

Dry Dog Food Recall Expands— Potential Salmonella Contamination Issues That Can Affect People

—WTAM, Local News, May 2012

(Columbus) — Diamond Pet Foods announced that it is expanding a voluntary recall to include batches of nine brands of dry pet food formulas manufactured between December 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012 due to potential *Salmonella* contamination.

In April 2012, Diamond Pet Foods initiated three voluntary recalls of Diamond manufactured dry dog food. Although none of the additional products being recalled have tested positive for *Salmonella*, the company is pulling them from store shelves as a precaution.

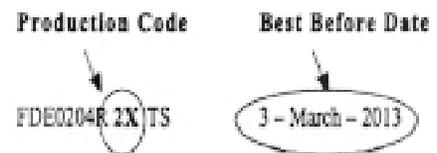
Diamond Pet Foods is coordinating efforts with federal and state health and regulatory agencies and decided to independently expand the recall to ensure the safety and well-being of customers and their pets.

The company stated: "We have taken corrective actions at our Gaston, South Carolina, facility and voluntarily expanded the recall out of concern for our customers and their pets." Brands included in the recall are:

- Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul
- Country Value
- Diamond
- Diamond Naturals
- Premium Edge
- Professional
- 4Health
- Taste of the Wild

To determine if their pet food is recalled, consumers should check the production code on their bag. If the code has a "2" or "3" in the 9th position AND an "X" in the 10th or 11th position, the product is affected by the recall. The best-before dates for the

recalled products are December 9, 2012 through April 7, 2013. The following graphic illustrates how to read the production code and best-before date:



Diamond Pet Foods apologizes for any issues this may cause consumers and their pets. The company is working with distributors and retailers to ensure all affected products are removed from shelves.

Pets with *Salmonella* infections may have decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. If left untreated, pets may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. 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, please contact your veterinarian.

Individuals handling dry pet food can become infected with *Salmonella*, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with surfaces exposed to this product. People who believe they may have been exposed to *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have received a limited number of reports of salmonellosis, the illness caused by *Salmonella*. We are working with the CDC, but due to patient confidentiality, we cannot comment further.

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A Well-Socialized Puppy

Dogs are a lot like children. They're adventuresome and curious. They're capable of getting into things they shouldn't and are known for having selective hearing when it suits their fancy. They're fun to be around, and they easily take your mind off the troubles of the day. They will comfort you when you're sad, often innately knowing when to lie quietly at your side.

Now we, as experienced dog trainers, know that puppies require a lot of work. But do you know just what it takes to help a new puppy develop into a well-socialized dog? Here's a list of activities compiled by Pat Scott, Dee Dee Rose, Judy Burch and Cheryl May. They suggest handing this list out during the first week of puppy class and telling the class that the first person to return the list with the most things checked off will win a prize. Pat Hastings has a similar list of activities she suggests for new puppies.

- Meet a horse.
- Meet a cat.
- Meet a goose.
- Meet a goat.
- Meet some penned quail.
- Meet some pigeons in a coop.
- Meet a baby pig.
- Meet a man with a beard.
- Meet a man with a cowboy hat.
- Meet a toddler.
- Meet a person of another race.
- Walk on bubble wrap.
- Ride on an elevator.
- Visit a house they've never been in.
- Get treats on the vet's table.
- Get treats on a groomer's table.
- Go on a boat ride.
- Go on a car ride.
- Walk near a bus.
- Walk over an exercise pen (or a grate) that's flat on the ground.
- Go up and down stairs.
- Walk on a moving surface, like a buja board or a low teeter-totter.
- Walk on a narrow board placed up off the ground on bricks.
- Walk up to a mailbox (a big mailbox, not at home) and get a treat.
- Get treats while being exposed to helium-filled balloons.
- Walk in very tall grass. (Leashes swoosh the grass and some dogs are startled by the sound.)
- Walk up to an open umbrella.
- Open an umbrella very slowly in the puppy's sight.
- Walk near a small fan, then a medium fan and then a large one.
- Visit playgrounds or preschool areas where children are squealing.
- Use the small children's playground equipment! Some have swinging bridges, ladders to climb, slides to go down and tires to jump through.
- Walk near sprinklers.
- Walk past a fire hydrant.
- Run a blender, food processor or some other noisy appliance with the puppy nearby.
- Enjoy the sounds of metal baking pans clattering around.

Realistically, it could take you the entire first year of the puppy's life to work through this list. You can probably think of some items to add to it.

The bottom line is if you want a well-adjusted, confident dog you must constantly expose him to new things as a puppy.

Urgent Warning...

Kids are putting Drano, tin foil, and a little water in plastic drink bottles and capping it up (then leaving it on lawns, in mail boxes, in gardens, on driveways, etc.) just waiting for you to pick it up intending to put it in the rubbish, but you'll never make it!!!

If the bottle is picked up, and the bottle is shaken even just a little, in about 30 seconds or less it builds up enough gas that then explodes with enough force to remove some of your extremities. The liquid that comes out is boiling hot as well.

Don't pick up any plastic bottles that may be lying in your yards or in the gutter, etc.

Pay attention to this: if you find a plastic bottle with a cap, a little Drano, a little water, a small piece of foil and you disturb it by moving it... BOOM!! No fingers may be left and other serious effects may occur to your face, eyes, etc.

For verification and more information, go to <http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/bottlebomb.asp>.

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2012 Major League Baseball Dog-Friendly Events



Four-legged friends are now invited to join in on the fun at the ball park! What dog doesn't love a good major league baseball game? These events provide your furry companion with an exciting day out to meet other dogs in the area, and some of the teams even raise money for shelters and homeless dogs.

—PetVR.com, <http://www.petvr.com>

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SHELTIES AND RATTLESNAKES

When a rattlesnake strikes an unprotected dog and venom is injected, the toxins in the snake's venom are very painful and can have serious consequences. Even if your dog survives the immediate effects of a rattlesnake's bite, he or she can be permanently injured by the toxic venom.

The snake's venom is made up of a mixture of toxins that spread through a dog's body rapidly. Treatment for a snake bite may include costly anti-venom injections, even though the use of anti-venom is associated with an increased risk of adverse reactions that can complicate your dog's recovery. Other added costs for snake-bite treatment include costly hospitalization, fluids, a number of medications and sometimes even surgery.

The rattlesnake vaccine works by stimulating an animal's immunity to defend against potentially harmful agents. The vaccine is intended to help create an immunity that will protect your dog from the venom.

The dangers of rattlesnake venom can be greatly decreased by vaccinating your dog against rattlesnakes.

Even if vaccinated against rattlesnakes, your dog needs to be seen by a veterinarian if bitten by a rattlesnake.

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Secure electrical cords to baseboards or make them inaccessible. If your pet chews on them, he can suffer electric shock or burns and may even die. To hide cords that can't be made inaccessible, you can place paper towel or toilet tissue cardboard rolls over the cords. Place construction cardboard on walls over cords.

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Sweepstakes: Irene M. Latchford

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Orlando, FL

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Conformation: Peggy Hauck

Sweepstakes: David Stout

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Conformation: Chris Lynch

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<http://www.doggieolympicgames.com>

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http://opwa.com/html/garlic_fest.html

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