



News Release: State Issues Consumer Advisory for Woody's Pet Food Deli Raw Free Range Turkey Pet Food

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Human illness linked to product contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is notifying consumers of a recall of raw turkey pet food from Woody's Pet Food Deli due to *Salmonella* contamination. This recall is being issued after product samples collected by the MDA tested positive for *Salmonella*. Sampling was begun after the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) identified a human case of *Salmonella* linked to the pet food.

The recalled product was sold in 5-pound plastic containers labeled "Woody's Pet Food Deli Raw Free Range Turkey" and can be identified by the white date sticker on the cover of the pet food container. The product was sold at Woody's Pet Food Deli locations in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Woodbury. The following three lots of product are being recalled:

- Use by date: 01/10/20
- Use by date: 01/12/20
- Use by date: 01/15/20

No other lots of Woody's Pet Food Deli products are affected by the recall. If you have recalled product in your home, you should throw it out or return it to a Woody's Pet Food Deli for a full refund. Do not feed the contaminated product to pets. Consumers with questions can contact the Woody's Pet Food Deli stores directly at the following phone numbers:

- Minneapolis: 612-208-0335
- St. Paul: 651-493-7269
- Woodbury: 651-340-867

Or by email at info@woodyspetdeli.com

The person with *Salmonella* infection was identified as part of an ongoing, multistate investigation of *Salmonella* Reading infections coordinated by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). MDH's interview of the person revealed that Woody's Pet Deli raw ground turkey pet food was regularly fed to a pet in the household. The pet also tested positive for *Salmonella*, but not the outbreak strain. In February 2018, [MDA and MDH investigated two other cases of *Salmonella* Reading that matched the outbreak strain](#) and were linked to raw ground turkey pet food from a different manufacturer.

Symptoms of *Salmonella* infection include diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever. Symptoms usually begin within 12 to 96 hours after exposure, but they can begin up to two weeks after exposure. Infections usually resolve in five to seven days, but about 28 percent of laboratory-confirmed cases require hospitalization. If you've handled these products or had contact with an animal that has eaten these products, become ill and are concerned about your health, please consult your health care provider for more information.

After eating or coming into contact with *Salmonella*-containing food, pets can spread the bacteria from their mouths, saliva, fur, and feces, even if they're not showing signs of illness, to humans and other animals in the household. Pet dishes, floors and the environment around the feeding station should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Pets with a *Salmonella* infection may be lethargic and have decreased appetite, diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Pets exposed to contaminated food can also be infected without showing symptoms. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, contact your veterinarian. *Salmonella* bacteria can survive for weeks in the household environment, which can serve as a continuing source of infection.

CDC does not recommend feeding a raw meat diet to pets because it can make animals and people sick. If you choose to use pet food containing raw meat, follow CDC's tips for [pet food safety](#).



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