

Another Recall affecting Pets

The peanut butter recall that has recently affected cookies, crackers and other human food is now being extended to some pet food.

PetSmart has announced a recall of seven of its Ggreat Choice Dog Biscuits® which contain peanut paste made by Peanut Corp. of America, which is being investigated for salmonella found in the peanut butter and paste made at its facility in Georgia.

So far (as of 1/20/09), over 485 people in 43 states and Canada have been affected by the salmonella; it may have contributed to six deaths.

PetSmart is conducting the recall as a precautionary measure, and has said it isn't aware of any cases of pets becoming ill from the products. The recalled products include packages ranging in size from 32 ounces to 10 pounds, sold between Aug. 21, 2008, and Jan. 19, 2009.

As of the date of writing, the recalled products include only the following types of **Ggreat Choice Dog Biscuits®** sold between **Aug. 21, 2008 and Jan. 19, 2009**:

- **Small Assorted 32 oz., UPC 73725702900**
- **Small/Medium Assorted 4 lb., UPC 73725700601**
- **Small/Medium Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700605**
- **Small/Medium Assorted 10 lb., UPC 73725702755**
- **Large Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700638**
- **Extra Large Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700779**
- **Peanut Butter 4 lb., UPC 73725700766**

Anyone who purchased the recalled dog biscuits should stop using them immediately. The product can be returned to any PetSmart store for a complete refund or exchange. Customers can visit www.petsmartfacts.com for more information or contact PetSmart Customer Service at 1-888-839-9638.

The FDA has said consumers (both human and canine) should avoid eating food containing peanut butter unless they know it isn't linked to Peanut Corp. The FDA's Web site has a list of products known to contain peanut butter or peanut paste supplied by Peanut Corp. For more info on the FDA recall for both human and pet foods, visit www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html

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