

## Rat Poison Blamed for Contaminated Pet Food

**The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets says lab tests discovered the toxin.**

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Rat poison found in the pet food recalled by Menu Foods Inc., last week might be to blame for the recent deaths of dogs and cats across the United States and Canada, according to a report today by the Associated Press.

The report said that state laboratory tests this week found rodent poison in the food, according to a N.Y. State Department of Agriculture and Markets spokesperson. The agency is expected to unveil its findings later today.

Nearly 100 brands of pet food, including those carried by Wal-Mart, Safeway and well-known name brands Iams and Eukanuba, were affected by the March 16 recall that has caused at least 16 confirmed pet deaths, which is a number that is expected to climb.

A list of the recalled brands is available [here](#).

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is still investigating the situation.

Owners of pets affected by the recalled pet foods who wish to report the incident should contact the Food and Drug Administration through its website to find the FDA complaint coordinator in their state.

To see all of CatChannel's pet food recall updates, [click here](#).