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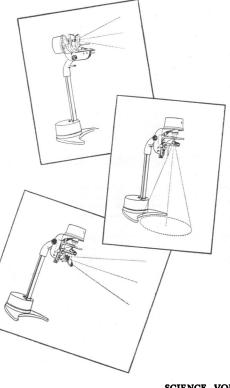
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HOW MUCH ESTROGEN ARE YOU FEEDING?



One of the big questions facing investigators today working with small animals is whether the diet they are using contains harmful levels of estrogenic activity.

We can well understand your concern because there have been some unfortunate instances where laboratory animal feeds have been contaminated with harmful levels of estrogen.

Actually, there are traces of estrogen in milk, meat, clover and other foods but they are in such small quantities that they are not harmful. Some of the more recently used feed ingredients, such as diethyl-stilbestrol can be harmful, however.

Purina has taken great pains in preventing estrogen contamination by means of several checks. In the first place, there is no stilbestrol or dinestral diacetate in the plant where Laboratory Chow is manufactured.

Secondly, Laboratory Chows are packed in specially lined paper bags which prevent contamination from other feeds in dealer's stores that contain stilbestrol.

Thirdly, as a final check on estrogenic activity, we run regular assays on Laboratory Chows as they are manufactured. The assays are showing only normal estrogenic activity, less than normally occurs in fresh milk.

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