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**Mark Your Calendars**

When:	Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Where:	Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Program:	TBA (Remember Everyone Brings a Refreshment)

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## **President's Message**

First on a personal note: Thank you for the condolences for the lost of my Dad, it is greatly appreciated!

We are planning several events for the next several months that we will discuss at the meeting this month. I hope you will all be there to help us decide on several things.

Volunteers for any project can contact Corrine Dreyfus.

We are still looking for Chair people for the following committees:

Advertising/ publicity (show and club events)  
Breed Match (at show)  
Rally/obedience Match (at show)  
Raffle

These are all fund raising events for the show and we need these to help offset the increased cost of the building as well as the show itself.

If you would like to be a chair for one of the above committees, please contact me at [fullmoonlabs@charter.net](mailto:fullmoonlabs@charter.net).

I know the November show seems a long time away, but it will be here before you know it! See you at the meeting on the 16th! Remember we are all responsible for bringing a snack to share!

Thanks!  
Kaye

## **Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – April 18, 2012 meeting**

Will come in a separate email.

## **Volunteers**

Please let Corrine at [corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil](mailto:corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil) know if you can volunteer for anything. There are numerous things we need volunteers for. For example, meet the breed, education, and dog shows. Signing up for various things does not mean you are obligated. You will just be contacted when needed and if you are not available at the time, you can just say no. Please consider being a volunteer.

## Braggs

We had a great week at the Collie Club of America National Speciality in Oaks, PA the last week of March. Breezy (CH Caublestone's Dixie Windjammer CD BN) picked up a qualifying score in Novice Obedience, but the big news is that Eric (GCH Caublestone's Crowd Pleaser) was awarded Select Dog for smooths!! It was a huge honor, especially considering that Judge Leslie Canavan was the president of the CCA! Thanks, **Amie Perez**

KatZ All That Jazz, CGC, was just certified as an Easter Seals Dogs on Call Therapy Dog. (Borzoi) **Joan Hackel**

**Please email me your braggs at [cflack12@yahoo.com](mailto:cflack12@yahoo.com)! When you do send me your brag, please include the dogs registered name and the breed. Also put brag in the subject line.**

## Article

I write concerning the Guest Column titled "Alabama legislation needed to address pit bulls".

First let me say that I appreciate the issues surrounding the loss of the writer's dog, Bleu. The loss of any pet is truly a loss but in these circumstances it is truly tragic.

That said, I'd like to counter Ms. Ashley's call for legislation to address only pit bulls. This is so-called "breed specific legislation" or BSL. In the late 1990's, the Centers for Disease Control stopped recording dog bites by breed. This is because the CDC had learned that there was simply too much error in the reports and that what breed of dog causes the bite is not important. A bite is a bite. In fact, now many jurisdictions are overturning existing BSL or refusing to enact it.

There are two principal reasons why BSL is now being abandoned. First, it is very costly to enforce. Second, it is problematic to enforce because of the problems of breed identification.

Instead of BSL, the Legislature could enact legislation that deals with all vicious dogs. There is no dispute that there are vicious pit bulls. If they are vicious, they need to be dealt with. However, it is wrong to single out one breed as vicious while ignoring the fact that other dogs could be equally vicious. One recent example of this type of legislation is in the State of Georgia. See: [http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full\\_story/18243703/article-New-legislation-awaiting-signature?instance=home\\_news\\_lead\\_story](http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/18243703/article-New-legislation-awaiting-signature?instance=home_news_lead_story)

Let's not simply protect ourselves from "pit bulls" and in so doing let other vicious dogs have a free pass.

Article by Eric Johnson, Alabama Canine Coalition sent to Tuscaloosa News

## IMPORTANT FOOD RECALL INFORMATION

# Expanded Recall of Diamond Pet Foods Dry Dog Food

### Dog Food Linked to Salmonella Outbreak Also Sold Under Other Brand Names

by [Phyllis Entis](#) | May 06, 2012

*Phyllis Entis, author of the [eFoodAlert blog](#), put together this thorough report on the Diamond Pet Foods link to a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infection, which has sickened at least 14 people, and the expansion of its earlier recalls, which now includes all formulas and package sizes of many brands manufactured at its Gaston, South Carolina plant between Dec. 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012. The recall includes some Kirkland brands and other dry dog food sold under several brand names.*

*This report, originally headlined "Diamond Pet Foods, Etc., Recalls - 2012" is reposted with permission.*

**Updated May 9, 2012**

Dry dog food manufactured in **Diamond Pet Foods' Gaston, South Carolina production plant** has been linked to at least 14 cases of Salmonella Infantis infections in 9 states, according to a [May 3, 2012 report from CDC](#). Confirmed outbreak cases have been documented in Alabama (1), Connecticut (1), Michigan (1), Missouri (3), North Carolina (3), New Jersey (1), Ohio (2), Pennsylvania (1), and Virginia (1). Five people were hospitalized.

**[Diamond Pet Foods](#)** has recalled nine brands of dry pet food formulas that were manufactured in Gaston. All batches manufactured between December 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012 are affected.

How to read the Production Code and Best Before Code:

**Production Code**

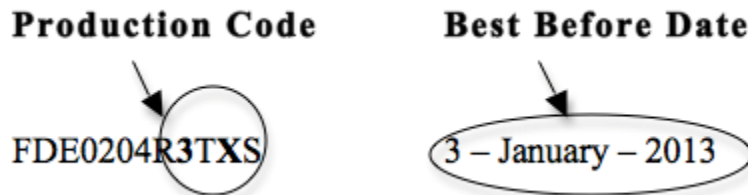
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**Best Before Date**

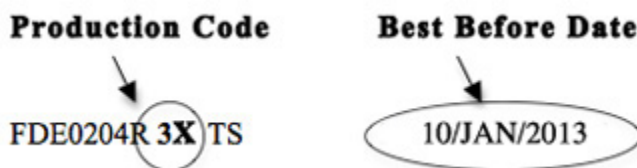
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Several other brands, manufactured for third parties, also are in the process of being recalled.

How to read the Kirkland Signature Production Code and Best Before Code:



How to read the Canidae Production Code and Best Before Code:



**Consolidated list of recalled dry pet food products (as of May 8, 2012):**

- **Apex Chicken and Rice Dog** (40 lb. and 20 lb.) production code ACD0101B32; best by date 24-Jan-2013
- **Canidae Dog Dry Dog Food**, All Life Stages (All packages sizes; Best before date between December 9, 2011 through January 31, 2012; Production code must have the number "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Canidae Dog Dry Dog Food**, Chicken Meal & Rice (All packages sizes; Best before date between December 9, 2011 through January 31, 2012; Production code must have the number "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Canidae Dog Dry Dog Food**, Lamb Meal & Rice (All packages sizes; Best before date between December 9, 2011 through January 31, 2012; Production code must have the number "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Canidae Dog Dry Dog Food**, Canidae Platinum (All packages sizes; Best before date between December 9, 2011 through January 31, 2012; Production code must have the number "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Country Value** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)

- **Diamond** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Diamond Naturals** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Adult Dog Lamb, Rice & Vegetable Formula** (Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Adult Dog Chicken, Rice & Vegetable Formula** (Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Mature Dog Chicken, Rice & Egg Formula** (Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Healthy Weight Dog Formulated with Chicken & Vegetables** (Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Maintenance Cat Chicken & Rice Formula** (Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Super Premium Healthy Weight Cat Formula** (December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Kirkland Signature Nature's Domain Salmon Meal & Sweet Potato Formula for Dogs** (December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013; Production codes have a number "3" in the 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Venison Dog** (5 lb bag; Best by December 12, 2012; December 13, 2012; March 12, 2013)
- **Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Venison Dog** (15 lb bag; Best by December 12, 2012; December 13, 2012; December 14, 2012; March 5, 2013; March 6, 2013)
- **Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Venison Dog** (28 lb bag; Best by December 12, 2012; December 13, 2012; December 14, 2012; March 5, 2013; March 6, 2013; March 7, 2013; March 8, 2013; March 12, 2013)
- **Natural Balance Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Dog** (5 lb, 15 lb, and 28 lb bags; Best by December 10, 2012; December 21, 2012; December 22, 2012)

- **Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Bison Dog** (5 lb bag; Best by December 17, 2012; December 18, 2012; December 28, 2012; December 29, 2012)
- **Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Bison Dog** (15 lb and 28 lb bags; Best by December 9, 2012; December 17, 2012; December 18, 2012; December 28, 2012; December 29, 2012)
- **Natural Balance Vegetarian Dog** (5 lb bag; Best by December 9, 2012)
- **Natural Balance Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Dog Large Breed Bites** (28 lb bag; Best by December 12, 2012; December 20, 2012; December 21, 2012)
- **Natural Balance Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Dog Small Breed Bites** (5 lb and 12.5 lb bags; Best by December 21, 2012)
- **Premium Edge** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Professional** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **4Health** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)
- **Solid Gold WolfKing Large Breed Adult Dog Food** (4-lb pkg; Batch code starting with SGL1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750050)
- **Solid Gold WolfKing Large Breed Adult Dog Food** (15-lb bag; Batch code starting with SGL1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750067)
- **Solid Gold WolfKing Large Breed Adult Dog Food** (28.5-lb bag; Batch code starting with SGL1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750081)
- **Solid Gold WolfCub Large Breed Puppy Food** (4-lb pkg; Batch code starting with SGB1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750005)
- **Solid Gold WolfCub Large Breed Puppy Food** (15-lb bag; Batch code starting with SGB1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750012)
- **Solid Gold WolfCub Large Breed Puppy Food** (33-lb bag; Batch code starting with SGB1201; Best before December 30, 2012; UPC 093766750029)
- **Taste of the Wild** (All package sizes and formulas; Best before dates between December 9, 2012 and April 7, 2013; Production codes have a number "2" or "3" in the 9th or 10th digit and the letter "X" in the 11th digit)

- **Wellness Complete Health® Super5Mix® Large Breed Puppy** (15 lb. and 30 lb. bags and 5 oz. sample bags; best by dates of JAN 9 2013 through JAN 11 2013)

**Product distribution by brand (as of May 8, 2012)**

**Apex**

Distributed only in South Carolina

**Canidae**

Distributed in: Florida, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee.

**Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

**Country Value**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

**Diamond**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

**Diamond Naturals**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

**Kirkland Signature**

Distributed in: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

**Natural Balance**

Distributed in: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, DC, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine,



Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming and Canada.

NOT distributed in: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

### **Premium Edge**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

### **Professional**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

### **4Health**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

### **Solid Gold**

Distributed in: USA and Canada from between January and May 2012.

### **Taste of the Wild**

Distributed in: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada (Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia).

### **Information Provided by Retailers (as of May 9, 2012)**

Where the information was posted on-line, I have provided a link. Other information was obtained as a result of email correspondence between eFoodAlert and the retailer.

**Best Online Pets Supply.-** This retailer is NOT affected by the recalls.

[Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.](#)- Kirkland Signature products (including Nature's Domain) sold in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

**Costco Wholesale Corporation**.- Kirkland Signature is a Costco store brand. The retailer has not specified the locations of Costco stores that were supplied with recalled Kirkland Signature dry pet foods.

**Muttropolis**.- The only item on the recall list carried by Muttropolis is the **Natural Balance Sweet Potato and Bison**. Customers who purchased this product can call 888-688-8799.

**PetSmart**.- The only recalled item carried by PetSmart is **Wellness Complete Health Super5Mix Large Breed Puppy** (15-lb bag with Best before dates of January 9, 2013 and January 10, 2013; 30-lb bag with Best before dates of January 10, 2013 and January 11, 2013).

**VetDepot**.- None of the products carried by VetDepot have been affected by the Diamond recalls.

**West Coast Pet Supply**.- Located in California and receives all of its shipments from Diamond Pet Foods' California plant. West Coast Pet Supply is NOT affected by the recalls.

**Whole Foods Market**.- Natural Balance Vegetarian Dog Food, 5 lbs. UPC 7 23633 80855 2; Lot code NBV1201; Best by Dec 9, 2012. The company did not specify the locations of stores that were supplied with the recalled product.

## **Recall and Outbreak Investigation Notices**

Diamond Pet Foods - Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice ([April 6, 2012](#))

Diamond Pet Foods - Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul Adult Light Formula ([April 26, 2012](#))

ODA Issues Health Alert, Urges Caution when Handling Pet Food ([April 26, 2012](#))

Diamond Pet Foods - Diamond Puppy Formula ([April 30, 2012](#))

Multistate Outbreak of Human Salmonella Infantis Infections Linked to Dry Dog Food (posted [May 3, 2012](#))

Investigation of a Multi-state Outbreak of Salmonella Infantis Linked to Dry Dog Food (posted [May 3, 2012](#))

Two Human Illnesses in Ohio Linked to Salmonella in Recalled Dog Food ([May 4, 2012](#))

Natural Balance Pet Foods - certain dry dog food formulas ([May 4, 2012](#))

WellPet LLC - Wellness Complete Health® Super5Mix® Large Breed Puppy ([May 4, 2012](#))

Canidae Pet Foods Recalls Four Dry Pet Food Formulas ([May 4, 2012](#))

Apex Pet Foods Initiates Voluntary Recall of Dry Pet Food ([May 4, 2012](#))

- Human Illness in Connecticut Linked to Salmonella in Recalled Dog Food ([May 7, 2012](#))
- Georgia Department of Agriculture - Diamond Pet Foods expands recall due to Salmonella contamination ([May 7, 2012](#))
- Solid Gold Health Products for Pets, Inc. ([May 8, 2012](#))
- Dry Dog Food Recall Linked to Salmonella Outbreak Expanded to Maine ([May 9, 2012](#))

### **eFoodAlert Stories**

Contaminated Kibble Sickens 14 People ([posted May 3, 2012](#))

Diamond Pet Foods Expands Recall ([posted May 5, 2012](#))

Diamond Pet Foods Recalls: Consumers Want Answers ([posted May 7, 2012](#))

### **Advice to Consumers and Families with Pets**

CDC offers this advice to pet owners:

- Consumers should check their homes for recalled dog food products and discard them promptly. Consumers with questions about recalled dog food may contact Diamond Pet Foods at telephone number (800) 442-0402 or visit [www.diamondpetrecall.com](http://www.diamondpetrecall.com).
- Follow the tips listed on [Salmonella from Dry Pet Food and Treats](#) to help prevent an infection with Salmonella from handling dry pet food and treats.
- People who think they might have become ill after contact with dry pet food or with an animal that has eaten dry pet food should consult their health care providers. Infants, older adults, and persons with impaired immune systems are more likely than others to develop severe illness.
- People who think their animal might have become ill after eating dry pet food should consult their veterinary-care providers.
- Read [Additional Information for Pet Owners](#) to learn the signs and symptoms of salmonellosis in dogs and cats, and to understand how to deal with possible Salmonella illness in your pet.

Also, be aware that dogs may be infected with Salmonella - and *may shed the bacteria in their stool* - without showing any outward symptoms of illness. If your pet has consumed a **Diamond Pet Foods** dry dog food, be especially careful to wash your hands after handling it, and supervise closely any interaction between children and your pet.



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