

HAS YOUR CAT BEEN PLACED ON A  
CALORIE RESTRICTED DIET?

# We are looking for Volunteers!

Help our group at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Angell Animal Medical Center understand why some cats are better at losing weight after being placed on a diet!

We're looking for volunteers with a pet cat previously placed on a diet by their veterinarian after being diagnosed as overweight or obese (Body Condition Score of 6 or greater on a 9-point scale). Any reduced calorie diet qualifies (e.g., a diet prescribed by your veterinarian, a low-calorie diet that was purchased over-the-counter, or your cat was fed the same diet with reduced intake). **Cats are eligible whether or not they lost weight after dieting!** Additional eligibility criteria include: must be indoor-only, 4 to 11 years of age, have no known gastrointestinal disorders or recent lower gastrointestinal issues such as diarrhea, and given no antibiotics within the last 6 months.

Participant responsibilities include:

- Signing a virtual consent form
- A one-time stool sample collection from your pet
- Returning the sample and a brief questionnaire using a prepaid shipping label that we provide

If you'd like more information regarding the study,  
please contact our team!

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