Exhibit A

Pet Care Ethical Policy

Nestlé Purina PetCare Company and its Affiliates ("Nestle 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 Nestle Purina, the care of dogs and cats is a top priority.

Care of Animals at Pet Care Development Centers

Nestle Purina maintains Pet Care Development Centers to better understand animal feeding behaviors and nutritional needs. These centers are designed to give the resident dogs and cat a comfortable and healthy environment. Each animal is given individual attention and treated with respect.

Research and Development involving cats and dogs

Nestle Purina will only conduct tests on dogs and cats that are used in routine veterinary home care. We do not support or use any invasive procedures that cause cats and dogs to suffer. In addition, we do not participate in any research that requires inducing disease in or the euthanasia of dogs and cats.

Nestle Purina fundamental responsibility is to provide palatable and nutritious products made to the highest standards of quality and safety. Our efforts are guided by a code of ethics that meets or exceeds the standards of the relevant legislations.