FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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Pet Food Recall  
DEC is informing pet owners of a voluntary pet food recall.  
Health Risk: *Salmonella* Schwarzengrund

The Department of Environmental Conservation is informing the public of a voluntary recall of pet food manufactured at Mars Petcare US’s facility in Everson, Pennsylvania as there is potential that pet food products may contain *Salmonella* Schwarzengrund. The product is sold under a number of brand names listed at the end of this release. Some of these products have been found in Alaska and are being removed from retailers’ shelves. However, DEC is suggesting that consumers also check for these products in their homes.

Pet owners who feel a pet’s health may have been affected by consuming this product should contact their veterinarian. Symptoms may include decreased appetite, depression, lethargy, diarrhea, and vomiting. In severe cases pets may develop bloody diarrhea and fever. Animals, even those with only mild symptoms, can spread the infection to other animals or humans. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers should consider discarding the product or returning it to the retailer where it was purchased. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-877-568-4463 or visit [www.petcare.mars.com](http://www.petcare.mars.com). For more information on recalls, log onto DEC’s website at: [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.htm)

**From Mars Petcare:**

*Production Lot Code* - (found on back of bag just after “Best Before” date).

The products listed in the chart below are made at our Everson facility on behalf of a variety of retailers. All production lot codes, with the exception of PEDIGREE®, are listed in a similar format as noted below:
Consumers should look for "17" as the first two digits of the second line. Sample:
Best By Feb 18 09
14 45 1
For PEDIGREE® the Everson code date format is as follows:
Consumers should look for "PAE" on the bottom line - the sixth, seventh and eighth digits. Sample:
PEDIGREE ® Small Crunchy Bites
Best Before 02/2009
808G1PAE01 12:00

Recalled Pet Food

Please find recalled pet food UPC information below. UPC code numbers can be found directly underneath the bar code on the package.

IMPORTANT: If you see a product you purchased listed below, please review the Production Lot Code information samples from above to confirm that your product is included in the recall.

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