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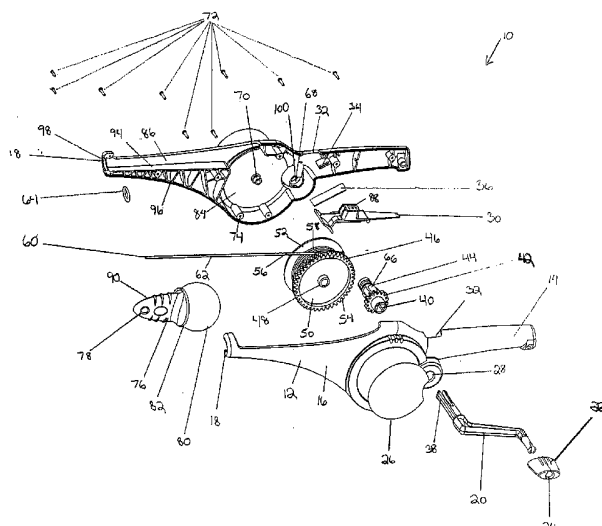
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an animal fetch device used for non-damaging play. The device (10) comprises a housing (12) which defines an interior volume (84) and line release guide chamber (86). The housing (12) supports an interior placed spool (46) which is allowed to freely rotate. A first side member (50) of the spool (46) has gear teeth (54) around a circumference which intermesh with matching gear teeth (42) on a crank spur (66). A crank (20) with handle (38) is inserted onto a first housing opening (28) and connected to the crank spur (66). A button (30) allows both release and locking of the interior spool (46) through a contact pawl (36). A line (56) is connected to the spool (46) and wound around the axle (48). The line (56) extends through the line release guide chamber (86) and the housing (12). An attractor (80) is attached to the line (56) through the use of a fused connection attachment.



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