

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

BEN'S BARKETPLACE, INC.

A California Corporation 701 Pleasant Grove Blvd., #120 Roseville, California 95678 (916) 797-3647 www.bensbarketplace.com



The franchise offered is for the establishment and operation of a premium-quality food store for dogs and cats offering a variety of products such as high quality raw and dry dog and cat food to improve each pet's overall health, training ability and longevity, as well as treats, toys and premium accessories.

We offer 2 franchise programs for a Ben's Barketplace franchise:

A Ben's Barketplace store unit business and a Ben's Barketplace store and delivery unit business. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Ben's Barketplace store unit franchise ranges from \$158,500 to \$300,317. This includes \$35,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Ben's Barketplace store and delivery unit franchise ranges from \$159,700 to \$316,517. This includes \$35,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Sally Romero, 701 Pleasant Grove Blvd., #120, Roseville, California 95678, (866) 760-3647.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on this Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "<u>A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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STATE COVER PAGE



Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT MOST DISPUTES BE SUBMITTED TO LITIGATION/ARBITRATION IN PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION/ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE/ARBITRATE WITH US IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND CALIFORNIA LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS YOUR STATE'S LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THE FRANCHISOR HAS A LIMITED OPERATING HISTORY. THE FRANCHISOR'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE TO FUND THE FRANCHISOR'S PRE-OPENING OBLIGATION TO EACH FRANCHISEE AND PAY OPERATING EXPENSES.
- 4. THE FRANCHISOR HAS NOT OFFERED FRANCHISES PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE DATE OF THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. THE FRANCISOR HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE OCTOBER 21, 2014. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST YOU IN JUDGING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.
- 5. YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTEE, MAKING YOUR SPOUSE INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE GUARANTEE WILL PLACE YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.
- 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

The effective date for this Franchise Disclosure Document for your state is listed on the next page.



STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The states listed below may require registration or filing of this Disclosure Document. If this offering is registered in any of these states, the effective date of the registration may differ from the date of issuance of this Disclosure Document as stated below. Some of these states may require different or additional disclosures or revisions to the agreement. The effective date of this Disclosure Document for any state that is not included in this list is as shown on the cover of this Disclosure Document. (See the State Addenda to this Disclosure Document for certain states.)

California	Effective Date:
Connecticut	Effective Date:
Florida	Effective Date:
Hawaii	Effective Date:
Illinois	Effective Date:
Indiana	Effective Date:
Kentucky	Effective Date:
Maine	Effective Date:
Maryland	Effective Date:
Michigan	Effective Date:
Minnesota	Effective Date:
Nebraska	Effective Date:
New York	Effective Date:
North Carolina	Effective Date:
North Dakota	Effective Date:
Rhode Island	Effective Date:
South Carolina	Effective Date:
South Dakota	Effective Date:
Texas	Effective Date:
Utah	Effective Date:
Virginia	Effective Date:
Washington	Effective Date:
Wisconsin	Effective Date:

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