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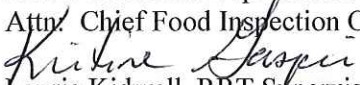
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DATE: July 22, 2015

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn. Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: The Natural Dog Company, Inc. - RECALL [Animal Health]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Tremenda Sticks pet chews

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The products are being recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

The 12" Tremenda Sticks come in a 12oz bag without a lot number or expiration date with UPC number: 851265004957. Products with new packaging, which includes both a lot number and expiration date but the same UPC are not affected by this recall.

The recalled 12" Tremenda Sticks were distributed to retail stores in the nearby states of Illinois and Ohio.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased 12oz packages of 12" Tremenda Sticks should discontinue use of the product and may return the unused portion to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-424-4602 – Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm MST.Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

The Natural Dog Company, Inc. Recalls 12" Tremenda Sticks Because of Possible Salmonella Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 20, 2015 – Windsor, CO – The Natural Dog Company, Inc. of Windsor, CO, is recalling its 12oz bags of 12" Tremenda Sticks pet chews because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* can affect animals eating the product and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, *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. 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.

The recalled 12" Tremenda Sticks were distributed to retail stores in CA, CO, FL, IL, MO MT, NC, OH UT and WA.

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No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after a Colorado Department of Agriculture inspection of the product revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a sample taken from a 12oz package of 12" Tremenda Sticks.

Production of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue their investigation as to the source of the problem.

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ALL NATURAL DOG TREATS

12" TREMENDA STICKS

SOURCED FROM FREE RANGE CATTLE 100% NATURAL

INGREDIENTS: 100% BEEF TRIPE

Please note: Always observe your pet when giving any treat. This tasty chew should not be used as a replacement for your dog's normal diet.

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12oz