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**PETA WITHDRAWS 3 M SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTION
AFTER COMPANY IMPLEMENTS ANIMAL WELFARE
PROPOSAL**

Norfolk, Va. — Following negotiations with 3M, PETA has agreed to withdraw a shareholder resolution that the group planned to present at 3M's annual meeting in St. Paul tomorrow, May 9. PETA's resolution called on the company to formally adopt an animal welfare policy that would extend to its outside contract testing laboratories and include social and behavioral enrichment measures for the physical and psychological well-being of the animals used in the company's experiments.

3M has now posted its existing animal welfare policy on its Web site that includes these measures. The company has also agreed to publicly issue an annual report regarding compliance with the animal welfare policy and continue discussions with PETA on animal testing issues.

"We are delighted with 3M's response to our proposal," says PETA's director of regulatory testing, Jessica Sandler. "We look forward to working with 3M to ensure that the company uses as few animals as possible and leads the way in improving conditions for those animals who are still used."

Copies of the resolution are available upon request. For more information, please visit PETA.org.

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