 is to “promote the unhampered freedom of commerce and industry throughout the District of Columbia
14 by prohibiting restraints of trade and monopolistic practices.” D.C. CODE § 28-4501.

15 220. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
16 within the District of Columbia during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein,
17 the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined
18 at trial.

19 221. Under District of Columbia law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action
20 under the antitrust provisions of the D.C. Code based on the facts alleged in this complaint, because
21 “[a]ny indirect purchaser in the chain of manufacture, production or distribution of goods or services
22 . . . shall be deemed to be injured within the meaning of this chapter.” D.C. CODE § 28-4509(a).

23 222. IDEXX contracted, combined or conspired to act in restraint of trade within the District
24 of Columbia, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for POC Diagnostic Products,
25 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, within the
26 District of Columbia, in violation of D.C. CODE § 28-4501, *et seq.*

27 223. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
28 POC Diagnostic Products in the District of Columbia and are entitled to all forms of relief, including
actual damages, treble damages, as well as interest and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

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2 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
3 **VIOLATION OF ILLINOIS ANTITRUST ACT**
4 **740 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 10/3(1), *et seq.***

5 224. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
6 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

7 225. The Illinois Antitrust Act, 740 Illinois Compiled Statutes 10/1, *et seq.*, aims “to
8 promote the unhampered growth of commerce and industry throughout the State by prohibiting
9 restraints of trade which are secured through monopolistic or oligarchic practices and which act or tend
10 to act to decrease competition between and among persons engaged in commerce and trade” 740
11 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 10/2.

12 226. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
13 within the State of Illinois during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the
14 price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at
15 trial.

16 227. Under the Illinois Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action
17 for damages based on the facts alleged in this complaint. 740 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN.10/7(2).

18 228. Defendants entered into contracts or engaged in a combination or conspiracy for the
19 purpose of fixing, controlling or maintaining prices for POC Diagnostic Products sold within the State
20 of Illinois.

21 229. Defendants further unreasonably restrained trade or commerce and established,
22 maintained or attempted to acquire monopoly power over the POC Diagnostic Products market in
23 Illinois, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the
24 purpose of excluding competition, in violation of 740 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 10/1, *et seq.*

25 230. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
26 POC Diagnostic Products in Illinois and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
27 treble damages, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.
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**SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
VIOLATION OF IOWA COMPETITION LAW
IOWA CODE § 553.1, *et seq.***

231. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

232. The Iowa Competition Law aims to “prohibit[] restraints of economic activity and monopolistic practices.” IOWA CODE § 553.2.

233. Under Iowa law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the Iowa Competition Law based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *Comes v. Microsoft Corp.*, 646 N.W.2d 440, 449-51 (Iowa 2002).

234. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of Iowa during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

235. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to restrain or monopolize trade in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, and attempted to establish or did in fact establish a monopoly for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices for POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, *et seq.*

236. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Iowa, and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, exemplary damages for willful conduct, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, and injunctive relief.

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**EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
VIOLATION OF KANSAS RESTRAINT OF TRADE ACT
KAN. STAT. ANN. § 50-101, *ET SEQ.***

237. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

238. The Kansas Restraint of Trade Act aims to prohibit practices which, *inter alia*, “tend to prevent full and free competition in the importation, transportation or sale of articles imported into this state” KAN. STAT. ANN. § 50-112.

1 239. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
2 Kansas during the Class Period.

3 240. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic
4 Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

5 241. Under the Kansas Restraint of Trade Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain
6 an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. KAN. STAT. ANN. § 50-161(b).

7 242. Defendants combined capital, skills or acts for the purposes of creating restrictions in
8 trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic Products, increasing the price of POC Diagnostic Products, or
9 preventing competition in the sale of POC Diagnostic Products, in a manner that established the price
10 of POC Diagnostic Products and precluded free and unrestricted competition among themselves in the
11 sale of POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of KAN. STAT. ANN. § 50-101, *et seq.*

12 243. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
13 POC Diagnostic Products in Kansas and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
14 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief.

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16 **NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
VIOLATION OF MAINE'S ANTITRUST STATUTE
17 **ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 10 § 1101, *et seq.***

18 244. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
19 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

20 245. Part 3 of Title 10 of the Maine Revised Statutes generally governs regulation of trade
21 in Maine. Chapter 201 thereof governs monopolies and profiteering, generally prohibiting contracts
22 in restraint of trade and conspiracies to monopolize trade. *See* ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 10, §§ 1101-
23 02.

24 246. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
25 Maine during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX POC
26 Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

27 247. Under Maine law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the
28 facts alleged in this Complaint. ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 10, § 1104(1).

1 248. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
2 POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Maine, and monopolized or attempted to
3 monopolize the trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of
4 Maine, in violation of ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 10, § 1101, *et seq.*

5 249. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
6 POC Diagnostic Products in Maine and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
7 treble damages, and reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs.

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9 **TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
10 **VIOLATION OF MARYLAND'S ANTITRUST STATUTE**
11 **MD. CODE ANN. § 11-204(A), *et seq.***

12 250. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
13 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

14 251. Maryland's antitrust statute makes it unlawful to, *inter alia*, "[m]onopolize, attempt to
15 monopolize, or combine or conspire with one or more other persons to monopolize any part of the
16 trade or commerce within the State, for the purpose of excluding competition or of controlling, fixing,
or maintaining prices in trade or commerce." MD. CODE ANN. § 11-204(a)(2).

17 252. The purpose of Maryland's antitrust statute is "to complement the body of federal law
18 governing restraints of trade, unfair competition, and unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent acts or
19 practices." MD. CODE ANN. § 11-202(a)(1).

20 253. Under Maryland law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on
21 the facts alleged in this Complaint. MD. CODE. ANN. § 11-209(b)(2)(i).

22 254. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
23 POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Maryland, and monopolized or attempted
24 to monopolize the trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of
25 Maryland, in violation of MD. CODE ANN. § 204(a)(2), *et seq.*

26 255. Under Maryland's antitrust statute, a plaintiff who establishes a violation is entitled to
27 recover three times the amount of actual damages resulting from the violation, along with costs and
28 reasonably attorneys' fees. MD. CODE ANN. § 209(b)(4).

1 256. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
2 POC Diagnostic Products in Maryland and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
3 treble damages, and reasonable attorneys’ and experts’ fees and costs.

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5 **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
6 **VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN ANTITRUST REFORM ACT**
7 **MICH. COMP. LAWS § 445.771, *ET SEQ.***

8 257. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
9 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

10 258. The Michigan Antitrust Reform Act aims “to prohibit contracts, combinations, and
11 conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce . . . to prohibit monopolies and attempts to monopolize
12 trade or commerce . . . [and] to provide remedies, fines, and penalties for violations of this act.” Mich.
13 Act 274 of 1984 (MICH. COMP. LAWS § 445.771, *et seq.*).

14 259. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
15 within the State of Michigan during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the
16 price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at
17 trial.

18 260. Under the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act, indirect purchasers have standing to
19 maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this complaint. MICH. COMP. LAWS § 445.778(2).

20 261. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired to restrain or monopolize trade or
21 commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket
22 and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, and established, maintained, or used, or attempted to establish,
23 maintain, or use, a monopoly of trade or commerce in violation of MICH. COMP. LAWS §445.773.

24 262. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
25 POC Diagnostic Products in Michigan and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
26 treble damages for flagrant violations, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys’ fees, and injunctive or
27 other appropriate equitable relief.
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1 **TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA ANTITRUST LAW**
3 **MINN. STAT. §§ 325D.49, *et seq.* & 325D.57, *et seq.***

4 263. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 264. The Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971 prohibits “any contract, combination or
7 conspiracy when any part thereof was created, formed, or entered into in [Minnesota]; and any
8 contract, combination or conspiracy, wherever created, formed or entered into; any establishment,
9 maintenance or use of monopoly power; and any attempt to establish, maintain or use monopoly
10 power, whenever any of the forgoing affects the trade or commerce of [Minnesota].” MINN. STAT. §
11 325D.54.

12 265. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
13 Minnesota during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
14 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

15 266. Under the Minnesota Antitrust Act of 1971, indirect purchasers have standing to
16 maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. MINN. STAT. § 325D.57.

17 267. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in unreasonable restraint of trade or
18 commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products Market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket
19 and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota, and
20 established, maintained, used or attempted to establish, maintain or use monopoly power over the trade
21 or commerce in the market for POC Diagnostic Products, including the Analyzer & Consumables
22 submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the purpose of affecting competition or controlling,
23 fixing, or maintaining prices within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota, in violation
24 of MINN. STAT. § 325D.49, *et seq.*

25 268. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
26 POC Diagnostic Products in Minnesota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
27 treble damages, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys’ fees, and injunctive relief necessary to
28 prevent and restrain violations hereof.

1 269. In conjunction with the filing of this Complaint, Plaintiffs have served a copy of this
2 Complaint on the Minnesota Attorney General in accordance with MINN. STAT. § 325D.63.

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4 **THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
5 **VIOLATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI ANTITRUST STATUTE**
6 **MISS. CODE ANN. § 75-21-1, et seq.**

7 270. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
8 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

9 271. Title 75 of the Mississippi Code regulates trade, commerce and investments. Chapter
10 21 thereof generally prohibits trusts and combines in restraint or hindrance of trade, with the aim that
11 “trusts and combines may be suppressed, and the benefits arising from competition in business [are]
12 preserved” to Mississippians. MISS. CODE ANN. § 75-21-39.

13 272. “A trust or combine is a combination, contract, understanding or agreement, express or
14 implied . . . when inimical to the public welfare” and with the effect of, *inter alia*, restraining trade,
15 increasing the price or output of a commodity, or hindering competition in the production or sale of a
16 commodity. MISS. CODE ANN. § 75-21-1.

17 273. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
18 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
19 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part
20 of which occurred within Mississippi.

21 274. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
22 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
23 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
24 Mississippi, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in
25 the POC Diagnostic Products Market.

26 275. Defendants sold POC Diagnostic Products to veterinary practices within Mississippi.

27 276. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
28 within the State of Mississippi during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein,

1 the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined
2 at trial.

3 277. Under Mississippi law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under
4 the antitrust provisions of the Mississippi Code based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. MISS.
5 CODE ANN. § 75-21-9.

6 278. Defendants combined, contracted, understood, and agreed in a manner inimical to
7 public welfare, with the effect of restraining trade, increasing the price of POC Diagnostic Products
8 and hindering competition in the sale of POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of MISS. CODE ANN.
9 § 75-21-1, *et seq.*

10 279. Defendants monopolized or attempted to monopolize the production, control or sale of
11 POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of MISS. CODE ANN. § 75-21-3, *et seq.*

12 280. POC Diagnostic Products are sold indirectly via distributors throughout the State of
13 Mississippi. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Mississippi
14 commerce.

15 281. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
16 POC Diagnostic Products in Mississippi and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual
17 damages and a penalty of \$500 per instance of injury.

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19 **FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
20 **VIOLATION OF THE MISSOURI MERCHANDISING PRACTICES ACT**
21 **MO. ANN. STAT. § 407.010, *et seq.***

22 282. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
23 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

24 283. Chapter 407 of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (the "MMPA") generally
25 governs unlawful business practices, including antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and
26 monopolization.

27 284. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
28 within the State of Missouri during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the

1 price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at
2 trial.

3 285. Under Missouri law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the
4 MMPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *Gibbons v. J. Nuckolls, Inc.*, 216 S.W.3d 667,
5 669 (Mo. 2007).

6 286. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
7 POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Missouri, and monopolized or attempted
8 to monopolize the market for POC Diagnostic Products, including the Analyzer & Consumables
9 submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, within the intrastate commerce of Missouri by possessing
10 monopoly power in the market and willfully maintaining that power through agreements to fix prices,
11 allocate markets and otherwise control trade, in violation of MO. STAT. § 407.010, *et seq.*

12 287. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
13 POC Diagnostic Products in Missouri and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages
14 or liquidated damages in an amount which bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which
15 have been sustained, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

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17 **FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
18 **VIOLATION OF THE NEBRASKA JUNKIN ACT**
NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-801, *et seq.*

19 288. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
20 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

21 289. Chapter 59 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes generally governs business and trade
22 practices. Sections 801 through 831 thereof, known as the Junkin Act, prohibit antitrust violations such
23 as restraints of trade and monopolization.

24 290. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
25 Nebraska during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
26 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

27 291. Under Nebraska law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the
28 Junkin Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-821.

1 292. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
2 POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska, and monopolized or attempted
3 to monopolize the market for POC Diagnostic Products, including the Analyzer & Consumables
4 submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska by
5 possessing monopoly power in the market and willfully maintaining that power through agreements
6 to fix prices, allocate markets, and otherwise control trade, in violation of NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-801,
7 *et seq.*

8 293. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
9 POC Diagnostic Products in Nebraska and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages
10 or liquidated damages in an amount which bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which
11 have been sustained, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

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13 **SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
14 **VIOLATION OF THE NEVADA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT**
15 **NEV. REV. STAT. § 598A.010, *et seq.***

16 294. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
17 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

18 295. The Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act (“NUTPA”) states that “free, open and
19 competitive production and sale of commodities and services is necessary to the economic well-being
20 of the citizens of the State of Nevada.” NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 598A.030(1).

21 296. The policy of NUTPA is to “[p]rohibit acts in restraint of trade or commerce,”
22 “[p]reserve and protect the free, open and competitive market,” and “[p]enalize all persons engaged in
23 [] anticompetitive practices.” NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 598A.030(2). Such acts include, *inter alia*, price
24 fixing, division of markets, allocation of customers, and monopolization of trade. *See* NEV. REV. STAT.
25 § 598A.060.

26 297. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
27 Nevada during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
28 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

1 298. Under Nevada law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under
2 NUTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 598A.210(2).

3 299. Defendants monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of POC
4 Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Nevada, constituting a contract, combination
5 or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 598A.010, *et seq.*

6 300. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of POC
7 Diagnostic Products in Nevada in that at least thousands of sales of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
8 took place in Nevada, purchased by Nevada consumers at supra-competitive prices caused by
9 Defendants' conduct.

10 301. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief,
11 including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

12 302. In accordance with the requirements of § 598A.210(3), Plaintiffs mailed notice of this
13 action to the Nevada Attorney General.

14
15 **SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
16 **VIOLATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ANTITRUST STATUTE,**
17 **N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. XXXI, § 356, *et seq.***

18 303. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
19 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

20 304. Title XXXI of the New Hampshire Statutes generally governs trade and commerce.

21 305. Chapter 356 thereof governs combinations and monopolies and prohibits restraints of
22 trade. *See* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. XXXI, §§ 356:2, 3.

23 306. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
24 New Hampshire during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of
25 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

26 307. Under New Hampshire law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action
27 based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 356:11(II).
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1 308. Defendants established, maintained or used monopoly power, or attempted to,
2 constituting a contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of in violation of
3 N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 356:1, *et seq.*

4 309. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
5 POC Diagnostic Products in New Hampshire and are entitled to all forms of relief, including
6 actual damages sustained, treble damages for willful or flagrant violations, reasonable attorneys' fees,
7 costs, and injunctive relief.

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9 **EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
10 **VIOLATION OF THE NEW MEXICO ANTITRUST ACT,**
11 **N.M. STAT. ANN. § 57-1-1, *et seq.***

12 310. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
13 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

14 311. The New Mexico Antitrust Act aims to “prohibit[] restraints of trade and monopolistic
15 practices.” N.M. STAT. ANN. § 57-1-15.

16 312. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
17 New Mexico during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
18 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

19 313. Under New Mexico law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based
20 on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See* N.M. STAT. ANN. § 57-1-3(A).

21 314. Defendants contracted, agreed, combined or conspired in restraint of, and monopolized
22 or attempted to monopolize, trade for POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of New
23 Mexico, in violation of N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 57-1-1 and 57-1-2, *et seq.*

24 315. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
25 POC Diagnostic Products in New Mexico and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual
26 damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

1 **NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF SECTION 340 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL BUSINESS LAW N.Y.**
3 **GEN. BUS. LAW § 340, *et seq.***

4 316. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 317. Section 340 of Article 22 of the New York General Business Law prohibits monopolies
7 and contracts or agreements in restraint of trade, with the policy of encouraging competition or the
8 free exercise of any activity in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce in New York. *See* N.Y.
9 GEN. BUS. LAW § 340(1).

10 318. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
11 within the State of New York during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein,
12 the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined
13 at trial.

14 319. Under New York law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on
15 the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See* N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW § 340(6).

16 320. Defendants established or maintained a monopoly within the intrastate commerce of
17 New York for the trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic Products and restrained competition in the
18 free exercise of the conduct of the business of POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce
19 of New York, in violation of N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW § 340, *et seq.*

20 321. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
21 POC Diagnostic Products in New York and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages,
22 treble damages, costs not exceeding \$10,000, and reasonable attorneys' fees and all relief available
23 under N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW §349, *et seq.*

24 322. Pursuant to New York General Business Law § 340(5), counsel for Plaintiffs has sent
25 letters by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Attorney General of New York, informing the
26 Attorney General of the existence of this Class Action Complaint, identifying the relevant state
27 antitrust provisions, and enclosing a copy of the original complaints filed by plaintiffs.
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1 **TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES,**
3 **N.C. GEN. STAT. § 75-1, et seq.**

4 323. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 324. Chapter 75 of the North Carolina Statutes generally governs unlawful business
7 practices, including antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and monopolization.

8 325. Under North Carolina law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action
9 based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See Hyde v. Abbott Labs., Inc.*, 123 N.C. App. 572, 584
10 (1996).

11 326. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
12 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
13 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part
14 of which occurred within North Carolina

15 327. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
16 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, for the purpose of affecting
17 competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within
18 North Carolina.

19 328. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Carolina's trade and
20 commerce.

21 329. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
22 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
23 injury.

24 330. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
25 forms of relief available, including treble damages, under N.C. GEN. STAT. § 75-1, et seq.
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1 **TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA UNIFORM STATE ANTITRUST ACT,**
3 **N.D. CENT. CODE § 51-08.1-01, *et seq.***

4 331. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 332. The North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act generally prohibits restraints on or
7 monopolization of trade. *See* N.D. CENT. CODE § 51-08.1-01, *et seq.*

8 333. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
9 North Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of
10 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

11 334. Under the North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing
12 to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.D. CENT. CODE § 51- 08.1-08.

13 335. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
14 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
15 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part
16 of which occurred within North Dakota.

17 336. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to do so, a
18 substantial part of which occurred within North Dakota, for the purposes of excluding competition or
19 controlling, fixing or maintaining prices for POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of N.D. CENT.
20 CODE §§ 51-08.1-02, 03.

21 337. Defendants' violations of North Dakota law were flagrant.

22 338. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Dakota's trade and
23 commerce.

24 339. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
25 members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases in North Dakota and are threatened with
26 further injury, and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages for flagrant
27 violations, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable relief available under
28 N.D. CENT. CODE § 51-08.1-01, *et seq.*

1 **TWENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE OREGON ANTITRUST LAW,**
3 **OR. REV. STAT. § 646.705, et seq.**

4 340. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 341. Chapter 646 of the Oregon Revised Statutes generally governs business and trade
7 practices within Oregon. Sections 705 through 880 thereof govern antitrust violations, with the policy
8 to “encourage free and open competition in the interest of the general welfare and economy of the
9 state.” OR. REV. STAT. § 646.715(1).

10 342. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
11 Oregon during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
12 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

13 343. Under Oregon law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of
14 the Oregon Revised Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. OR.
15 REV. STAT. § 646.780(1)(a).

16 344. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
17 POC Diagnostic Products, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of
18 POC Diagnostic Products, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705, et seq. See OR. REV. STAT. §§
19 646.725-730.

20 345. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of POC
21 Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of Oregon, or alternatively to interstate commerce
22 involving actual or threatened injury to persons located in Oregon, and are entitled to all forms of
23 relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys’ fees, expert witness fees and
24 investigative costs, and injunctive relief.

25 **TWENTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
26 **VIOLATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND ANTITRUST ACT,**
27 **6 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-36-1, et seq.**

28 346. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

1 347. The Rhode Island Antitrust Act aims “[t]o promote the unhampered growth of
2 commerce and industry throughout [Rhode Island] by prohibiting unreasonable restraints of trade and
3 monopolistic practices” that hamper, prevent or decrease competition. 6 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-36-
4 2(a)(2).

5 348. Plaintiffs and members of the class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within
6 the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the
7 price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at
8 trial.

9 349. Under the Rhode Island Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an
10 action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-36-11(a).

11 350. Defendants contracted, combined and conspired in restraint of trade of POC Diagnostic
12 Products within the intrastate commerce of Rhode Island, and established, maintained or used, or
13 attempted to establish, maintain or use, a monopoly in the trade of POC Diagnostic Products for the
14 purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices within the intrastate
15 commerce of Rhode Island, in violation of 6 Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, *et seq.*

16 351. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
17 POC Diagnostic Products in Rhode Island and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual
18 damages, treble damages, reasonable costs, reasonable attorneys’ fees, and injunctive relief.

19 352. In conjunction with the filing of this Complaint, Plaintiffs have mailed a copy of this
20 Complaint to the Rhode Island Attorney General in accordance with R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-36-21.
21 Plaintiffs will file proof of such service with the Court.

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23 **TWENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
24 **VIOLATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANTITRUST STATUTE,**
S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 37-1-3.1, *et seq.*

25 353. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
26 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

27 354. Chapter 37-1 of the South Dakota Codified Laws prohibits restraint of trade,
28 monopolies and discriminatory trade practices. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS §§ 37-1-3.1, 3.2.

1 355. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
2 South Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of
3 IDEXX Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

4 356. Under South Dakota law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust
5 provisions of the South Dakota Codified Laws to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this
6 Complaint. *See* S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 37-1-33.

7 357. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
8 POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate commerce of South Dakota, and monopolized or
9 attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic Products within the intrastate
10 commerce of South Dakota, in violation of S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 37-1, *et seq.*

11 358. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
12 POC Diagnostic Products in South Dakota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual
13 damages, treble damages, taxable costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable
14 relief.

15 **TWENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
16 **VIOLATION OF THE TENNESSEE TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
17 **TENN. CODE § 47-25-101, *ET SEQ.***

18 359. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
19 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

20 360. The Tennessee Trade Practices Act generally governs commerce and trade in
21 Tennessee, and it prohibits, *inter alia*, all arrangements, contracts, agreements, or combinations
22 between persons or corporations made with a view to lessen, or which tend to lessen, full and free
23 competition in goods in Tennessee. All such arrangements, contracts, agreements, or combinations
24 between persons or corporations designed, or which tend, to increase the prices of any such goods, are
25 against public policy, unlawful, and void. *See* TENN. CODE, § 47-25-101.

26 361. Under Tennessee law, indirect purchasers have standing under the Tennessee Trade
27 Practice Acts to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See Freeman Indus.,*
28 *LLC v. Eastman Chem. Co.*, 172 S.W.3d 512, 520 (Tenn. 2005).

1 362. Defendants competed unfairly and colluded by meeting to fix prices, divide markets,
2 and otherwise restrain trade as set forth herein, in violation of Tenn. Code, § 47-25-101, *et seq.*

3 363. Defendants' conduct violated the Tennessee Trade Practice Act because it was an
4 arrangement, contract, agreement, or combination to lessen full and free competition in goods in
5 Tennessee, and because it tended to increase the prices of goods in Tennessee. Specifically,
6 Defendant's combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) price competition for POC
7 Diagnostic Products was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Tennessee; (2) prices for
8 POC Diagnostic Products were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels
9 throughout Tennessee; (3) members of the Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4)
10 members of the Class paid supra-competitive, artificially inflated prices for POC Diagnostic Products.

11 364. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on
12 Tennessee commerce as IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products were sold in Tennessee.

13 365. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
14 within the State of Tennessee during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein,
15 the price of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined
16 at trial.

17 366. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
18 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

19 367. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
20 POC Diagnostic Products in Tennessee and are entitled to all forms of relief available under the law,
21 including return of the unlawful overcharges that they paid on their purchases, damages, equitable
22 relief, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

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24 **TWENTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
25 **VIOLATION OF THE UTAH ANTITRUST ACT,**
UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-3101, *et seq.*

26 368. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
27 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
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1 369. The Utah Antitrust Act aims to “encourage free and open competition in the interest of
2 the general welfare and economy of this state by prohibiting monopolistic and unfair trade practices,
3 combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce.” UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-3102.

4 370. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
5 within the State of Utah during the Class Period. But for Defendants’ conduct set forth herein, the price
6 of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

7 371. Under the Utah Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers who are either Utah residents or Utah
8 citizens have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. UTAH CODE
9 ANN. § 76-10-3109(1)(a).

10 372. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
11 POC Diagnostic Products, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of POC
12 Diagnostic Products, in violation of UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-3101, *et seq.*

13 373. Plaintiffs and members of the Class who are either Utah residents or Utah citizens were
14 injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Utah and are entitled to all
15 forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs of suit, reasonable attorneys’ fees, and
16 injunctive relief.

17 374. In conjunction with the filing of this Complaint, Plaintiffs have served a copy of this
18 Complaint on the Utah Attorney General in accordance with UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-3109(9).

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20 **TWENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
21 **VIOLATION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANTITRUST ACT,**
W. VA. CODE § 47-18-1, *et seq.*

22 375. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
23 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

24 376. The violations of law set forth above also constitute violations of Section 47-18-1 of
25 the West Virginia Code.

26 377. During the Class Period, Defendants engaged in anticompetitive conduct alleged
27 above, including a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade
28 and commerce within the intrastate commerce of West Virginia and the establishment or maintenance

1 of a monopoly for the purpose of excluding competition, in violation of W. VA. CODE §§ 47-18-3; 47-
2 18-4.

3 378. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
4 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
5 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
6 part of which occurred within West Virginia.

7 379. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
8 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
9 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
10 West Virginia, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices
11 in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

12 380. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
13 within the State of West Virginia during the Class Period. But for Defendant's conduct set forth herein,
14 the price of IDEXX Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at
15 trial.

16 381. Under West Virginia law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under
17 the West Virginia Antitrust Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. W. VA. CODE St. R. 142-
18 9-2 ("Any person who is injured directly or indirectly by reason of a violation of the West Virginia
19 Antitrust Act, W. Va. Code § 47-18-1, et seq., may bring an action for damages under W. Va. Code
20 § 47-18-9.").

21 382. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful and constitute
22 violations or flagrant violations of the West Virginia Antitrust Act.

23 383. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
24 members of the Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for
25 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants'
26 unlawful conduct.

27 384. Members of the Class have standing to pursue their claims under, *inter alia*, W. VA.
28 CODE § 47-18-9.

1 385. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 47-18-3 of the West Virginia Antitrust
2 Act, Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including
3 reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to Section 47-18-9 of the West Virginia Code.

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5 **TWENTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
6 **VIOLATION OF THE WISCONSIN ANTITRUST ACT,**
7 **WIS. STAT. § 133.01, et seq.**

8 386. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
9 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

10 387. Chapter 133 of the Wisconsin Statutes governs trust and monopolies, with the intent "to
11 safeguard the public against the creation or perpetuation of monopolies and to foster and encourage
12 competition by prohibiting unfair and discriminatory business practices which destroy or hamper
13 competition." WIS. STAT. § 133.01.

14 388. Plaintiffs and members of the class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within
15 the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price
16 of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

17 389. Under Wisconsin law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions
18 of the Wisconsin Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See* WIS.
19 STAT. § 133.18(1)(a).

20 390. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of
21 credit scores, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of POC Diagnostic
22 Products, with the intention of injuring or destroying competition therein, in violation of WIS. STAT.
23 § 133.01, *et seq.*

24 391. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
25 POC Diagnostic Products in Wisconsin in that the actions alleged herein substantially affected the
26 people of Wisconsin, with at least thousands of consumers in Wisconsin paying substantially higher
27 prices for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products in Wisconsin.

28 392. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief,
including actual damages, treble damages, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

1 393. Defendants' anticompetitive activities have directly, foreseeably, and proximately
2 caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the class in the United States. Their injuries consist of:
3 (1) being denied the opportunity to purchase lower-priced POC Diagnostic Products from Defendants,
4 and (2) paying higher prices for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products than they would have in the absence
5 of Defendants' conduct. These injuries are of the type of the laws of the above States were designed
6 to prevent, and flow from that which makes Defendants' conduct unlawful.

7 394. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all damages suffered by Plaintiffs and
8 members of the Class.

9 **VIOLATIONS OF STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS**

10 395. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
11 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

12 396. Defendants above-described scheme and conduct constitutes unfair competition,
13 unconscionable conduct, and deceptive acts and practices in violation of the state consumer protection
14 statutes set forth below. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' anticompetitive, deceptive,
15 unfair, and/or unconscionable acts or practices, Plaintiffs and the class paid higher prices for IDEXX
16 POC Diagnostic Products than they should have.

17 397. The gravity of harm from Defendants' wrongful conduct significantly outweighs any
18 conceivable utility from that conduct. Plaintiff and Class members could not reasonably have avoided
19 injury from Defendants' wrongful conduct.

20 398. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased goods, namely IDEXX POC Diagnostic
21 Products, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

22 399. There was and is a gross disparity between the price that Plaintiffs and the Class
23 members paid for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products and the value they received.

24 400. The following Twenty-Ninth through Forty-Third claims for relief are pleaded under
25 the consumer protection or similar laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of
26 Plaintiffs and members of the State Class.

1 **TWENTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA’S UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW,**
3 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200, *et seq.* (THE “UCL”)**

4 401. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 402. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of
7 Section 17200, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code.

8 403. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or
9 fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the UCL by engaging in the acts and practices specified
10 above.

11 404. This claim is instituted pursuant to Sections 17203 and 17204 of the California
12 Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein,
13 that violated the UCL.

14 405. Defendants’ conduct as alleged herein violated the UCL. The acts, omissions,
15 misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a
16 common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair,
17 unlawful, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of the UCL, including, but
18 not limited to, the violations of Section 16720, *et seq.*, of California Business and Professions Code,
19 set forth above.

20 406. Defendants’ acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures, as
21 described above, whether or not in violation of Section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and
22 Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair,
23 unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.

24 407. Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to, *inter alia*, full restitution and/or
25 disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been
26 obtained by defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.

27 408. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication that
28 Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.

1 409. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as
2 described above, have caused and continue to cause members of the Class to pay supra-competitive and
3 artificially-inflated prices for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products sold in the State of California. Plaintiffs
4 and the members of the Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair
5 competition.

6 410. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result of
7 their wrongful conduct and by Defendants’ unfair competition. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class
8 are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues,
9 earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of
10 such business practices, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 17203 and
11 17204.

12 **THIRTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
13 **VIOLATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONSUMER PROTECTION**
14 **PROCEDURES ACT, D.C. CODE § 28-3901, *et seq.***

15 411. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
16 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

17 412. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products for
18 personal, family, or household purposes.

19 413. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated D.C. CODE § 28-
20 3901, *et seq.*

21 414. Defendants are “merchants” within the meaning of D.C. CODE § 28- 3901(a)(3).

22 415. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
23 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
24 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
25 the District of Columbia, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining
26 prices in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

27 416. Defendants’ conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive
28 act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the District of Columbia.

1 417. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected the District of Columbia's trade
2 and commerce.

3 418. As a direct and proximate cause of defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
4 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
5 injury.

6 419. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
7 forms of relief, including treble damages or \$1500 per violation (whichever is greater) plus punitive
8 damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs under D.C. CODE § 28-3901, *et seq.*

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10 **THIRTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
11 **VIOLATION OF FLORIDA DECEPTIVE AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
12 **FLA. STAT. § 501.201(2), *et seq.***

13 420. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
14 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

15 421. The Florida Deceptive & Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201, *et seq.* (the
16 "FDUTPA"), generally prohibits "unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and
17 unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce," including practices in
18 restraint of trade. FLA. STAT. § 501.204(1).

19 422. The primary policy of the FDUTPA is "[t]o protect the consuming public and legitimate
20 business enterprises from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or unconscionable,
21 deceptive, or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." FLA. STAT. §
22 501.202(2).

23 423. A claim for damages under the FDUTPA has three elements: (1) a prohibited practice;
24 (2) causation; and (3) actual damages.

25 424. Under Florida law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the
26 FDUTPA based on the facts alleged in this complaint. *See* FLA. STAT. § 501.211(1) ("anyone
27 aggrieved by a violation of this [statute] may bring an action . . .").
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1 425. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within
2 the State of Florida during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of
3 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

4 426. Defendants entered into a contract, combination or conspiracy between two or more
5 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
6 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
7 part of which occurred within Florida.

8 427. Defendants established, maintained or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
9 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the market for POC Diagnostic Products, including in the Analyzer
10 & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the purpose of excluding
11 competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices in Florida at a level higher than the competitive
12 market level, beginning at least as early as July 26, 2018 and continuing through the date of this filing.

13 428. Accordingly, Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair
14 or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the State of Florida.

15 429. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Florida's trade and commerce.

16 430. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
17 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property by virtue of overcharges for
18 IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products and are threatened with further injury.

19 431. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to seek
20 all forms of relief, including injunctive relief pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 501.208 and declaratory judgment,
21 actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to FLA. STAT. § 501.211.

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23 **THIRTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
24 **VIOLATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, MASS.**
GEN. LAWS. CH. 93A § 1, et seq.

25 432. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
26 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
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1 433. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, including the violation of federal antitrust
2 laws, Defendants have violated the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, MASS. GEN. LAWS ch.
3 93A § 2, *et seq.*

4 434. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products
5 within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set
6 forth herein, the price paid would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

7 435. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
8 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
9 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
10 Massachusetts, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices
11 in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

12 436. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive
13 act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

14 437. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Massachusetts' trade and
15 commerce.

16 438. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased goods, namely IDEXX POC Diagnostic
17 Products, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

18 439. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
19 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
20 injury.

21 440. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to seek all forms of
22 relief, including up to treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs under Massachusetts
23 General Laws ch. 93A § 9.

24 441. The demand letter requirement of Section 9 of Massachusetts General Laws Annotated
25 Chapter 93A does not apply as to IDEXX because, upon information and belief, IDEXX has not
26 identified a place of business or assets within Massachusetts.

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1 **THIRTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE MONTANA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER**
3 **PROTECTION ACT OF 1970,**
4 **MONT. CODE, §§ 30-14-103, et seq., AND §§ 30-14-201, et seq.**

4 442. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
5 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 443. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive
7 acts or practices in violation of the Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act of
8 1970, MONT. CODE, §§ 30-14-103, *et seq.*, and 30-14-201, *et seq.*

9 444. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) POC Diagnostic Products
10 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Montana; (2) POC
11 Diagnostic Products prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels
12 throughout Montana; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Class were deprived of free and open
13 competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Class paid supra-competitive, artificially inflated
14 prices for POC Diagnostic Products.

15 445. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased goods, namely IDEXX POC Diagnostic
16 Products, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

17 446. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Montana
18 commerce and consumers.

19 447. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
20 members of the Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have
21 engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of MONT. CODE,
22 §§ 30-14-103, *et seq.*, and 30-14-201, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class
23 seek all relief available under that statute.

24 **THIRTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
25 **VIOLATION OF THE NEBRASKA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT,**
26 **NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-1602, et seq.**

27 448. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
28 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

1 449. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated NEB. REV. STAT.
2 § 59-1602, *et seq.*

3 450. Under Nebraska law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the
4 Nebraska Consumer Protection Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See* NEB. REV. STAT.
5 § 59-1609.

6 451. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or
7 more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products
8 market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a
9 substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.

10 452. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
11 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
12 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the purpose of excluding or limiting
13 competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.

14 453. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of
15 commerce within the State of Nebraska.

16 454. Defendants' conduct had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiffs and members-of-
17 the-Class's ability to protect themselves.

18 455. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nebraska's trade and commerce.

19 456. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
20 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
21 injury.

22 457. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
23 forms of relief available under NEB. REV. STAT. § 59-1614.

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25 **THIRTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
26 **VIOLATION OF THE NEVADA DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
NEV. REV. STAT. § 598.0903, *et seq.*

27 458. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
28 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

1 459. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Nev. Rev. Stat.
2 § 598.0903, *et seq.*

3 460. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors
4 and to substantially lessen competition.

5 461. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
6 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
7 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
8 part of which occurred within Nevada.

9 462. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
10 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
11 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
12 Nevada, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the
13 POC Diagnostic Products market.

14 463. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of
15 commerce within the State of Nevada.

16 464. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent act or practice committed by a supplier
17 in connection with a consumer transaction.

18 465. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nevada's trade and commerce.

19 466. Defendants' conduct was willful.

20 467. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the members of the
21 Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

22 468. By reason of the foregoing, the Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including
23 damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation under
24 NEV. REV. STAT. § 598.0993.

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THIRTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
VIOLATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT,
N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. XXXI, § 358-A:1, et seq.

469. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

470. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, defendants have violated N.H. REV. STAT. tit. XXXI, § 358-A:1, et seq.

471. Under New Hampshire law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. See *LaChance v. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co.*, 156 N.H. 88, 92-100 (2007).

472. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within New Hampshire.

473. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within New Hampshire.

474. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of New Hampshire.

475. Defendants' conduct was willful and knowing.

476. Defendants' conduct had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiffs' and members of the Class's ability to protect themselves.

477. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected New Hampshire's trade and commerce.

478. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

1 479. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to seek
2 all forms of relief available under New Hampshire Revised Statutes §§ 358-A:10 and 358-A:10-a.

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4 **THIRTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
5 **VIOLATION OF THE NEW MEXICO UNFAIR PRACTICES ACT,**
6 **N.M. STAT. ANN. § 57-12-1, *et seq.***

7 480. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
8 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

9 481. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.M. STAT. § 57-
10 12-3, *et seq.*

11 482. Defendant entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
12 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products Market,
13 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
14 part of which occurred within New Mexico.

15 483. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
16 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Market and Submarkets, a substantial part of which
17 occurred within New Mexico, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or
18 maintaining prices in the POC Diagnostic Products market.

19 484. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of
20 commerce within the State of New Mexico.

21 485. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected New Mexico's trade and
22 commerce.

23 486. Defendants' conduct constituted "unconscionable trade practices" in that such conduct,
24 *inter alia*, resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by Class members and the price
25 paid by them for IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products as set forth in N.M. STAT. § 57- 12-2E.

26 487. Defendants' conduct was willful.

27 488. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
28 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
injury.

1 489. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
2 forms of relief, including actual damages or up to \$300 per violation, whichever is greater, plus
3 reasonable attorney's fees under N.M. STAT. § 57-12-10.

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5 **THIRTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
6 **VIOLATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE**
7 **PRACTICES ACT, N.C. GEN. STAT. § 75-1.1, et seq.**

8 490. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
9 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

10 491. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-
11 1.1, *et seq.* Under North Carolina law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based
12 on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *See Hyde v. Abbott Labs., Inc.*, 123 N.C. App. 572, 584 (1996).

13 492. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy in restraint of, or to
14 monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
15 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
16 North Carolina.

17 493. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of
18 commerce within the State of North Carolina.

19 494. Defendants' trade practices are and have been immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, and
20 substantially injurious to consumers.

21 495. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Carolina's trade and
22 commerce.

23 496. Defendants' conduct constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within
24 the meaning of North Carolina law, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on
25 the public at large and harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest
26 marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner.

27 497. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the
28 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
injury.

1 498. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to seek
2 all forms of relief, including treble damages under N.C. GEN. STAT. § 75-16.

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4 **THIRTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
5 **VIOLATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
6 **R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-13.1-1, *et seq.***

7 499. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
8 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

9 500. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-
10 13.1-1, *et seq.*

11 501. Defendants engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice with the intent to injure
12 competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.

13 502. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
14 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
15 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
16 part of which occurred within Rhode Island.

17 503. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
18 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
19 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
20 Rhode Island, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the POC Diagnostic
21 Products market.

22 504. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within
23 the State of Rhode Island.

24 505. Defendants' conduct amounted to an unfair or deceptive act or practice committed by
25 a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.

26 506. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Rhode Island's trade and
27 commerce.

28 507. Defendants' conduct was willful.

1 508. Defendants' deception constitutes information necessary to Plaintiffs and members of
2 the Class relating to the cost of IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products purchased.

3 509. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased goods, namely IDEXX POC Diagnostic
4 Products, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

5 510. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
6 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
7 injury.

8 511. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to seek all
9 forms of relief, including actual damages or \$200 per violation, whichever is greater, and injunctive
10 relief and punitive damages under R.I. GEN. LAWS § 6-13.1-5.2.

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12 **FORTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
13 **VIOLATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
14 **S.C. CODE ANN. §§ 39-5-10, *et seq.***

15 512. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
16 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

17 513. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated S.C. CODE ANN.
18 § 39-5-10, *et seq.*

19 514. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or
20 more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products
21 market, including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a
22 substantial part of which occurred within South Carolina.

23 515. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
24 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
25 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, for the purpose of excluding or limiting
26 competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within South
27 Carolina.

28 516. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within
the State of South Carolina.

1 517. Defendants' conduct had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiffs' and members of
2 the Class's ability to protect themselves.

3 518. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected South Carolina trade and
4 commerce.

5 519. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially harmed the public interest of the State of
6 South Carolina, as at least thousands of members of the public purchase IDEXX POC Diagnostic
7 Products.

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9 **FORTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
10 **VIOLATION OF THE UTAH CONSUMER SALES PRACTICES ACT,**
11 **UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-11-1, *ET SEQ.***

12 520. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
13 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

14 521. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated UTAH CODE ANN.
15 §§ 13-11-1, *et seq.*

16 522. Defendants are a supplier within the meaning of UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-11-3.

17 523. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
18 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
19 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
20 part of which occurred within Utah.

21 524. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
22 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
23 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
24 Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the POC
25 Diagnostic Products market.

26 525. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of
27 commerce within the State of Utah.

28 526. Defendants' conduct and/or practices were unconscionable and were undertaken in
connection with consumer transactions within the meaning of UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-11-3.

1 527. Defendants knew or had reason to know that their conduct was unconscionable.

2 528. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's trade and commerce.

3 529. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased goods, namely IDEXX POC Diagnostic
4 Products, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

5 530. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
6 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
7 injury.

8 531. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to seek
9 all forms of relief, including declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, and ancillary relief, pursuant to
10 UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-11-19(5) and 13-11-20.

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12 **FOURTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
13 **VIOLATION OF THE UTAH UNFAIR PRACTICES ACT,**
UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-5-1, ET SEQ.

14 532. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
15 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

16 533. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated UTAH CODE ANN.
17 §§ 13-5-1, *et seq.*

18 534. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
19 persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,
20 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
21 part of which occurred within Utah.

22 535. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
23 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
24 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
25 Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the POC
26 Diagnostic Products market.

27 536. Defendants' conduct caused or was intended to cause unfair methods of competition
28 within the State of Utah.

1 537. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's trade and commerce.

2 538. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
3 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
4 injury.

5 539. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to seek
6 all forms of relief, including actual damages or \$2000 per Class member, whichever is greater, plus
7 reasonable attorney's fees under UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 13-5-14, *et seq.*

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9 **FORTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
10 **VIOLATION OF THE VERMONT CONSUMER FRAUD ACT,**
11 **VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 9, CH. 63 §2451, *et seq.***

12 540. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every
13 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

14 541. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated VT. STAT. ANN. tit.
15 9, § 2451, *et seq.*

16 542. Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes generally governs commerce and trade in Vermont.
17 Chapter 63 thereof governs consumer protection and prohibits, *inter alia*, unfair methods competition,
18 unfair and deceptive acts and practices, and antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and
19 monopolization. *See* VT. STAT ANN. tit. 9, § 2453(a).

20 543. Members of the Class purchased IDEXX POC Diagnostic Products within the State of
21 Vermont during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price of IDEXX
22 POC Diagnostic Products would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

23 544. Under Vermont law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of
24 the Vermont Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this complaint. VT. STAT.
25 ANN. TIT. 9, § 2465(b); *see also Elkins v. Microsoft Corp.*, 174 Vt. 328, 341 (2002).

26 545. Defendants competed unfairly by restraining trade as set forth herein, in violation of
27 VT. STAT. tit. 9, § 2453, *et seq.*

28 546. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more
persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market,

1 including the Analyzer & Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial
2 part of which occurred within Vermont.

3 547. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a
4 monopoly, of trade or commerce in the POC Diagnostic Products market, including the Analyzer &
5 Consumables submarket and the Rapid Test Kit submarket, a substantial part of which occurred within
6 Vermont, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the
7 POC Diagnostic Products Market.

8 548. Defendants' violations of Vermont law were flagrant.

9 549. Defendants' conduct caused or was intended to cause unfair methods of competition
10 within the State of Vermont.

11 550. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Vermont's trade and commerce.

12 551. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the
13 members of the Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further
14 injury.

15 552. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of IDEXX
16 Diagnostic Products in Vermont and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble
17 damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

18 **VIII. DEMAND FOR RELIEF**

19 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the proposed Class, respectfully ask
20 the Court for a judgment that:

21 1. Certifies the Class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3) and directs that
22 reasonable notice of this action, as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2), be given to the Class, and
23 declares Plaintiffs as representatives of the Class;

24 2. Appoints Plaintiffs and their attorneys as class representatives and class counsel,
25 respectively;

26 3. Enters judgment against Defendants, and in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class, holding
27 Defendants liable for the antitrust violations alleged;

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1 4. Awards a declaratory judgment that IDEXX’s use of its dominant position in the
2 Relevant Market and Submarkets to cause veterinary practices to enter into long-term, exclusive,
3 contracts was done for illegal, anticompetitive purposes, was an unreasonable restraint of trade, and
4 had anticompetitive effects on the U.S. market for POC Diagnostic Products in violation of the
5 Sherman Act, §§ 1-2.

6 5. Grants permanent injunctive relief:

7 a. enjoining IDEXX from engaging in future anticompetitive conduct with the
8 purpose or effect of preventing actual or potential rivals from gaining a foothold in the Relevant
9 Market and Submarkets and eliminating or impairing the price discipline that would come from
10 free and fair competition; and

11 b. requiring IDEXX to take affirmative steps to dissipate the continuing effects of
12 its prior unlawful conduct;

13 6. Awards Plaintiffs and the Class actual, double, treble, and exemplary damages as
14 permitted and as sustained by reason of the antitrust violations alleged herein, plus interest in
15 accordance with law;

16 7. Awards such equitable relief as is necessary to correct for the anticompetitive market
17 effects caused by Defendant’s unlawful conduct, including disgorgement, restitution, and the creation
18 of a constructive trust;

19 8. Awards Plaintiff and the Class their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys’ fees
20 as provided by law;

21 9. Directs such further relief as it may deem just and proper.

22 **IX. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

23 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.
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