Title: METHOD FOR INCREASING PET ACTIVITY

Abstract: A method for improving activity in a pet; especially elderly cats and dogs. The pets are administered to a nutritional agent which promotes the growth of bifido- and lactic-bacteria in the gastro-intestinal tract of the pet. The nutritional agent may be a prebiotic or a probiotic micro-organism, or both.
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