

## Dog and Cat Foods Recalled

**Manufacturer is running tests because of animal sickness and death complaints.**

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Dog and cat food manufacturer Menu Foods has launched a massive recall of its "cuts and gravy" style wet pet food because of several animals getting sick — and some dying — after eating the products.

Kidney failure cases and about 10 deaths have been reported so far. The illnesses are attributed to Menu Brands food produced at the Ontario-based company's Kansas facility between Dec. 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007, according to the company.

As of March 19, the company said it is still conducting tests to find reasons behind the illnesses. At least one dog and nine cats have died from kidney failure resulting from eating the product, according to the company, while numerous pet illnesses have been reported.

The dog and cat food recall includes an extensive list of brand names and lot numbers. To determine whether a cat or dog food is subject to recall, consumers should refer to the comprehensive list of products here. These brands include certain Iams and Eukanuba pet food products.

Consumers who have one or more of the products being recalled are advised to stop using it and return it to Menu Foods in accordance with a procedure detailed here.

Menu Foods says it voluntarily recalled the products after receiving complaints of vomiting and renal failure in dogs and cats following their consumption of the product. Following feedings of the product, some cats and dogs exhibited loss of appetite, lethargy and vomiting, and others died from renal failure.

Any dog or cat showing signs of kidney failure, including lethargy and vomiting, should be taken to a veterinarian immediately.

Menu Foods manufactures a number of different pet foods that are sold at massive retailers, such as Wal-Mart and Safeway. The pet foods also are sold through pet specialty companies, such as PetSmart, Iams, Hills Pet Nutrition and Purina PetCare.

In response to the recall, P&G Pet Care in Dayton, Ohio, which contracts with Menu Foods to produce certain foods, recalled potentially affected products in the United States and Canada. Specific products include 3-oz., 5.5-oz, 6-oz., and 13.2-oz cans and 5.3-oz. foil pouches of Iams and Eukanuba cat and dog foods made by Menu Foods.

P&G's dog and cat food recall includes discontinuation of all affected products' retail sales and product retrieval from consumers.

Affected products are marked with a date code of 6339 through 7073, and a plant code of 4197, P&G reported.

On cans, the date code is the first four numbers in the second line of numbers on the bottom of the can, and the plant code is the next four numbers.

On pouches, the date and plant codes appear in the third group of numbers, beginning an 11-digit sequence. For illustrated details, visit Iams' website or Eukanuba's website.

[Click here for the list of recalled cat food brands.](#)