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Two Human Illnesses in Ohio Linked to Salmonella in Recalled Dog Food

State agencies urge safe handling of pet food

COLUMBUS- Following the announcement of human illnesses linked to the *Salmonella* Infantis outbreak associated with dog food, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture are encouraging safe handling of pet food.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced yesterday evening](#) it is working with public health departments to investigate 14 human illnesses in nine states that are linked to the recalled pet food. Two of the cases are in Ohio: a 74 year old female in Franklin County and a 4 month old female in Morrow County.

Humans can become ill by handling pet products contaminated with *Salmonella*, and by coming in contact with pets or with surfaces that have been contaminated. Hand washing is the most effective way to prevent illness. Wash hands for 20 seconds with hot running water and soap:

- Before and after handling pet foods and treats
- After petting, touching, handling, or feeding pets, and especially after contact with feces
- Before preparing your own food and before eating

Because infants and children are especially susceptible to foodborne illness, keep them away from areas where pets are fed. Never allow them to touch or eat pet food. Surfaces exposed to the product should also be properly cleaned.

Human symptoms of *Salmonella* infection include fever and gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain. People with these symptoms should contact their healthcare providers. Gastrointestinal illness may become severe and lead to hospitalization. In these patients, the *Salmonella* infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream, and then to other body sites and can cause death unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.

Salmonella can also sicken animals who eat food that is contaminated. Pets with *Salmonella* infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, contact your veterinarian.

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Recalled Dog Food Includes:

Product Name	Bag Size	Production Code	“Best Before” Date
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	40 lb.	DPP0401B22XJW	6-Apr-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	40 lb.	DPP0401A21XAW	6-Apr-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	40 lb.	DPP0101C31XME	11-Jan-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	40 lb.	DPP0401B21XDJ	7-Apr-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	20 lb.	DPP0401B22XJW	6-Apr-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	20 lb.	DPP0101C31XME	11-Jan-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	20 lb.	DPP0101C31XRB	11-Jan-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	8 lb.	DPP0401B2XALW	7-Apr-2013
Diamond Puppy Formula dry dog food	6 oz. samples	DPP0401	
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul Adult Light Formula – dry dog food	35 lb.	CLF0102B31XCW	27/JAN/2013
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul Adult Light Formula – dry dog food	35 lb.	CLF0102B31XCW	28/JAN/2013
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul Adult Light Formula – dry dog food	35 lb.	CLF0102B32XWR	28/JAN/2013
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul Adult Light Formula – dry dog food	6 lb.	CLF0102B3XALW	28/JAN/2013
Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice	40 lb.	DLR0101C31XMF	03 Jan 2013
Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice	40 lb.	DLR0101C31XAG	03 Jan 2013
Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice	40 lb.	DLR0101D32XMS	04 Jan 2013
Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice	20 lb.	DLR0101C31XAG	03 Jan 2013
Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice	6 lb.	DLR0101D3XALW	04 Jan 2013

Additional information on recalls and food safety are available online:

- Ohio Department of Health www.odh.ohio.gov
- Ohio Department of Agriculture www.agri.ohio.gov
- Diamond Pet Foods www.diamondpet.com 1-800-442-0402
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls