

Statement from PetSmart

As a practice, PetSmart stays current on information issued by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and manufacturers of products we carry in our stores and online. Information from both the FDA and product manufacturers is reviewed swiftly and any recommended enhancements or changes to business practices specific to a product are implemented immediately.

PetSmart is aware of the FDA release on November 18th titled, "FDA Continues to Caution Dog Owners about Chicken Jerky Products." Included in this cautionary warning, the FDA advises that "Chicken jerky products should not be substituted for a balanced diet and are intended to be fed occasionally in small quantities." The FDA has conducted chemical and microbiological testing, which has not identified a contaminant in any chicken jerky product, and product remains available at PetSmart stores and online.

As noted by the FDA, chicken jerky products are intended for intermittent supplemental feeding and should not be substituted for a complete and balanced diet. Like any other product, we recommend pet parents use the product in a proper manner in accordance with the product's label and watch the dog closely. If a dog shows any of the following signs (which may occur within hours of feeding the product), the pet parent should discontinue feeding of the product immediately and take the pet to see a veterinarian:

- Decreased appetite. Note that some dogs may continue to eat the treats instead of other foods.
- Increased water drinking or increased urination
- Decreased activity
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, sometimes with blood

PetSmart will continue to monitor all sources of information and take action if necessary.

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