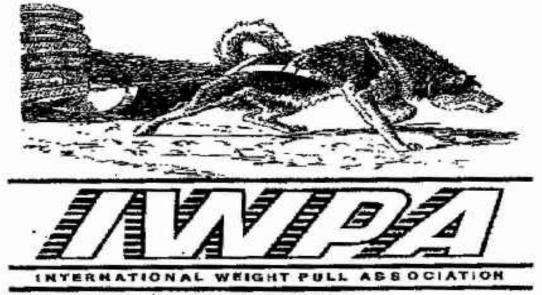
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Terry Reed

And we are off. Here we are beginning another *IWPA* season.

I have seen on TV and read that during the Pandemic more people than usual got dogs. I also have heard that when the country began to open up the Animal Shelters and rescues were overwhelmed with dogs being surrendered.

Before or after events we can encourage dog owners to give pulling a try. Amateur events could be done to try and generate interest.

This could present a great opportunity for *IWPA*. By being good ambassadors of the sport we can reach out and attempt to show new dog owners an activity for their dogs.

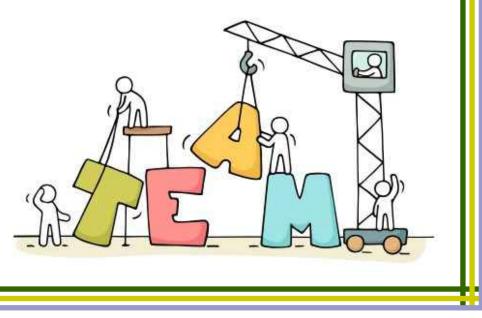
This has potential to be a great situation all around. Not only could we see an increase in membership, dogs could be saved from being sent to shelters and rescues.

Use your imagination. I'm sure there are other ideas you may have along these lines.

Enjoy the new season and keep it fun for all.

Terry Reed IWPA President

#### Together we can build a better *IWPA*



## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR STATISTICIAN Jean Wilson

In an effort to do my job for you as accurately as possible, please be sure your dog's name is documented the same for all events. (e.g. Holley vs. Holly) If your dog's name is spelled incorrectly for any events submitted, the event organizer will need to contact me to have a correction made. This is critical so that you don't have a dog with 2 sets of points, potentially making you miss out on medals, working dog degrees or even a Championship invitation.

Keep in mind, it's my job to document the statistics as they are presented to me by your organizers, so I can't just arbitrarily make changes. Also, be sure to watch your event results <u>during the season</u> and contact your event organizer if you see anything in question so they can contact me as soon as possible if a correction needs to be made.

Now, let's go out there and have a great pulling season with our dogs and friends!

Jean Wilson IWPA Statistician

### FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIR Rodney Martin

This year the Mid-East District Region 4 (consisting of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Manitoba), Region 6 (consisting of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio) and Region 8 (consisting of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas) are eligible to put in a bid for championships to be postmarked by SEPTEMBER 15.

If no bids are received or chosen, the bid will then go out to any region who would like to host the championships. Open bids must be received by the Championship Chair by December 1st.

Please reach out to Rodney Martin at 970-396-0284 or email at <u>fivemkennel@gmail.com</u> for questions or for a championship organizer packet.



## PULL CALENDAR

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September 6, 2021	
	er at the Farm Pull
	dbury, Tennessee (2044 Hurricane Creek Rd)
Wheels : Mon	9/6/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: Contacts <sup>:</sup>	Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]
Chief Judge:	Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]
Prizes:	1st-3rd Rosettes, MWP + BBP
Novice Info:	Novice pull after Sanctioned pull
Comments:	Novice class held after Sanctioned Pull. Harnesses available to borrow.
Sponsors:	
Lodging: Directions:	When using GPS use only TN-53 or TN-96 do NOT use Wilson Hollow rd.
Directions.	
September 17 - 18,	2021
Samoved	Club of America Pull
	d Grove Regional Park 501 N 14th Ave Greeley Co
Wheels : Fri	9/17/2021 Weigh-in: 4:30 PM 5:30 PM Pull Start: 5:30 PM
Wheels : Sat	9/18/2021 Weigh-in: 4:30 PM 5:30 PM Pull Start: 5:30 PM
Fees:	10
Contacts:	Bob Sencenbaugh, 303-774-8824 [starcneywsx@msn.com]
Chief Judge:	Bob Sencenbaugh, 303-774-8824 [starcneywsx@msn.com]
Prizes: Novice Info:	Ribbons, and Trophy for 2-day combined MWP
Comments:	
Sponsors:	Samoyed Club of America
Lodging:	
Directions:	
September 25 - 26,	2021
Jackass F	Flats Pull
	Reynoldson Rd Gates Nc
Wheels : Sat	9/25/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Wheels : Sun	9/26/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees:	10.00
Contacts:	Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net]
Chief Judge: Prizes:	Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net] Trophies For MWP/ Percentage/ Certificates for all places
Novice Info:	
Comments:	
Sponsors:	MAWP, Harnesses by Carol, Tidewater Block
Lodging:	
Directions:	
October 9, 2021	
Fall Madn	less PM
	sky, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)
Wheels : Sat	10/9/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM 12:00 PM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Fees:	\$15/\$10
Contacts:	Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]
Chief Judge:	Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]
Prizes: Novice Info:	TBD
Comments:	PM pull to start 1 hour after AM pull but not before 1 pm. There will be a potluck between pulls.
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Sponsors: Lodging: Directions:

October 23, 2021

#### **Buttes Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull AM**

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave)

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Wheels : Sat 10/23/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:45 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM \$20.00 Fees: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311 Contacts: Chief Judge: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311 Prizes: TBD, Certificates and More Novice Info: Comments: Awards presented at 8 PM Saturday. Must be present to win awards. At MacKenzie River Pizza, Ashton Room Sponsors: MacKenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores, Rocky Mountain Working Dogs Lodging: Directions:

October 23, 2021

### **Buttes Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull PM**

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave) Wheels : Sat 10/23/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:45 AM Pull Start: 12:00 PM Fees: \$20.00 Contacts: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311 Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311 Chief Judge: Prizes: **TBD** Certificates and More Novice Info: Comments: Awards will be presented Saturday night at 8 pm. Must be present to win awards. At MacKenzie River Pizza. Sponsors: MacKenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores and Rocky Mountain Working Dogs Lodging: Directions:

October 23 - 24, 2021

### **Jackass Flats Pull**

Region: 7 Gates, North Carolina (440 Reynoldson Rd) 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM Wheels : Sat 10/23/2021 Weigh-in: Wheels : Sun 10/24/2021 Weigh-in: Fees<sup>.</sup> 10 00 Contacts: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net] Chief Judge: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net] Trophies for MWP, Percentage, Certificates for all classes Prizes: Novice Info: Comments: Sponsors: Harnesses by Carol, MAWP, Tidewater Block Lodging: Directions:

October 24, 2021

#### Butte Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave)

Wheels : Sun10/24/2021Weigh-in:8:30 AM--8:45 AMPull Start:9:00 AMFees:20.00Contacts:Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311Chief Judge:Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311Prizes:TBD, Certificates and MoreNovice Info:Comments:Sponsors:Mackenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores, Rocky Mountain working dogsLodging:Directions:

## FDA Issues Important Warning to Maker of 12 Dog Food Brands



Image: KWTV Channel 9 Oklahoma City

August 17, 2021 — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a <u>formal warning</u> to Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., maker of **12 pet food brands and sub-brands**, after inspections of manufacturing plants revealed **serious violations**.

The FDA claims conditions at the firm's facilities likely <mark>contributed to the **illness** or **death** of hundreds of dogs and cats.</mark>

### What Caused the FDA's Action?

According to the FDA...

by the FDA.

"Analysis of these subsequent samples found that additional SPORTMIX branded products, spanning multiple products and lot codes, contained **aflatoxin** at levels as high as 558 ppb. FDA considers that aflatoxin levels in dog and cat food above 20 ppb will support a charge of **adulteration**... because of the reasonable possibility that a regular diet of such food will be **fatal or injurious** to the health of the pet. Therefore, these pet food products manufactured in your OK facility are adulterated in that they bear or contain a **poisonous** or deleterious substance which renders them injurious to health." Editor — Aflatoxin levels were nearly **28 times the safe upper limit** of 20 parts per billion (ppb) established

### **More Safety Violations**

The FDA's official warning to Midwestern Pet Foods contained multiple instances of **critical safety violations**... too many to detail in this short article. So, for greater detail... Be sure to read the <u>official FDA Warning letter</u> (https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcementand-criminal-investigations/warning-letters/midwestern-pet-food-613845-08092021) issued to Midwestern Pet Foods.

## Midwestern Pet Foods Brands

The following is a list of brands and sub-brands **known to be manufactured** by Midwestern Pet Foods. And any one of them (at any time) can be suddenly affected by changes to these FDA findings:

- CanineX
- Earthborn Holistic
- Meridian
- Nunn Better
- Pro Pac
- Pro Pac Ultimates
- Splash
- Sportmix
- Sportmix Wholesomes
- Sportstrail
- Unrefined
- Venture

## **Midwestern Pet Foods Recall History**

The following list includes all **dog food recalls** since 2016 related to Midwestern Pet Foods.

- Midwestern Pet Foods Recalls Multiple Dog and Cat Food Brands (3/28/2021)
- Deadly Dog and Cat Food Recall Expands: More Brands, Over 1000 Lots (1/12/2021)
- Sportmix Dog and Cat Foods Recalled Due to Deadly Mold Toxin (12/30/2020)

## What to Do?

As of this date...

No additional recalls related to this FDA warning have been reported.

However...

Please keep in mind just how **unpredictable** a dangerous and **deadly** dog food recall can be. So...

Before purchasing ANY dog food, be sure to check <u>The Dog Food Advisor's Best Dog Foods</u> pages.

That's because anytime we determine a particular manufacturer has become a high risk, **repeat offender**... their products are immediately removed from our <u>Best Dog Foods page</u>.

## **Our Very Best Advice**

Since there's no such thing as a perfect dog food...

And because built-in **flaws** tend to be **magnified** when the same food is fed endlessly... day after day for a lifetime.

You may wish to <u>consider diet rotation</u> when feeding your pet. Most importantly...

Stay informed.



## **Simply Nourish Dog Food Recall**



Simply Nourish Recalls 8 Products

August 13, 2021 — Wet Noses Natural Dog Treat Company of Monroe, Washington, <u>is recalling</u> approximately 51,000 packages of Simply Nourish frozen dog food due to it **elevated levels of Vitamin D**.

### What's Being Recalled?

Recalled products are marketed in 2-pound and 4.5-pound packages across specific "Best By" dates.

A full list of affected products is included below:

Product Name	Net Wt	UPC	Best by range
Simply Nourish Frozen Chicken & Veggies	2lb	73725792262	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Chicken & Veggies	4.5lb	73725792264	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Beef & Barley	2lb	73725792266	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Beef & Barley	4.5lb	73725792267	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Turkey & Sweet Potato	2lb	73725792260	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Turkey & Sweet Potato	4.5lb	73725792263	11/10/2022-1/12/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Pork & Veggies	2lb	73725792079	8/26/2022-1/13/2023
Simply Nourish Frozen Pork & Veggies	4.5lb	73725792078	8/26/2022-1/13/2023

Affected Simply Nourish frozen food products were distributed at select **PetSmart stores nationwide**. No illnesses have been reported to date. No other products have been affected.

### **About Vitamin D Toxicity in Dogs**

Dogs ingesting elevated levels of Vitamin D may exhibit symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling, and weight loss.

Vitamin D when consumed at very high levels or over a long period of time can lead to <u>serious health issues in</u> <u>dogs... including **kidney failure** and **death**.</u>

Consumers who have dogs that have consumed any of the products listed above and are exhibiting these symptoms, should contact their veterinarian.

### What Caused the Recall?

The recall was initiated after a routine nutrition test confirmed elevated Vitamin D levels on certain Simply Nourish frozen food products.

Subsequent investigation indicates the problem arose as a result of the vitamin mix dosage being significantly reduced by the vitamin mix manufacturer, and this change was not detected or properly communicated.

As a result, the dosage was not reduced.

#### **Company Message**

We care deeply about our customers and their pets, and have put corrective actions into place to ensure this issue does not reoccur.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

#### What to Do?

Consumers should **immediately stop feeding** the above products to their dogs.

Consumers who have purchased Simply Nourish Frozen Food are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a **full refund**.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 800-938-6673 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm PST.

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the <u>consumer</u> <u>complaint coordinator</u> in your area.

Or go to the FDA's "Report a Pet Food Complaint" page.

Canadians can report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product by filling out the <u>Consumer Product Incident Report Form</u>.

## 7 Surprising Autumn Dangers for Dogs

#### Adapted from dogingtonpost.com by Sheryl Franklin

The dog days of summer are hopefully behind us, and cooler weather is moving in. The leaves will soon be changing, sweaters are being pulled out of storage, and our dogs are more eager than ever to get outside and play!

For many dog owners, fall is the most wonderful time of the year – perfect for heading outdoors and enjoying life with dogs. But autumn brings with it some hidden dangers, potential problems, and a few sources of stress for our four-legged family.

#### 1. Shorter Days and Longer Nights!

In the shorter days and longer nights of autumn, it's not uncommon for many dogs to get their daily walks after the sun's already set. Though relaxing, nighttime walks introduce a whole set of dangers that are not present in the daylight. With reduced visibility, it's more important than ever to be diligent in monitoring your dog closely to be sure he hasn't found a potentially dangerous "roadside snack" to nibble on. Stay safe at night by carrying a flashlight along during walks.

It's also important that your dog be visible to other people, animals, and oncoming cars when outside after dark. Consider using a reflective collar, an LED collar light, or a safety vest whenever you're outdoors at night.

#### 2. There's a Fungus Among Us!

This time of year, fallen leaves piled beneath trees or raked into cool, damp piles create the perfect environment for wild mushrooms to grow. While not all species of the fungi are toxic, it's very difficult to identify and distinguish those that are. As a rule of thumb, keep your dogs away from any and all wildly growing mushrooms.

And take a moment each day, before letting your dog outside into the backyard or before heading out for your walk, to check your yard for wild mushrooms and remove and dispose of them. Mushrooms can sprout up overnight, so it's important to check daily. While you're checking, pick up any fallen fruits, especially apples, plum, or apricots which contain toxic seeds, and any tree nuts that may have fallen to the ground.

#### 3. Fleas Reach Their Peak in the Fall!

Many dog owners mistakenly believe that fleas begin to die off as cooler weather approaches. Truth is that fall is actually the peak season for fleas! Only sustained cold (temperatures consistently reaching in the 30's or lower) will kill off fleas. Because dog owners tend to back off or reduce their flea prevention this time of year while at the same time spending more time outdoors, flea infestations (and the itchy skin and allergies they bring with them) are more common in the fall than in the spring or summer.



#### 4. Sweater Weather Means Mothballs!

Don't you just love sweater weather? Just be sure to take extra precautions when unpacking your cold weather clothes, making sure mothballs are properly stored and safely out of the reach of pets. Mothballs contain a high concentration of the insecticides napthalene, paradichlorobenzebe (PDB), or camphor – all of which are toxic to dogs. If ingested, mothballs can cause anemia, vomiting, lethargy, and liver or kidney damage. They also pose a choking or intestinal blockage hazard if swallowed or chewed.

Because even a single mothball can be deadly, you may want to consider alternatives. To keep moths away, cedar balls, chips, or blocks can be used in place of mothballs in drawers, or a simple sachet of lavender not only smells lovely but repels the fibersnacking pests naturally.

#### 5. Keep Away From Antifreeze!

It only takes a few innocent licks of that sweet smelling goo on the neighbor's driveway to kill a small to medium sized dog. Be very, very careful when walking your dog to be certain he stays well out of reach of antifreeze. And prevent him from drinking from puddles or streams where antifreeze may have runoff.

#### 6. A Cornucopia of Dangerous Fall Foods!

One of our favorite things about fall and the upcoming holidays is the cornucopia of tasty sweets and treats so common this time of year. Unfortunately, many of the foods we enjoy in autumn are dangerous for our dogs. Everyone (hopefully) knows to avoid chocolate, onions, and sugar-free sweets, but some lesser-known foods can be equally – or more – dangerous.

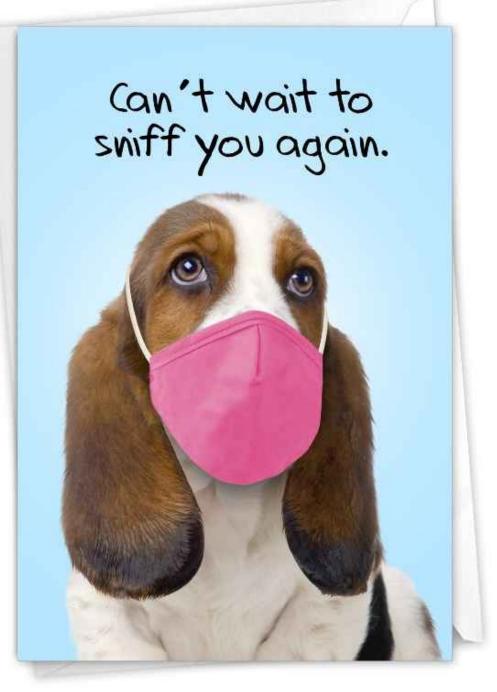
Steer clear of grapes and raisins which contain an unknown toxin that can lead to kidney failure. Avoid high-fat foods, like turkey skin and dark meat, ham, and gravy, which can lead to a painful and lifelong condition known as pancreatitis.

The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for veterinarians diagnosing pancreatitis in dogs. Though some nuts are safe, it's best to avoid them all in favor of foods more species appropriate for your dog. Though it can be hard to resist those puppy dog eyes begging for a bite of your holiday meal, do your dog a favor and offer them a special dog-safe treat instead.

## 7. Ragweed, Pollen, and Mold – Oh My!

The same seasonal allergies that bother many people can also affect our dogs. Ragweed, pollen, mold, dust, and grasses can all lead to itching, scratching, rubbing, watery eyes, runny noses, and ear infections in our furriest family members. When dealing with seasonal allergies, a good offense is the best defense!

Regular baths with a gentle dog shampoo can both rinse away allergens and soothe itchy skin. Keeping paws clean, either by wiping them every time your dog comes inside or with a paw washing station at the backdoor, can prevent allergens from being tracked around the house and onto bedding.



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## **Top Quality Dog Food Recall of August 2021**

Top Quality Dog Food Beef HVM Package

August 26, 2021 — Top Quality Dog Food of Hyattsville, MD <u>is recalling</u> one batch of its "Beef HVM" product due to possible **contamination with Salmonella spp.** and **Listeria monocytogenes bacteria**.

#### What's Recalled?

The following product is affected by this recall.

Beef HVM recipe 1-pound packages Lot Number 071521

#### **About Salmonella and Listeria**

Salmonella, Listeria, can affect animals eating the product and there is **risk to humans** handling contaminated products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and fever.

Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting.

Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever, and abdominal pain.

Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans.

If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

Listeria monocytogenes can cause **serious and sometimes fatal** infections in young children, vulnerable or elderly people, and others with compromised immune systems.

Healthy people may suffer short-term symptoms such as fever, headaches, stiffness, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

Listeria monocytogenes infections pose a serious threat to pregnant woman, as it can lead to **miscarriages** and **stillbirths**.

Listeria monocytogenes infections are **uncommon in pets**, but they are possible.

Symptoms may include mild to severe diarrhea; anorexia; fever; nervous, muscular, and respiratory signs; abortion; depression; shock; and death.

Healthy people should monitor themselves and their pets for symptoms.

#### Where Was the Product Sold?

The recalled "Beef HVM" was distributed in DC, MD, VA, DE, PA, MA, CT, and SC and product was distributed through mail order and direct delivery from 7/27/21 to 8/2/21.

The "Beef HVM" comes in a 1-pound package marked with lot #071521 on the bottom right corner of the label.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with the "Beef HVM" 1-pound packages in question.

#### What Caused the Recall?

The contamination was noted after a state surveillance sample revealed the presence of Salmonella, Listeria monocytogenes, in some 1-pound packages of Beef HVM.

The remaining "Beef HVM" batch in our possession has been quarantined and we have discontinued the distribution of this batch while FDA and our company continue their investigation as to the source of the contamination.

#### What to Do?

Based on its records, the High Quality claims it has already contacted those who have received this lot number.

In addition, the company encourages all customers who received this product to **dispose of any unused product immediately**.

If you find the "Beef HVM" 1-pound package with lot number 071521 in your possession, you're invited to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

You can contact the Top Quality Dog Food company at 240-802-6601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ET. You can also write to customerservice@topqualitydogfood.com

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the <u>consumer complaint coordinator</u> in your area. Or go to the FDA's "<u>Report a Pet Food Complaint</u>" page.

Canadians can report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product by filling out the <u>Consumer Product</u> <u>Incident Report Form</u>.





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