



February 8, 2005

Ms. Mary Beth Sweetland
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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
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Dear Mary Beth:

This responds to the letters we received from Mr. Shalin Gala of PETA on January 26, 2005 and from Mr. Chris Ford of PETA on January 10, 2005.

In his letter of January 26, Shalin states that dogs used in a gingivitis study at the University of Mississippi over five years ago were euthanized. This is incorrect. No dogs were euthanized following this study. The statement in the November 1999 protocol, which said that the animals would be euthanized, was an error that was corrected in the protocol for a follow-up study. In fact, these same dogs participated in the follow-up study and are still alive today.

It is unfortunate that Shalin continues to use his time to investigate studies conducted over five years ago in an attempt to find some negative information about lams. He does not need to waste his time. I can assure you that lams has upheld its moratorium on terminal research.

As I mentioned in my letter of January 5, 2005, PETA and P&G are making excellent progress in our program to fundamentally change how the EPA evaluates the safety of antimicrobial cleaning products. We still have much work to do and Shalin's expertise could be very valuable in moving this program forward.

In his letter of January 10, Chris asks several questions concerning lams' adoption program. We described this program at length in our letter of May 24, 2004 and refer you to that letter. Our destiny program began in July 2003 and to date 97% of the dogs or cats who have completed their work have been adopted, with a few remaining in our retirement program.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara J. Slatt

cc. Mr. Shalin Gala – PETA
Mr. Chris Ford - PETA