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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nathenson Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[BUFF]

08/21/2017

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

EVP, CFO and Treasurer

C/O BLUE BUFFALO PET PRODUCTS, INC., 11 RIVER ROAD

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

WILTON, CT 06897

(City)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction	4. Securition(A) or Dis		•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/21/2017		M	50,000	A	\$ 5.6	50,000	D	
Common Stock	08/21/2017		S <u>(1)</u>	50,000	D	\$ 25	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Sha
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 5.6	08/21/2017		M	50,000	(2)	12/18/2022	Common Stock	50,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP, CFO and Treasurer

Nathenson Michael

C/O BLUE BUFFALO PET PRODUCTS, INC.

11 RIVER ROAD

WILTON, CT 06897

Signatures

/s/ Karen M. McCarthy, as
Attorney-in-Fact
08/22/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Reflects an initial option grant with respect to 803,300 shares that vests in five equal annual installments beginning on December 18, 2013.

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