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Shawn Underwood  
PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc.  
Customer Satisfaction Team  
9125 Rehco Road  
San Diego, CA 92121

Dear Mr. Underwood:

We at the Center for Food Safety applaud your decision not to sell the genetically engineered GloFish. In a recent Washington Post article, you explain that Petco has an ethical problem with altering the genetic make-up of a fish when the only purpose is for human pleasure. The Center for Food Safety agrees with your position and so do most American consumers.

In a recent poll, more than eight in ten American adults (84%) do not think companies should be allowed to genetically engineer animals for sale as pets. The Center for Food Safety is highly concerned about the sale of genetically engineered pet animals; however, we are encouraged to find that companies such as Petco are acting responsibly by not promoting the frivolous alteration of nature by selling the GloFish.

If you have an official company statement/policy on selling genetically engineered animals, we would appreciate a copy. Please let us know if we can provide you with any information about our work addressing the concerns with genetically engineered fish and animals.

Sincerely,

Tracie Letterman  
Fish Program Director