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Mrs. Ann Baker
156 Iowa Avenue
Riverside, California 92507

Dear Mrs. Baker:

I am writing to tell you what little we have found in our studies on the male and female Ragdoll cats you donated to the Stanford University Sleep Laboratory.

The cats arrived at our laboratory on the evening of December 7, 1972. During the next few days we observed their behavior in their individualized pens and in large areas suitable for exploring. We noted that they were frightened, but that they remained very gentle.

We examined the wakefulness-sleep cycles using EEG, EOG, and EMG recordings. No abnormalities were observed when the data were compared with records from our laboratory cats. The quantity and structure of sleep was unremarkable. No abnormal behavioral or electromyographic hypotonus was seen in the postural muscles. We found no anatomical abnormalities in the central nervous system.

I am sorry that we could not find physiological underpinnings for the behavioral characteristics reported for the Ragdoll breed. Thank you for co-operating with our research group.

Yours truly,

Merrill M. Mitler, Ph.D.
Director of Animal Sleep Research

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