

Linda Mar Veterinary Hospital/ Coastal Cat Clinic Pet Food Recall Informational Supplement

The following information was compiled from the Veterinary Information Network (VIN), the Menu Foods website concerning the food recall, and the Hill's Prescription Foods website regarding the feline M/D dry recall. If you should have any further questions concerning your pet and the recalled foods, please contact us at Linda Mar Veterinary Hospital or Coastal Cat Clinic.

What to look for if you suspect illness:

- Symptoms of kidney disease and failure include lethargy, loss of appetite, increased water intake and vomiting.
- Cats can lose 80% of their kidney failure before showing symptoms, by which time treatment may not be effective.
- If caught early enough, a veterinarian can flush out the animal's system with fluids.
- Consult the list of recalled brands on the Menu Foods website, as well as the Hill's Prescription Diet website. If the brand your animals eat is listed, take them to the veterinarian for blood work. Menu Foods also released two phone numbers that concerned guardians can call for more information: (866) 463-6738 and (866) 895-2708. Also let your family and friends with animal companions know about the recall.

If you have a sick pet:

- Contact your veterinarian immediately for an appointment, diagnostics and treatment.
- Contact your local FDA office to report the illness for tracking purposes. California (Northern)--(510) 337-6741
- If your animal companion has suffered or died as a result of eating the brands that are now being recalled, you may qualify to be part of a possible class action lawsuit. Submit your complaint to a lawyer for a free evaluation. Also learn more about class action lawsuits. <http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/case/menu-foods.html>

What Menu Foods are safe?

- Menu Foods Income Fund (the "Fund") (TSX:MEW.UN) today expressed confidence that its "cuts and gravy" style pet food outside the recalled period is safe and healthy for consumption by North America's cats and dogs.

The Fund's announcement followed a news conference by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, during which it identified that melamine has been found in wheat gluten imported from China. This is the wheat gluten in the recalled pet food that caused illnesses and deaths.

Melamine has not been found in other Menu Foods pet food, nor is it present in the wheat gluten from the other suppliers used by Menu Foods.

"The pet food that we have manufactured after March 6 is safe and healthy," said Paul K. Henderson, President and CEO, at a news conference on Friday.

"How do we know this? First, it contains no melamine. Secondly, it contains none of the suspect wheat gluten. Thirdly, all of the testing that has been conducted, including the routine taste tests that were underway prior to the discovery of this problem, have demonstrated that those products not associated with the suspect wheat gluten performed very well and in a manner consistent with historic norms."

- The recall is limited to "cuts and gravy" style pet food in cans and foil pouches produced on specific dates and times between December 3, 2006, and March 6, 2007 in two of Menu's plants.
- **Who is going to pay my vet bills for sickness and death?**

If Menu Foods product is the cause of sickness or death, Menu Foods will take responsibility. Menu has engaged a professional firm to manage your concerns and is currently contacting concerned pet owners who have reached our call center. Specific direction will be received from these individuals. Please keep copies of all your vet records and receipts for pet food purchases as well as vet bills.

What canine and feline foods are recalled:

Variety or Multi-Packs: If you are in possession of a variety or multi-pack, please be sure to check the individual can or pouch rather than relying solely on the date coding on the side of the carton.

Feline:

1. [Americas Choice, Preferred Pets](#)
2. [Authority](#)
3. [Best Choice](#)
4. [Companion](#)
5. [Compliments](#)
6. [Demoulas Market Basket](#)
7. [Eukanuba](#)
8. [Fine Feline Cat](#)
9. [Food Lion](#)
10. [Foodtown](#)
11. [Giant Companion](#)
12. [Hannaford](#)
13. [Hill Country Fare](#)
14. [Hy-Vee](#)
15. [Iams](#)
16. [Laura Lynn](#)
17. [Li'l Red](#)
18. [Loving Meals](#)
19. [Meijer's Main Choice](#)

20. [Nutriplan](#)
21. [Nutro Max Gourmet Classics](#)
22. [Nutro Natural Choice](#)
23. [Paws](#)
24. [Pet Pride](#)
25. [Presidents Choice](#)
26. [Price Chopper](#)
27. [Priority US](#)
28. [Save-A-Lot Special Blend](#)
29. [Schnucks](#)
30. [Science Diet Feline Savory Cuts Cans](#)
31. [Sophistacat](#)
32. [Special Kitty Canada](#)
33. [Special Kitty US](#)
34. [Springfield Prize](#)
35. [Sprout](#)
36. [Stop & Shop Companion](#)
37. [Tops Companion](#)
38. [Wegmans](#)
39. [Weis Total Pet](#)
40. [Western Family US](#)
41. [White Rose](#)
42. [Winn Dixie](#)

Canine:

1. [Americas Choice, Preferred Pets](#)
2. [Authority](#)
3. [Award](#)
4. [Best Choice](#)
5. [Big Bet](#)
6. [Big Red](#)
7. [Bloom](#)
8. [Cadillac](#)
9. [Companion](#)
10. [Demoulas Market Basket](#)
11. [Eukanuba](#)
12. [Food Lion](#)
13. [Giant Companion](#)
14. [Great Choice](#)
15. [Hannaford](#)
16. [Hill Country Fare](#)
17. [Hy-Vee](#)
18. [Iams](#)
19. [Laura Lynn](#)
20. [Loving Meals](#)
21. [Meijers Main Choice](#)
22. [Mighty Dog Pouch](#)
23. [Mixables](#)
24. [Nutriplan](#)
25. [Nutro Max](#)
26. [Nutro Natural Choice](#)
27. [Nutro Ultra](#)
28. [Nutro](#)
29. [Ol'Roy Canada](#)
30. [Ol'Roy US](#)
31. [Paws](#)
32. [Pet Essentials](#)
33. [Pet Pride - Good n Meaty](#)
34. [Presidents Choice](#)
35. [Price Chopper](#)
36. [Priority Canada](#)
37. [Priority US](#)
38. [Publix](#)
39. [Roche Brothers](#)
40. [Save-A-Lot Choice Morsels](#)
41. [Schnucks](#)

42. [Shep Dog](#)
43. [Springfield Prize](#)
44. [Sprout](#)
45. [Stater Brothers](#)
46. [Stop & Shop Companion](#)
47. [Tops Companion](#)
48. [Wegmans Bruiser](#)
49. [Weis Total Pet](#)
50. [Western Family US](#)
51. [White Rose](#)
52. [Winn Dixie](#)
53. [Your Pet](#)

What about the Hill's Prescription Diet recall?

http://www.hillspet.com/menu_foods/md_Recall_03312007_en_US.htm

Hills Pet Nutrition, Inc. Voluntarily Recalls Single Product, Prescription Diet™ m/d™ Feline Dry Food, Only Product Containing Wheat Gluten

Topeka, KS (March 30, 2007) - In accordance with its over-riding commitment to pet health and well-being, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. is voluntarily recalling Prescription Diet m/d Feline dry food from the market. Hill's is taking this precautionary action because during a two-month period in early 2007, wheat gluten for this product was provided by a company that also supplied wheat gluten to Menu Foods. U.S. Food and Drug Administration tests of wheat gluten samples from this period show the presence of a small amount of melamine. Prescription Diet m/d Feline Dry represents less than one half of one percent of all Hill's products.

This is the only product Hill's currently sells in the United States and Canada that contains wheat gluten from any supplier. No other Hill's Prescription Diet® or Science Diet® products are affected by this voluntary recall. Hill's Science Diet Savory Cuts Feline canned cat foods, manufactured by Menu Foods, were previously withdrawn from the market as a precaution. Together with this earlier withdrawal, less than 1% of all Hill's products have been affected.

The voluntary recall of Hill's Prescription Diet m/d Feline dry food involves discontinuation of all retail sales and product retrieval from sellers. This recall does not include Prescription Diet m/d Feline canned food which contains no wheat gluten.

Consumers should stop using this product and return it for a refund. All Hill's products carry a 100 percent guarantee, and consumers can receive a refund for recalled product.

Hill's expects to resume shipment shortly of a reformulated version of this highly beneficial product that will not contain wheat gluten. Please check with your veterinarian for an alternative Prescription Diet until m/d Feline dry is reformulated and made available again.

*****If you bought Hill's Prescription Feline M/D dry through Linda Mar Veterinary Hospital or Coastal Cat Clinic, please return your bags to us for reimbursement and so that we may send them back to the manufacturer. Thank You.**