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Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Mars Petcare US Issues Voluntary Recall of Limited Bags of PEDIGREE® Complete Nutrition Small Crunchy Bites at Albertsons in Southern California and Las Vegas due to Potential Salmonella Contamination

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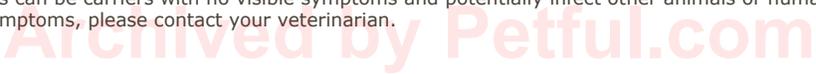
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- FRANKLIN, Tenn. -- August 08, 2008 -- Mars Petcare US today announced a voluntary recall of limited bags of PEDIGREE® Complete Nutrition Small Crunchy Bites sold in Albertsons stores in Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The pet food is being voluntarily recalled because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*. There have been no complaints or reports of injury resulting from consumption or handling of the recalled product.

The product should not be sold or fed to pets. Pet owners should dispose of product in a safe manner (example, a securely covered trash receptacle) and return the empty bag to the store where purchased for a full refund.

Salmonella can cause serious infections in dogs and cats, and, if there is cross contamination caused by handling of the pet food, in people as well, especially children, the aged, and people with compromised immune systems. Healthy people potentially infected with *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. On rare occasions, *Salmonella* can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with *Salmonella* infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Animals can be carriers with no visible symptoms and potentially infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.



Recalled Pet Food

Product: PEDIGREE® Complete Nutrition Small Crunchy Bites

Size: 20-pound bags

UPC Code: 23100 14719

Lot Code: 830BFCAT02

Best Buy Date: 07/2009

Best Buy Date Location: Back of bag

Affected Stores: Albertsons locations in Southern California and Las Vegas.

In an effort to prevent the transmission of *Salmonella* from pets to family members and care givers, the FDA recommends that everyone follow appropriate pet food handling guidelines when feeding their pets. A list of safe pet food handling tips can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/FDAgov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm048182.htm>¹¹

Pet owners who have questions about the recall should call 1-877-568-4463 or visit www.petcare.mars.com¹².

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