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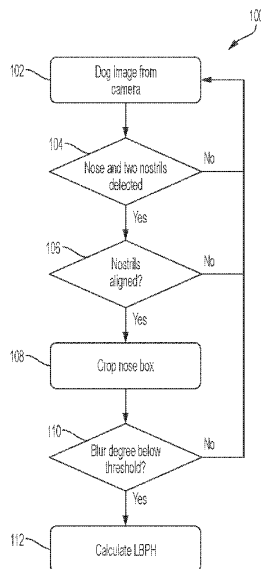


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method for identifying a pet via an image of a nose of the pet includes receiving at least one image comprising the nose of the pet, identifying the nose of the pet and nostrils of the nose in the at least one image, comparing a degree of alignment of the nostrils of the nose with a first threshold value, in accordance with the degree of alignment of the nostrils meeting the threshold value, determining a quality metric for at least a nose portion of the image, and in accordance with the quality meeting a second threshold value, determining a representation of features of the nose of the pet in the at least one image.

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