AAFCO PTP
Canned Pet Food Add-on Survey
For 2020
201497 Canned Cat Food

• Sent to the Animal Feed Scheme and Pet Food Scheme participants.
  • Animal Feed Scheme – 301 Labs
  • Pet Food Add-on – 217 Labs

• 47 labs reported results for this round.

• Low magnesium cat food produced by a manufacturer and donated to the program.

• Lots of left over cans. Offered as QRM. Sold some but not many. The rest had to be disposed of – no label plus magnesium as not up to label claim for cats. No expiration date on can (checked store brands for exp. date & we were outside dates). Issue of storage space.
• Pet Food Scheme Satisfaction Survey sent out March 2018 and presented at the Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale
• Request from a couple participants in the survey to add a canned pet food
• This request was also made by a couple participants at the 2018 annual meeting.
• Reviewed the background of the previous round and worked up some costs. Decided to send out the interest survey.
• And we want input from the committee
• 275 surveys sent out between the Animal Feed and Pet Food Schemes
  • 182 opened
  • 90 unopened (Some delivered to a Spam folder and others were they just ignored/deleted)
  • 3 bounced back
• 140 responses
• Open from October 1 to October 26 – sent out various reminders to recipients
Which AAFCO PT scheme(s) does your laboratory take part in?

- A total of 140 labs responded.
  - Pet Food Scheme: 9 labs
  - Animal Feed Scheme: 85 labs
  - Participate in both Pet Food and Animal Scheme: 45 labs
Are you interested in receiving a Canned Pet Food proficiency test round?

- Yes 51
- No 73
Are you willing to pay an additional fee for this add-on?

• Yes  36
• No    30
What packaging would be convenient for your laboratory? Please note that only one size container can be offered; however, numbers of containers received could vary.

- 6 13 oz cans. 22
- 12 13 oz cans 10
Discussion

• We need a minimum of 30 labs to participate (economics and costs).
• Instead of specialty prepped, purchase from market place (single lot)
• Work with PFI to obtain the lot.
• No specialty mix.