

Blue Buffalo Kitten Dry Food Recalled

Rice protein concentrate could be contaminated.

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The Blue Buffalo Co. is voluntarily recalling one production run of its Spa Select Kitten dry food because of possible contamination.

In a notice posted on the company's website April 19, Bill Bishop, company president, explained that rice protein concentrate used in the recalled run of food was obtained by Wilbur-Ellis, the same company that supplied a tainted ingredient to the Natural Balance pet food company.

"Test results received ... indicated that this rice protein concentrate tested positive for melamine. This is the first and only time our manufacturing partner sourced an ingredient from Wilbur-Ellis, and we had no knowledge that they had imported the ingredients from China," Bishop stated in the notice.

The production code on the recalled product is: "Best Used By Mar. 07 08 B."

Anyone with a bag of Spa Select Kitten dry food is asked to check the code date, and if it matches the one above, discontinue use immediately, and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Blue Buffalo says it has advised the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) of the finding and is working closely with the FDA on the issue. No other Spa Select cat food or dog food, canned or dry, is included in this recall.

Of the 4,752 bags produced in the run, Blue Buffalo said it was able to prevent the majority from entering retail distribution and that it's working with retailers to remove this product and re-stock shelves with non-recalled Spa Select Kitten dry food as soon as possible.

If your cat has eaten any of the recalled food, please call a veterinarian immediately to discuss if there are any risks to your pet.

Anyone with questions is advised to call Blue Buffalo's customer service department at (800) 919-2833 or email the company.

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