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Two Companies Issue Recalls for Possible *Salmonella* Contamination

No illnesses have been reported in connection with either recall

Trader Joe's and Nature's Variety have issued voluntary recalls for products that have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. No illnesses have been reported in connection with either recall.

Granola Bar Recall

Trader Joe's Company voluntarily recalling Trader Joe's Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars, manufactured by Bloomfield Bakery because the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Product Affected by Recall

Trader Joe's Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars: UPC 82818, Use by Dates/Lot Codes 16JUL10H2 and 17JUL10H1

The product involved in this recall was distributed at Trader Joe's stores nationally and comes in a 7.4 oz box marked with Use by/Lot Codes on the top of the box and stamped individually on the side of each granola bar.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this product.

Customers who have purchased Trader Joe's Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars, Use by/Lot Codes 16JUL10H2 and 17JUL10H1 are urged to return them to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm PST at (626) 599-3817.

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Pet Food Recall

Nature's Variety has initiated a voluntary recall of their Chicken Formula Raw Frozen Diet for dogs and cats with a "Best If Used By" date of 11/10/10 because these products may be contaminated with Salmonella. No other Nature's Variety products are affected.

Products Affected by Recall

The recalled products are limited to the Nature's Variety Chicken Formula Raw Frozen Diet packaged in the following forms:

- 3 lb chicken medallions (UPC# 7 69949 60130 2) - "Best If Used By" date of 11/10/10
- 6 lb chicken patties (UPC# 7 69949 60120 3) - "Best If Used By" date of 11/10/10
- 2 lb chicken chubs (UPC# 7 69949 60121 0) - "Best If Used By" date of 11/10/10

The "Best If Used By" date is located on the back of the package above the safe handling instructions. The affected product was distributed through retail stores and internet sales in the United States, and in limited distribution in Canada.

If you have purchased one of the affected products, please return the unopened product to your retailer for a full refund or replacement. If the package has been opened, please dispose of the raw food in a safe manner by securing it in a covered trash receptacle. Then, bring your receipt (or the empty package in a sealed bag) to your local retailer for a full refund or replacement.

No pet or human illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this lot code.

Consumers with additional questions can call the Nature's Variety Customer Care line 24 hours a day,

7 days a week at 800-374-3142. Consumers can email Nature's Variety by visiting naturesvariety.com.

Consumers can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food and pet treat products by calling the consumer complaint coordinator in their area. You can locate the nearest consumer complaint coordinator at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/ReportProblem/ConsumerComplaintCoordinators/default.htm>

Salmonella

Salmonella can affect both humans and animals. People handling pet treats can become infected with *Salmonella*, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the treats or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. Consumers exhibiting these signs after eating affected products or having contact with the recalled pet products should contact their health care provider immediately.

Pets with *Salmonella* infections may become lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets may only experience a 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 any of the affected products or is experiencing any of these symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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The Monterey County Health Department releases notices of recalls and market withdrawal from the firms involved as a service to Monterey County residents, the media and other interested parties. The Health Department does not endorse either the product or the company.