

Blue Ridge Beef of Eatonton, GA Recalls Product Because of Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

Blue Ridge Beef is voluntarily recalling two (2) of its frozen products due to their potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella* and/or *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Salmonella* and *Listeria* can affect animals eating the product. There is a risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surface exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with *Salmonella* and/or *Listeria monocytogenes* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.

The affected products are sold in 2 lb chubs and can be identified with the following manufacturing codes:

Lot #mfd ga8516
Beef for dogs
UPC code 8542980011009

Lot #mfd ga81216
Kitten grind
UPC code 854298001016

The affected products were distributed to retail stores in the following states:

- NC
- SC
- GA
- FL
- AZ
- TX

About *Salmonella* and *Listeria*

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

Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare provider. Consumers should also follow the simple handling tips on the package.

What caused the Recall

This recall was initiated after the FDA received two complaints associated with these products, including one complaint of two kitten illnesses and one complaint of a puppy death. Subsequent testing by the FDA of a 2 lb chub of beef for dogs and kitten grind collected at a veterinary office revealed the presence of *Salmonella* and *Listeria monocytogenes*. There is no direct evidence linking these unfortunate instances to contaminated product.

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

What to do

Consumers who have purchased the above lots of beef for dogs or kitten grind are urged to stop feeding them and return products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Or dispose of them immediately. Those with questions can email the company at blueridgebeefga@yahoo.com. (mailto:blueridgebeefga@yahoo.com)

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