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Celebrity Pepper Sprays Benefit Austin Group

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Who'd have thought self-defense could be so chic — and so philanthropic?

Lindsay Lohan, for one. Ditto **Denise Richards**, **Carmen Electra** and **Raquel Welch**.

They're among a coterie of conscientious A-listers who've designed one-of-a-kind, palm-sized Pepperface spray holders that are being auctioned online to benefit Austin's own National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The organization was co-founded by advocate/lobbyist Debby Tucker, who helped write the Violence Against Women Acts that have become national legislation over the past 15 years. Tucker also was the civilian co-chairwoman for the Department of Defense's Task Force on Domestic Violence until recently.

The online auction began April 30 and continues through May 16 at www.pepperface.com/store/auction.html. The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence Web site is at www.ncdsv.org.

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