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## Carnivore Meat Company Issues Voluntary Recall of "Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Nibblets Entrée for Dogs" Pet Food

Carnivore Meat Company of Green Bay, WI, is voluntarily recalling a limited amount, 73 cases, of "Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Nibblets Entrée for Dogs" pet food because the products have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The recall includes <u>only</u> the product listed below.

The following affected "Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Nibblets Entrée for Dogs" product was distributed in the continental USA through independent retailers and via online retailers Chewys.com and Amazon.com through direct delivery:

Affected products can be identified by comparing the following lot numbers: "Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Nibblets Entrée for Dogs" with "Lot #13753".



No products other than the specific product identified above are subject to this voluntary recall.

Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is 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 surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, *Salmonella* can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with *Salmonella* infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

The recall is being issued in an abundance of caution following the Michigan Department of Agriculture's collection of a retail sample from a single batch which tested positive. There have been no reports of illness.

Consumers who have purchased Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Nibblets Entrée for Dogs in a 1 lb. bag are urged to return effected product to the place of purchase for a refund. Consumers with questions may call the company at 920-370-6542 for additional information.

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