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Mars Petcare US Peanut Butter Quality

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Mars remains confident in the safety and quality of our products that contain peanut butter, including Mars Petcare products. All Mars Petcare products are safe to feed to pets. For any Mars product, Mars does not receive or process any peanuts or peanut butter from Peanut Corporation of America or King Nut, the companies involved in the FDA Salmonella investigation. In addition, we have not been asked by the FDA to recall any products in relation to the current investigation into Salmonella.

At Mars the health and well being of pets and their owners is of paramount importance to Mars, and we are committed to the highest standards of quality and safety. At Mars, we maintain a strict quality control program to ensure that our products leave our factories exceeding our high standards. Consumers can continue to have confidence in the quality of the entire Mars Petcare family of products.

Regards,

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