CLAIMS

1. The use of milk in the manufacture of a composition for preventing or reducing the symptoms of lactose intolerance in an animal, where the composition contains beta-casein, and where the beta-casein comprises at least 75% by weight beta-casein A2.

2. The use as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beta-casein comprises at least 90% by weight beta-casein A2.

3. The use as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the beta-casein comprises 100% beta-casein A2.

4. The use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the composition is milk or a milk product.

5. The use as claimed in claim 4, wherein the milk is fresh milk, milk powder, liquid milk reconstituted from powder, skim milk, homogenised milk, condensed milk, evaporated milk, pasteurised milk, or non-pasteurised milk.

6. The use as claimed in claim 4, wherein the milk product is cream, yoghurt, quark, cheese, butter, or ice cream.

7. The use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the symptoms of lactose intolerance include one or more of abdominal bloating and cramps, flatulence, diarrhoea, nausea, rumbling stomach, and vomiting.

8. The use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the prevention or reduction of the symptoms of lactose intolerance is an acute response to consumption of the composition by the animal.

9. The use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the composition predisposes the animal to preventing or reducing the symptoms of lactose intolerance on future exposure to lactose.

10. The use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the animal is a human, dog, or cat.

11. A composition for preventing or reducing the symptoms of lactose intolerance in an animal which composition contains beta-casein and where the beta-casein comprises at least 75% by weight beta-casein A2.