PETERS angora

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As a manufacturer of branded products, our company is characterized by the highest quality premises: From raw material procurement to refinement and processing to the completion of quality products.

Our company works under the following sustainability standards. We produce our products in one location, with very short distances, and can therefore produce with very low emissions.

For our entire range we use only Angora hair from shorn Angora rabbits. Angora rabbits are very sensitive, which is why they can only be kept in temperate climates. Therefore, most of the breedings are located in the Asian and South American regions. Since Angora rabbit breeders live on the quality and quantity of Angora hair, they take great care that the Angora rabbits are doing well. In order to "produce" good hair, the animals get especially varied food and are kept in airy, clean stalls (with an intermediate floor to drain the feces). Since much of our washing retains the natural color of the angora wool without additional dyeing or treatment, contamination of the hair by feces or blood would render the angora wool useless to us.

The rabbits are sheared only 3 - 4 times a year. Shearing usually takes about 10-15 minutes and is done electrically or by hand shears. Since the animals are accustomed to dealing with people, you will remain sitting quietly during the shearing - therefore tying is not necessary. The rabbit does not feel any pain during the shearing, also a residual hair coat of about 1 cm remains, so that the animal does not freeze even in low temperatures. Since an Angora rabbit can provide good quality hair for many years if sheared regularly, every producer has a great interest in the health of the animals. Angora rabbits are therefore not slaughtered after shearing, similar to sheep, of course.

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However, in order to be really sure that our angora wool is indeed pure sheared angora hair,

it is regularly examined by an independent laboratory. Here, the smooth cut surface of

Peters GmbH • Bolstraße 32 • 72459 Albstadt shorn Angora hair can be clearly seen under the scanning microscope. So far, we have not had any reason to complain to any of our hair suppliers.

## The Caregora seal of approval

## Certified angora wool with test seal

However, in order to obtain even more security when purchasing angora wool, Medima and Petersangora relies on sustainably certified angora fibers. The new "Caregora" seal stands for controlled, trustworthy angora farms that meet both the European Standards for Animal Husbandry and the even stricter Animal Welfare Code of the English Ministry of Agriculture.



These high testing standards guarantee that our branded products truly contain only the highest quality hair from shorn Angora rabbits.

Independent, globally active testing companies from UL (Underwriters Laboratories) test and confirm compliance with the standards. In addition to the guidelines for animal husbandry, feeding and care, there are clear specifications for shearing. This way, Medima and Petersangora can be sure to process responsibly sourced angora wool. In addition, all our products are inspected and certified annually according to the strict OEKOtex 100 standard.

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