

Cat face detection helps track the health of multiple pets



Facial recognition isn't solely capable of identifying humans, as proved by ideas such as [PiP](#) — the database that uses the technology to reunite lost pets with their owners. Now Taiwan's [Bistro](#) is a feeding device that uses facial recognition to track the unique health metrics of individual cats.

Cats are individuals just like people, and they each have their own dietary needs according to their personal health. Bistro is a smart food hopper that is capable of holding water and feed, as well as tracking exactly how much cats take each time they use it. The device features a scale, which weighs the cat when they take food, as well as a camera that detects exactly which cat is using it. With the Bistro smartphone app, owners can accurately track what each of their cats is taking from the machine, even if they're away from the house. They can create profiles for each of their cats and track monitor their weight over time, letting them catch diet abnormalities early or ensure their pets don't get overweight. The camera also enables owners to watch their cats while they're out.

Watch the video below to see Bistro in action:

Cat owners are obsessed with their animals and Bistro helps them to connect with the cats intimately at all times. The device is available to pre-order through [Indiegogo](#) for the special price of USD 179 until 14 August. Are there other human technologies that could benefit pets?

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