

Merrick Expands Dog Treat Recall to All Lots

All lots of Beef Filet Squares for Dogs and Texas Hold'ems dog treats included in recall.

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Due to salmonella concerns, Merrick Pet Care Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, has expanded its Beef Filet Squares and Texas Hold'ems dog treats recall to include all lots of the two products.

The recalled Beef Filet Squares for Dogs and Texas Hold'ems treats come in 10-ounce packages and were shipped to distributors and retailers throughout the United States, according to Merrick. No illnesses related to the recalled dog product have been reported.

Merrick issued limited recalls of its Beef Filet Squares and Texas Hold'ems treats earlier this month and in July after samples turned up positive for salmonella.

Pets with salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets may have decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans, according to the company. Dog owners are urged to contact their veterinarian if their pet has consumed the recalled product and is exhibiting these symptoms.

Humans can also become infected, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the treats or surfaces exposed to the recalled product, according to the company. Symptoms in humans may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever and headache. Children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems are particularly susceptible to infection, according to the company.

Consumers who have purchased 10-ounce packages of Beef Filet Squares for Dogs and Texas Hold'ems are urged to return the unused portion to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 800-664-7387, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT.