

FOOD SAFETY NETWORK INFOSHEET: PET EDITION

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In two related stories, an international pet food recall is in effect after 16 dog and cat deaths, and one human illness

Menu Foods Inc. have recalled

60 million units of “cuts and gravy” pet food after it was discovered that the food has been contaminated with rat poison. The recall includes some varieties of Iams pet food.

The pet food, which was produced at a plant in Emporia, KS, to date has been linked to the deaths of 16 cats and dogs.

The chemical, aminopterin, is believed to have been sprayed on wheat imported from China that was later used in the food. The food in question has code dates of 6339 to 7073 followed by the plant code of 4197 and cover food packaged from December 3rd through March 6th. For more information on what brands are affected visit www.menufoods.com/recall

In a related story, a Canadian woman who ingested some of the at risk food has fallen ill. The woman supposedly ate some of the dog food to coax her terrier into doing the same. She has been released from hospital and her dog has also recovered.



The Food Safety Network usually tells the public “don’t eat poop”...



...but in this case, “don’t eat dog food”

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