

## Salmonella Contamination Forces Pet Treats Recall

### **Eight In One recalls jerky treats for cats and dogs.**

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Pet food company Eight in One recalls jerky treats for fear of Salmonella contamination, which can cause lethargy, fever, diarrhea and vomiting in cats. Pet food company Eight In One is recalling its Dingo Chick'n Jerky treats due to concerns that the food could be contaminated with Salmonella.

The affected products were sold at various retailers in the United States and Canada. The products subject to recall are Dingo Kitty Chicken Jerky 1.5 oz. for cats, Dingo Chick'n Jerky 3.5 oz. and 8 oz. for dogs and Dingo Ferret Chicken Jerky 1.5 oz for ferrets.

Laboratory testing has shown that some samples of these chicken jerky treats were contaminated with Salmonella. The company is recalling the products "out of an abundance of caution," Eight In One says.

The company has received one report of Salmonellosis in a dog. There are no reports of human illness.

Salmonella can potentially be transferred to people handling these pet treats, especially if they haven't thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to the products.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Animals that appear well can be carriers and infect other animals or humans.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella can have some or all symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.

Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including infections, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

These products are being removed from retail stores. Consumers should immediately stop feeding the treats to their pets and discard the unused portion.

Consumers can obtain information on receiving refunds by contacting the Eight In One consumer affairs department at (888) 232-9889.