The prototype was tested under various simulated conditions to ensure that it met the specific requirements. Test cases included normal feeding cases, scenarios where there was uneaten food, instances where the food level dropped in the storage, etc. The system had successfully dispensed the food, alerted the staff when required. The results indicate that the prototype operates reliably within the defined limitations and assumptions. Thus, it is suitable for the intended purpose.

Test Scenario	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Discussion of Logic	System Refinements
Pet eats as expected	Time = 10:00, Food level =100%, Bowl weight unchanged after 15 minutes	Food dispensed, no alert	Same as expected	System correctly matched time, dispensed food and detected empty bowl	No change required
Pet does not eat	Time = 10:00, Food level =100%, Current bowl weighs more than the empty bowl after 15 minutes	Alert staff	Same as expected	System correctly detected the uneaten food in the bowl	Automatic removal of food can be added and triggered every time there is uneaten food left
Food bin is empty/almost empty	Time = 10:00, Food level <= 1 serving	Alert staff	Same as expected	System correctly detected the low food level, did not dispense food and alerted staff	Automatic refill of food can be added
Pet eats partially	Time = 10:00, Food level =80%, Current bowl weighs more than the empty bowl after 15 minutes	Alert staff	Same as expected	System correctly detected the uneaten food in the bowl	Automatic removal of food can be added and triggered every time there is uneaten food left

Buzzer failure	Time = 08:00, Food level = 0%, no power in the buzzer	Alert Staff	Did not alert	Alert system is fully dependent buzzer; no backup	Alerting the staff over Wi-Fi or SMS can be added
Food level borderline	Food level = 1 serving exactly	Alert staff	Alert Staff	System correctly handles boundary and ensures no missed alert	No change required
Dispenser malfunction	Motor fails to activate	Alert staff	Did not alert	System is not programmed for alerting the staff regarding this matter	Add post-dispense verification step: compare bowl weight before/after; if no change, trigger hardware fault alert to staff.
Due to technical errors, it dispenses more than 10% of the original amount of the food	Time = 18:00, Food level = 8% of the original amount of food	Alert staff to refill	Same as expected	System correctly handles it and ensures no missed alert	No change required
The Persistent Unattended Alert	Pet does not eat, staff does not respond	System enters WHILE loop, alerts every minute indefinitely	Same as expected	Prioritizes feeding schedule and so continuously alerts staff till refilled. Risks battery drain.	Add alert escalation: after 15 mins, send critical alert or enter fault mode to conserve power.
The Power Outage / System Reboot Test	Power loss at 12:05 during wait period	System reboots and forgets it was mid-cycle. Uneaten food from 12:00 is never checked	Same as expected	Demonstrates stateless design. No memory of prior operations after reboot.	Use EEPROM to store current state. On reboot, resume previous task

The test case scenarios and all the respective necessary information are given below.

Testing Methodology:

- Tested each part separately, like the clock, weight sensor, food sensor, buzzer, and motor

- Tested everything together to make sure the timing, food dispensing, and alerts work well as a team

- Checked important limit points, like exact feeding times, when food level hits 10% of the original food amount, and when the bowl is empty

- Pretended things could go wrong (like broken parts or software errors) to see if the system can handle problems

System Refinements:

- Added extra alerts that can send notifications over a network, just in case

- Made the system check after dispensing food to catch any dispenser problems

- Added automatic cleaning to remove leftover food so people don't have to do it manually

- Started keeping logs of feeding times, errors, and maintenance to help track everything easily

- Add alert escalation: after 15 mins, send critical alert or enter fault mode to conserve power

- Use EEPROM to store current state in order to resume previous task on reboot