



Blue Buffalo recalls selected dry dog food products

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The [Blue Buffalo Co.](#) has issued a voluntary recall of three of its **dog food** products that are distributed nationwide at pet stores, retail and wholesale outlets. According the company, disproportionate amounts of **Vitamin D** could have been added in the following products: **Blue Wilderness Chicken**, **Basics Salmon** and **Large Breed Adult Chicken** dry dog foods. [In a letter](#) to pet owners dated Oct. 8, company president Bill Bishop details the possible error.

The following code dates are being recalled (list by product, bag size, best used by dates):

- BLUE Wilderness Chicken (Dog) 4.5 lb., 11 lb., 24lb. JUL1211B, JUL1311B, JUL2611Z, JUL2711Z, JUL2811Z
- BLUE Basics Salmon (Dog) 11 lb., 24 lb. AUG2111B, AUG2211B
- BLUE Large Breed Adult Chicken 30 lb. SEP 22 11 P, SEP 23 11 P, OCT 26 11 P

Consumers are asked to return unused product for a refund.



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To date, 36 dogs nationwide have been reported to have symptoms consistent with excessive Vitamin D in their systems while being fed these specific recipes.

Vitamin D is a useful nutrient to dogs, but excessive amounts of Vitamin D in **canines** can cause **hypercalcemia**, a serious, if not fatal, illness in dogs. Hypercalcemia is [characterized](#) by higher-than-normal water consumption, urination, upset stomach, reduced appetite and lethargy. If not treated the disease can progress, causing heart damage, renal (kidney) dysfunction and even coma and death.

If your pet has consumed any of these products and is exhibiting the aforementioned symptoms, contact the [Poison Control Center](#) at 888-426-4435 and your veterinarian immediately.

The FDA has posted a [press release](#) on its website with further information.

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