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Dear Len:

I'm sure by now you've seen the *New York Times* article that described tests that were administered by Menu Foods (manufacturer for Iams and Eukanuba dog and cat food brands) in which seven out of 40 to 50 animals died after being deliberately fed toxic food ("Tests by Pet Food Maker Killed 7 Animals Before Recall," Mar. 20). This testing took place one week *after* your manufacturer began hearing from owners who said the food had made their pets ill.

To deliberately force healthy animals to eat contaminated and potentially lethal food is dead wrong. Histological analyses and necropsies of people's animal companions who died after eating the food should provide ample information in determining the etiology of the contaminant and possible solutions to fixing the problem. Further, there are non-animal test methods that could be employed, such as the functional gastro-intestinal dog model (FIDO) or TIM-1 and TIM-2 (small and large gastro-intestinal models).

We implore Iams to urge Menu Foods to immediately end its toxicity tests on healthy animals in favor of examining animals who have already ingested the contaminated food. In the event of any future incident of tainted products, please assure us that Iams (and Menu Foods) will not add to the body count—Iams' policy of non-lethal testing needs to be extended to the company's manufacturers and affiliates.

We also hope this tragic incident will serve as a wake-up call to Iams that it is time to abandon all laboratory testing on animals—your shameful purchase of animals from breeders in order to confine them in cages, when you could do the same tests in homes and with rescued animals, must be ended.

Thank you, Len, for your consideration, and I hope to hear your response soon.

Sincerely yours,

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