

CHARLES RIVER RMS ST-CONSTANT

PRE-CALAS SITE TOUR

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS

Time-Mated Rabbit Inappetence



Issue for Reproductive Toxicology Studies

- Historical inappetence rate (zero or low feed intake) ~20-30% upon arrival
- Led to increased quantity required as 'spares' on study to replace poor-eaters
- Animal welfare concerns
- Customer frustration as data 'noise' on FDA submitted study (post-market approval)

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Two Areas Identified to Solve Inappetence

- Petting program implemented (45-seconds/week of positive human interaction)
- Use of specially formulated supplement for herbivores (with Timothy Hay) DietGel® Criticare during transport
- Inappetence rates reduced significantly to 10% for first 6-months following implementation and 2% from 6-9 months post implementation (program ongoing)



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