

Diamond Recalls 3 Canned Pet Food Items

Products might be contaminated with melamine.

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Diamond Pet Foods recalled three canned pet food products after learning that the items might be contaminated by melamine, the chemical implicated in the recent rash of pet illnesses and deaths.

The recall was initiated April 26, 2007, by the Meta, Missouri-based company. The recalled items are:

Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul Kitten Formula 5.5 oz. cans with a "best by" date of Aug. 15, 2008 to April 15, 2009.

Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul Puppy Formula 13 oz. cans with a "best by" date of Aug. 21, 2008 to April 15, 2009.

Diamond Lamb & Rice Formula for Dogs 13 oz. cans with a "best by" date of Aug. 21, 2009 to April 15, 2010.

The recipe for these products, manufactured by Ogden, Utah-based American Nutrition Inc., does not include rice protein concentrate, according to a Diamond spokesperson. At this time, it appears that a manufacturing mistake on the part of American Nutrition caused rice protein concentrate tainted with melamine to be added to the Diamond food items, the spokesperson said.

Notification of the possible error by American Nutrition caused Diamond to issue the recall, the company said. It was not aware of any pet illnesses at the time.

Diamond manufactures many of its foods at its own three manufacturing plants in the United States, it said, but American Nutrition manufactures some of its canned products. American Nutrition was not immediately available for comment.

According to its website, American Nutrition produces more than 290,000 tons of pet food and snacks each year.

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