

Arthur Dogswell LLC Voluntarily Withdraws Certain Chicken and Duck Jerky Treats for Dogs and Cats

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Arthur Dogswell LLC is voluntarily withdrawing certain Dogswell and Catswell brand jerky treats made with chicken or duck with a “Best Before” date of January 28th, 2015 or any earlier date. The vast majority of these products were distributed via retail stores and mail order before March 1st, 2013. These products may contain trace amounts of an antibiotic residue that has not been approved for use in the United States. *There is no evidence that products containing trace amounts of this antibiotic pose a health risk for pets or humans.*

The company is taking this action after learning this week that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (“NYSDAM”) found trace amounts of this antibiotic during a routine product sampling. Antibiotics are commonly used, both in the United States and in other markets, when raising animals fit for human consumption, and the antibiotic in question is accepted for use in poultry in other parts of the world.

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The withdrawn products include Chicken Breast and Duck Breast jerky under the Breathies, Happy Heart, Happy Hips, Mellow Mut, Shape Up, Veggie Life, Vitality, and Vitakitty brands with a “Best Before” date of January 28th, 2015 or any earlier date. **No other products are affected**. Additionally, Chicken Breast and Duck Breast jerky products with a “Best Before” date of January 29th, 2015 and later have been fully tested for these antibiotics and are not affected.

The “Best Before” date can be found stamped in black ink on the back of the package on the bottom right hand side.

“We encourage our customers to reach out to us with any questions about this withdrawal,” says Brad Armistead, spokesperson for the company. “It is important for consumers to know that all Dogswell and Catswell products remaining on the market are safe for dogs and cats to consume and enjoy as directed. Since January, the company has been using state-of-the-art testing procedures to ensure that our chicken and duck products do not contain these unapproved antibiotics.”

In the event that a consumer has in their possession any of the affected products, they should contact Dogswell to arrange for a full refund by calling 1-888-559-8833 from 8AM to 5PM PST, Monday through Friday.