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DT: May 7, 2012

TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-031c

**Diamond Pet Foods Expands Voluntary Recall of Dry Pet Food Due to Potential
Salmonella Contamination**

UPDATED: CORRECT PRODUCTION CODE INFORMATION

***Batches of the brands manufactured between
December 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012 are affected***

May 5, 2012 Diamond Pet Foods announced that it is expanding a voluntary recall to include batches of nine brands of dry pet food formulas manufactured between December 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012 due to potential *Salmonella* contamination.

In April 2012, Diamond Pet Foods initiated three voluntary recalls of Diamond manufactured dry dog food. Although none of the additional products being recalled have tested positive for *Salmonella*, the company is pulling them from store shelves as a precaution. Diamond Pet Foods is coordinating efforts with federal and state health and regulatory agencies and decided to independently expand the recall to ensure the safety and well-being of customers and their pets.

The company stated: "We have taken corrective actions at our Gaston, S.C., facility and voluntarily expanded the recall out of concern for our customers and their pets."

Brands included in the recall include:

- Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul
- Country Value

- Diamond
- Diamond Naturals
- Premium Edge
- Professional
- 4Health
- Taste of the Wild

To determine if their pet food is recalled, consumers should check the production code on their bag. If the code has a “2” or “3” in the 9th position AND an “X” in the 10th or 11th position, the product is affected by the recall. The best-before dates for the recalled products are December 9, 2012 through April 7, 2013. The following graphic illustrates how to read the production code and best-before date:

Production Code

FDE0204R **2X** TS



Best Before Date

3 - March - 2013



The recall affects only products distributed in the following U.S. states and Canada. Further distribution through other pet food channels may have occurred.

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- New York

- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- Canada

The Kirkland Signature products included in the recall include:

- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Adult Dog Lamb, Rice & Vegetable Formula **(Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Adult Dog Chicken, Rice & Vegetable Formula **(Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Mature Dog Chicken, Rice & Egg Formula **(Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Healthy Weight Dog Formulated with Chicken & Vegetables **(Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Maintenance Cat Chicken & Rice Formula **(Best Before December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Super Premium Healthy Weight Cat Formula **(December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**
- Kirkland Signature Nature's Domain Salmon Meal & Sweet Potato Formula for Dogs **(December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013)**

To determine if their pet food is recalled, consumers should check the production code on their bag. If the code has both a "3" in the 9th position AND an "X" in the 11th position, the product is affected by the recall. The best-before dates for the recalled products are December 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013. The following graphic illustrates how to read the production code and best-before date:

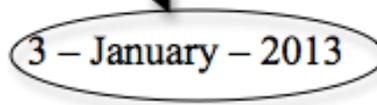
Production Code

FDE0204R3TXS



Best Before Date

3 – January – 2013



The recall affects only products distributed in the following U.S. states, Puerto Rico and Canada.

- Alabama
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Canada
- Puerto Rico

Diamond Pet Foods apologizes for any issues this may cause consumers and their pets. Pet owners who are unsure if the product they purchased is included in the recall, or who would like replacement product or a refund, may contact Diamond Pet Foods via a toll free call at 1-866-918-8756, Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. EST. Consumers may also go to a special website, www.diamondpetrecall.com, for more information. The company is working with distributors and retailers to ensure all affected product is removed from shelves.

Pets with *Salmonella* infections may have decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. If left untreated, pets may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

Individuals handling dry pet food can become infected with *Salmonella*, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with surfaces exposed to this product. People who believe they may have been exposed to *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. According to the Centers for Disease Control, people who are more likely to be affected by *Salmonella* include infants, children younger than 5 years old, organ transplant patients, people with HIV/AIDS and people receiving treatment for cancer. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have received a limited number of reports of salmonellosis, the illness caused by *Salmonella*. We are working with the CDC, but due to patient confidentiality, we cannot comment further.