



Advancing Science for Pet Health

Nestlé Purina Petcare Ethical Policy

Nestlé Purina PetCare Europe and its Affiliates (“Nestlé Purina”) are committed to making foods that dogs and cats enjoy while providing nutrition that enhances their health and well-being. We understand and share the strong feelings of love and respect pet owners develop for their companion animals. Therefore, at Nestlé Purina, the care of dogs and cats is a top priority.

Care of Animals during Research

Nestlé Purina requires that any research involving animals respects the following:

- Research activities shall only consist of tests on cats and dogs that are used in routing veterinary home care and no invasive procedures that cause cats and dogs to suffer shall be used. No research shall require inducing disease in or the euthanasia of cats and dogs.
- Any research shall respect the principles of: replace (use research models not including animals), reduce (minimise and optimise number of tested animals) and refine (evolve the experimental procedures to suppress or reduce suffering and discomfort of animals), in compliance with the testing protocol agreed between the Parties and approved by Purina’s committee for the ethical treatment of animals and the relevant authorities;
- Ensuring the welfare of animals including proper housing, nutrition, care and humane handling and each animal is given individual attention and treated with respect;
- Ensuring that all personnel involved in animal research activities are properly trained to ensure that: they are competent in the care and handling of the animals and in the standard operating procedures required to complete the work, they are fully aware of the ethical issues involved in the use of animals, they demonstrate respect towards the animals in their care and they are aware of Purina’s requirements as defined in this Agreement; and
- Any research shall meet or exceed the standards of the applicable legislation.