

# Dry Pet Food Connected To At Least 79 Salmonella Illnesses

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**OUTBREAK LINKED TO MARS PETCARE PET FOOD PRODUCTS BEGAN IN 2006**



How do people get Salmonella from pet food? Sometimes like this.



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently reported that since 2006, Salmonella-contaminated dry pet food has sickened 79 people, including many young children. Though the initial recall was announced in August 2007, dry pet food generally has a 1-year shelf life, and can be kept longer. Contaminated products identified in recalls might still be in the homes and could cause illness, Salmonella can survive in dry pet foods for over a year.



Persons who have affected products should not use them to feed their pets and should discard them or return them to the store where they were purchased.

**To avoid spreading Salmonella and other pathogens that might be hiding in pet food:**

- wash your hands after handling these products
- assume all dry pet foods and treats are potentially contaminated
- keep infants away from dog food and dog food bowls

Affected brands include Special Kitty, Pedigree and Member's Mark, among others. The full list including specific lot codes is available at:

[www.petcare.mars.com](http://www.petcare.mars.com)

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