



Husse Test Center

Referring to recent publications on animal unfriendly animal experiments or even vivisection carried out on behalf of a pet food producer urges us to inform you about the research of pet food as it is carried out in our own Pet Research Centre.

The mission statement of our company is to produce the best pet food possible. Our team of veterinarians and nutritionists examines permanently the composition of our foods in order to optimise her quality. For this purpose we have our own Pet research Centre, where 80 dogs and 50 cats are housed in optimal conditions.

The tests held in our Research centre are limited to animal friendly non-invasive food examinations. The only goal is to improve and optimise our cat and dog foods. Non-invasive research means that our animals never have to suffer medical or chirurgical interventions. Studies are limited to registration of food intake, collecting droppings etc. In recent legislation on animal welfare the animal experiments are strictly regulated. The non-invasive food research as performed in our Pet Research Centre is not even considered to be an animal experiment.

Some samples of research items in our research centre:

- Palatability. Different foods are offered simultaneously. The intake of both foods is registered and compared.
- Digestibility. The availability of nutrients is calculated, based on data on food intake and collected droppings.
- Droppings consistency. Firmness of the droppings is registered in order to optimise faeces consistency.
- Growth. The weight of puppies is measured at regular intervals. The growth curves of puppy's fed with different foods are compared.
- Fur quality. The colour and quality of the coat is evaluated.
- Breeding. Fertility, number of puppies, birth weight of the puppies, and general condition of the puppies are evaluated.

All dogs are housed in spacious kennels with large inside and outside run, constantly supervised by veterinarians and caretakers.

We are convinced that our research is carried out in an utmost animal friendly way. Pet owners who visit our company have free entry to our complete Pet Research Centre.

Animal welfare is of major importance for our company, even in research, which is necessary for developing quality foods. We hope to have convinced you that our food research contributes to the welfare of our animal friends.

Kind Regards,

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