

Dog Treats Recalled

Pig ears could contain infectious salmonella.

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BJ's Wholesale Club is recalling packages of "Berkley & Jensen" brand full-cut pig ears dog treats due to potential contamination of salmonella, an organism which can cause serious infections in both dogs and humans.

The packages subject to recall have no lot number and only the expiration advisory "Best if used by 2009," without referencing a specific month. Confirmatory testing is ongoing but until the testing is final, BJ's Wholesale is asking consumers to stop feeding the treats to their pets.

Dogs that become ill from salmonella generally will have a fever and diarrhea that may contain blood or mucus. Affected animals may seem more tired than usual, and may have vomiting. Some dogs will have decreased appetite, fever and excess salivation.

If your dog has consumed the recalled product and is exhibiting these signs, contact a veterinarian.

Salmonella can also potentially be transferred to people handling these dog treats, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the product or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

There have been no confirmed illnesses to date and the products have been removed from sale while the problem is being investigated, BJ's Warehouse says. BJ's currently operates 172 warehouse clubs in 16 U.S. states.

BJ's members who purchased "Berkley & Jensen" Full-Cut Pig Ears dog treats between Jan. 1, 2006 and March 8, 2007 should discontinue use of the product and may return the unused portion to any BJ's Wholesale Club for a full refund.

Consumers who have further questions may contact BJ's toll free member care line at (800) BJS-CLUB.

For more information on salmonella, visit the U.S. Food & Drug Administration website at www.FDA.gov.