

More Cat Food Recalled

Royal Canin says Medi-Cal Feline Dissolution Formula might be contaminated.

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Pet food company Royal Canin Canada says it is recalling all of its Medi-Cal Feline Dissolution Formula prescription canned cat food because one production lot contains contaminated wheat gluten.

This product is produced for Royal Canin Canada by the Ontario, Canada, plant of Menu Foods, the company that's recalling nearly 100 pet food products because of a contamination of the industrial plastic melamine in wheat gluten used in many pet food products.

"After being repeatedly reassured by Menu Foods ... that none of the contaminated wheat gluten had made its way to Canada, we were completely shocked to learn yesterday that this was not the case," Royal Canin Canada CEO Xavier Unkovic said.

"Once melamine was identified as a contaminant by the FDA on March 30, we immediately implemented a screening program for raw materials and finished goods including Feline Dissolution. Feline Dissolution canned product in our warehouse tested negative for melamine. Unfortunately, the one code lot of Feline Dissolution Formula canned that was affected had already been shipped," Unkovic said.

Royal Canin says that its Medi-Cal Feline Dissolution Formula product is the company's only wheat gluten-containing canned product; therefore, it is the only Royal Canin or Medi-Cal product being recalled.

Royal Canin Canada says it has already informed all Canadian veterinary clinics that Medi-Cal Feline Dissolution Formula -- which is prescribed only through veterinary clinics and not available via retail outlets -- should not be fed to cats.

Although only one production lot is believed to be affected, Royal Canin Canada says that to eliminate any risks to cats, it is proactively advising veterinary clinics to remove all of the Feline Dissolution Formula cans.

To date, the company says it has not received any reports of illness in cats eating the product, but that it will provide financial reimbursement for veterinary costs to veterinary clinics that treat any animals made sick by the product.

Pet owners who are feeding the recalled product to their cats and have questions related to the recall can contact Royal Canin toll-free at (866) 494-6844.

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