

Menu Pet Food Recall – What You Need to Know

Pet Food Affected

- The recall is limited to "cuts and gravy" style pet food in cans and pouches manufactured at two of the Fund's United States facilities.
- These products are both manufactured and sold under private-label and are contract-manufactured for some national brands.
- There are 42 cat food brands and 53 dog foods brands that are affected by this recall. To check to see if you have recalled food, go to the Menu Foods website <http://www.menufoods.com/recall>, select either cat or dog products. Verify if your food brand is on the list. If it is, click on the brand and compare the date, description, and the UPC code to your food package. If your food matches this information stop feeding the food.

Health Concern

The primary health concern related to this food is renal failure. Signs of renal failure include increased drinking and urination, decreased appetite, anorexia, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. As a result of the above signs, weight loss and dehydration occur. Urine output may stop entirely. Chronic renal failure can lead to anemia (decreased red blood cells), halitosis and inflammation of the gums and mouth (stomatitis).

Contact your veterinarian if any combinations of the above signs are noted. Acute renal failure may be treatable, but must be treated as an emergency situation. Your veterinarian may need to perform a variety of tests including urinalysis, complete blood counts, and blood chemistry profiles. Treatment includes fluid therapy (IV or subcutaneous fluids), anti-nauseant medications and specific feeding programs. Renal insufficiency (2/3 to 1/3 decrease in renal function) may be manageable for a varying amount of time by your veterinarian.

The exact cause of the renal disease observed is unknown. Veterinarians have successfully treated many cases of exposure. It is important to note the number of cases reported versus the numbers of meals of wet food fed in North America has a very low incidence of problems at this point in time.

Please contact your veterinarian with any concerns about the health of your pet.

