

FDA HEALTH ALERT

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a health alert to warn consumers not to use **Pig Ears** and **Beef Hooves Pet Treats** manufactured by Pet Carousel because the products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were distributed nationwide in both bulk and retail packaging for sale in pet food and retail chain stores.

Although no illnesses associated with these products have been reported, the FDA is advising consumers in possession of these products to not handle or feed them to their pets.

The affected pig ear products were packaged under the brand names **Doggie Delight** and **Pet Carousel**. The affected beef hooves were packaged under the brand names **Choo Hooves**, **Dentley's**, **Doggie Delight**, and **Pet Carousel**. All sizes and all lots of these products made by Pet Carousel are included in this alert.

During September 2009, the FDA conducted routine testing of these products and the test results came back positive for *Salmonella*. This prompted an inspection of Pet Carousel's manufacturing facilities. Further testing revealed *Salmonella* present in the facility.

Salmonella can affect both humans and animals. Consumers should dispose of these products in a safe manner by securing them in a covered trash receptacle and should wash their hands immediately.

Healthy people affected with *Salmonella* may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Pets affected may become lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. 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 the symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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