Automated Pet Feeder – Part 1 (Problem Analysis)

Problem Statement:

A low-cost feeder for cats and dogs that can:

- Dispense food at set times.
- Check if food was eaten.
- Alert staff if there's a problem.

Assumptions:

- Uses cheap parts (servo motor, sensors).
- One type of dry food.
- Power from wall socket.
- Simple daily schedule.

Inputs:

- Feeding times.
- Portion size.
- Sensor data (food in hopper, food in bowl, food eaten).

Outputs:

- Motor turns to dispense food.
- Alerts (buzzer/light).
- Feeding log.

Simple Diagram:

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[User] → [Controller] → [Motor/Dispenser] → [Bowl] \uparrow \qquad \downarrow [Sensors] [Alerts]
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