



Department of Health
Department of Agriculture

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Stephanie McCloud, Director, Ohio Department of Health
Dorothy Pelanda, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture

DATE: January 11, 2021

TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2021-004

Midwestern Pet Foods Voluntarily Expands Recall of Pet Food for Aflatoxin Health Risk

Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., of Evansville, IN is expanding its December 30, 2020 voluntary recall of certain dog and cat food products produced in our Chickasha Operations Facility to include all dog and cat pet food products made with corn products because those products may contain aflatoxin levels which exceed acceptable limits. Products were distributed nationally to online distributors and retail stores nationwide. Midwestern Pet Foods is expanding its voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution to help protect the health and safety of pets. The products recalled cover all that expire on or before July 9, 2022, depicted as "07/09/22" in the date code on the product, as discussed below. Products with expiration dates after 07/09/22 are not included in the recall.

Aflatoxin is a toxin produced by the mold *Aspergillus flavus*, which can grow on corn and other grains used as ingredients in pet food. At high levels, aflatoxin can cause illness and death in pets.

There have been reports of illnesses and deaths in dogs associated with certain lots of products. No human illnesses have been reported. Out of an abundance of caution, we have expanded this recall to cover all corn products containing pet foods with expiration dates prior to 07/09/22.

If your pet shows signs of aflatoxin poisoning including sluggishness, loss of appetite, vomiting jaundice (yellowish tint to the eyes, gums, or skin due to liver damage), and/or diarrhea, contact a veterinarian immediately. Provide a full diet history to your veterinarian. It may be helpful to take a picture of the pet food label, including the lot number and best buy date.

Lot code information may be found on the back of bag and will appear in a three-line code, with the top line in format **"EXP 03/03/22/05/L#/B###/HH:MM"**.

As explained above, this recall covers ONLY product manufactured at Midwestern Pet Food's Chickasha, Oklahoma facility. Note that the unique Chickasha Facility identifier is located in the date code as a **"05"** and **"REG. OK-PFO-0005"** at the end of the date code.

In addition, the only Midwestern Pet Foods facility that produces product bearing a three-line date code is our Chickasha Facility (See first image below).

Retailers and distributors should immediately pull recalled lots from their inventory and shelves. Do not sell or donate the recalled products. Retailers are encouraged to contact consumers who have purchased the recalled products, if you have the means to do so (frequent buyer cards, etc.).

Pet parents: do not feed the recalled products to your pets or any other animals. Destroy the food in a way that children, pets and wildlife cannot access them. Wash and sanitize pet food bowls, cups,

and storage containers. Always ensure you wash and sanitize hands after handling recalled food or any utensils which have contacted recalled food. Contact Midwestern Pet Foods Consumer Affairs at 800-474-4163, ext. 455 from 7AM to 4PM Central Time, Monday through Friday, or by email at info@midwesternpetfoods.com for additional information.

This voluntary recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. All other Midwestern Pet Foods products are unaffected by this recall action.

Recalled products are as follows, with lot codes found in [Expanded Recall Lot Numbers](#):

- *Pro Pac Adult Mini Chunk*
- *Pro Pac Performance Puppy*
- *Splash Fat Cat 32%*
- *Nunn Better Maintenance*
- *Sportstrail 50*
- *Sportmix Original Cat 15*
- *Sportmix Original Cat 31*
- *Sportmix Maintenance 44*
- *Sportmix Maintenance 50*
- *Sportmix High Protein 50*
- *Sportmix Energy Plus 44*
- *Sportmix Energy Plus 50*
- *Sportmix Stamina 44*
- *Sportmix Stamina 50*
- *Sportmix Bite Size 40*
- *Sportmix Bite Size 44*
- *Sportmix High Energy 44*
- *Sportmix High Energy 50*
- *Sportmix Premium Puppy 16.5*
- *Sportmix Premium Puppy 33*

[Original Press Release](#)