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**DATE:** June 5, 2015  
**TO:** Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties  
**RE:** Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-78

**Ainsworth Pet Nutrition Voluntarily Recalls Five Nutrish® Wet Cat Food Varieties For Potentially Elevated Vitamin D Levels**

June 4, 2015 – Ainsworth Pet Nutrition of Meadville, PA is voluntarily recalling five varieties of Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® wet cat food, including Ocean Fish-a-licious, Lip Smackin’ Sardine & Mackerel, Ocean Fish & Chicken Catch-iatore, Tuna Purrfection, and certain lot codes of Paw Lickin’ Chicken & Liver due to potentially elevated levels of vitamin D. Symptoms of excessive vitamin D consumption usually develop within 12-36 hours after ingestion and may include vomiting or diarrhea, increased thirst and urination, and muscle tremors or seizures. Any cat experiencing these symptoms should be taken to a veterinarian immediately.

Two variety packs that contain some of these recalled products (the Chicken Lovers Variety Pack, and the Ocean Lovers Variety Pack) will also be recalled. The recalled products are distributed nationwide. No other Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® products are affected by this recall.

Single Pack	Unit UPC Code	Best By Dates Thru
PAW LICKIN CHICKEN AND LIVER (2.8 oz)	071190007032	AUG 17 2015
OCEAN FISH AND CHICKEN CATCH-IATORIE (2.8 oz)	071190007049	DEC 1 2016
OCEAN FISH A LICIOUS (2.8 oz)	071190007056	DEC 1 2016
TUNA PURRFECTION (2.8 oz)	071190007063	DEC 1 2016
LIP SMACKIN SARDINE AND MACKEREL (2.8 oz)	071190007070	DEC 1 2016
Multi Packs - 12 Count	Unit UPC Code	Best By Dates Thru
CHICKEN LOVERS VARIETY PACK (12 count pack of 2.8 oz cups)	071190007773	DEC 1 2016
OCEAN LOVERS VARIETY PACK (12 count pack of 2.8 oz cups)	071190007780	DEC 1 2016

The UPC code can be found on the bottom of the cup. The Best By code can be found on the side of the cup.

To date, there have been 11 reports of illness associated with these products. After conducting a number of product tests, Ainsworth confirmed that the affected products have elevated levels of vitamin D. The high levels result from the natural levels of vitamin D that are found in some of the fish ingredients that were used in these specific formulas.

"At Ainsworth Pet Nutrition and Rachael Ray™ Nutrish®, the safety and quality of our products is our top priority," says Jeff Watters, CEO. "For the time being, we recommend disposing of any of the affected wet cat varieties. Rest assured we have implemented additional operating procedures to prevent an issue like this from occurring in the future. We sincerely apologize to our loyal consumers everywhere."

Ainsworth is working to ensure the removal of all affected products from store shelves. Retailers with affected products are asked to contact 888-943-4218 for additional information. Consumers with questions about the recall are encouraged to contact Ainsworth's Consumer Care Team at 877-650-3486 or visit [www.nutrishforpets.com/news](http://www.nutrishforpets.com/news). Representatives will be available from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday.

Vitamin D is important in regulating calcium and phosphorus in a cat's body. But, when ingested at very high levels, it can lead to serious health issues. Production of the affected varieties has been suspended and will resume after reformulation.