

# Application Note



## **Instrument: FP528**

## **Nitrogen/Protein in Pet Food**

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### **Accessories**

502-186 Tin Foil Cups, 501-614 Spatula

### **Sample Weight**

0.2 to 0.35 g

### **Calibration Standard**

502-092 EDTA, 502-211 Glycine, or other suitable standard

### **Furnace Temperature**

950°C

### **Flow Profile**

All High

### **Atmospheric Blank (N)**

~0.04

### **Protein Factor**

~6.25\*

\*Protein factor was obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture, Circular No. 183. The choice of protein factor to be used for determining protein content in different materials is the subject of some debate. As a result, if being used for commerce, the value of this conversion factor should be part of the contractual agreement between buyer and seller.

### **Crucible Changing Interval**

200 to 300 analyses (using 614-961-110 Porous Crucible)

### **Analysis Time**

~170 seconds

### **Procedure**

1. Prepare the instrument by following the procedure as outlined in the operator's instruction manual (i.e. check gas supplies, perform any required maintenance, perform leak checks, etc.).
2. Analyze blanks (gas) until a plateau is reached. Analyze three to five additional blanks and set blank using these data.
3. Analyze five EDTA standards at 0.2 g and drift correct (if using the PC option). *NOTE: Each method on PC requires prior calibration with multiple weights of EDTA (0.035 to 0.4 g). If PC is not installed, analyze five EDTA standards and calibrate using the DSP screen menu.*
4. Weigh animal feed samples into a 502-186 Tin Foil Cup, seal tin foil to avoid trapping air, and analyze.
5. Analyze a standard at end of set to verify calibration.

## Typical Results

Sample	Weight (g)	% Nitrogen	% Protein
Pet Food #1	0.2047	2.79	17.43
	0.2423	2.76	17.25
	0.2176	2.76	17.25
	0.2575	2.77	17.34
	<b>Average</b>	<b>= 2.77</b>	<b>17.32</b>
	<b>Std. Dev.</b>	<b>= 0.014</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Pet Food #2	0.2359	3.58	22.35

0.2026	3.58	22.38
0.2193	3.60	22.50
0.2314	3.60	22.47
<b>Average</b>	<b>= 3.59</b>	<b>22.43</b>
<b>Std. Dev.</b>	<b>= 0.012</b>	<b>0.07</b>



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