

ZOONOTIC AND OTHER ANIMAL DISEASES OF CONCERN IN MARYLAND

Table 1. New or Ongoing Morbidity or Mortality Animal or Zoonotic Disease Events

Estimated first onset	Estimated end date	Jurisdiction affected	Species affected	Diagnosis	Estimated # of cases to date	Lead agency	Comment

For questions regarding specific disease events, please contact the lead agency noted. This contact information is for use by Maryland veterinarians and health professionals:

MDA - Maryland Department of Agriculture: ahops.mda@maryland.gov, 410-841-5810

DHMH - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases: dhmh.czvbd@maryland.gov, 410-767-5649

DNR - Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Health Program, 877-463-6497 or 800-628-9944

Evanger’s Voluntarily Recalls Hunk of Beef Because Of Pentobarbital Exposure in one Batch of Food
US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm539900.htm> February 8, 2017

Out of an abundance of caution, Evanger’s Dog & Cat Food of Wheeling, IL is voluntarily recalling specific lots of its Hunk of Beef product because of a potential contaminant *Pentobarbital*, which was detected in one lot of Hunk of Beef *Au Jus*. *Pentobarbital* can affect animals that ingest it, and possibly cause side effects such as drowsiness, dizziness, excitement, loss of balance, or nausea, or in extreme cases, possibly death.

The specifically-identified lot numbers (as detailed below) of cans of 12-oz Hunk of Beef being voluntarily recalled were distributed to retail locations and sold online in the following States: Washington, California, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and were manufactured the week of June 6 – June 13, 2016.

Although pentobarbital was detected in a single lot, Evangers is voluntarily recalling Hunk of Beef products that were manufactured the same week, with lot numbers that start with 1816E03HB, 1816E04HB, 1816E06HB, 1816E07HB, and 1816E13HB, and have an expiration date of June 2020. The second half of the barcode reads 20109, which can be found on the back of the product label.

The subject recall affects 5 lots of food that were produced from its supplier’s lot of beef, which is specifically used for the Hunk of Beef product and no other products. To date, it has been reported that five dogs became ill and 1 of the

To report cases of disease in:	Contact:
Domestic animals	MDA Animal Health Program Office 410-841-5810 http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Diseases.aspx
Wild animals	MD DNR / USDA Wildlife Service Call Center 1-877-463-6497 http://www.wher.org
Humans	DHMH Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases 410-767-5649 http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/Pages/Home.aspx

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Evanger's Hunk of Beef—Recall (continued)

five dogs passed away after consuming the product with lot number 1816E06HB13. Evanger's is proactively issuing a recall voluntarily so as not to risk **potential exposure** to pentobarbital in the product.

All Evanger's suppliers of meat products are USDA approved. This beef supplier provides us with beef chunks from cows that are slaughtered in a USDA facility. We continue to investigate how this substance entered our raw material supply.

Because we source from suppliers of meat products that are USDA approved, and no other products have had any reported problems, we are not extending the recall to other supplier lots. This is the first recall for Evanger's in its 82 years of manufacturing. Although it has been verified that little or no product remains on store shelves, if consumers still have cans with the aforementioned lot numbers, he or she should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-847-537-0102 between 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Central Time, Monday - Friday.

Zoonoses Education Coalition

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—<https://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/domestic-activities/index.html> February 8, 2017

Pets are a wonderful part of our lives. Safe and responsible pet ownership is important to keep both people and pets healthy and happy. Some diseases, called zoonoses, can spread between people and animals. It is important for people with pets to know about zoonoses and how to prevent them so they can enjoy their pets without getting sick. The Zoonoses Education Coalition (ZEC) was formed to develop a set of evidence-based, plain language recommendations, which can be used by everyone involved in promoting healthy pets and healthy people. The ZEC is a group of dedicated partners including representatives from the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), the pet industry, including breeders and retailers, the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and others. To this day, this partnership between the public and private sector has resulted in scientifically based prevention messages to educate pet owners and other stakeholders on how to stay healthy while enjoying their pets.

Helpful Links

- Zoonoses Education Coalition: <https://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/domestic-activities/index.html>
- Safe handling of reptiles (turtles, snakes, lizards): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/reptiles.html>
 - Amphibians (frogs, toads): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/reptiles.html>
 - "Health Herp Handling" poster: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/resources/safe-reptile-handling-poster.pdf> created to inform pet owners about safe-handling of pet reptiles and amphibians
- Safe handling of pet rodents (hamsters, gerbils, mice, and rats): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/small-mammals/petrodents.html>.
 - Safe handling of feeder rodents, including live and frozen: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/reptiles/feeder-rodents.html>

MARYLAND ANIMAL RABIES CASES, 2017

Table 2. New (confirmed since the previous Bulletin) and Cumulative Rabies Cases, Week Ending February 4, 2016

Jurisdiction	Bat	Cat	Cow	Dog	Fox	Groundhog	Raccoon	Skunk	Other	Total
	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	Total (New)	(New)
Allegany										
Anne Arundel										
Baltimore							2(1)			2(1)
Baltimore City		1(1)					1(1)			2(2)
Calvert										
Caroline										
Carroll		1(1)					1			2(1)
Cecil		1(1)								1(1)
Charles										
Dorchester										
Frederick										
Garrett										
Harford							1			1
Howard										
Kent										
Montgomery										
Prince George's	1						2(2)			3(2)
Queen Anne's								1		1
Saint Mary's										
Somerset										
Talbot							1			1
Washington		1								1
Wicomico							1			1
Worcester										
Total (New)	1	4(3)					9(4)	1		15(7)

Other:

For complete animal rabies data:

<http://phpa.dhmd.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/Pages/Home.aspx>

To view previous issues of the Maryland One Health Bulletin (MOHB):

<http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/md-one-health.aspx>

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Bulletin:

<http://preparedness.dhmd.maryland.gov/Pages/PHPSA.aspx>

National Wildlife Health Center New and Ongoing Wildlife Mortality Events Nationwide:

http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/mortality_events?ongoing.jsp

U.S. Livestock and Poultry Disease Events and Trends:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/banner/help?1dmy&uril=wcm%3apath%3a%2FAPHIS_Content_Library%2FSA_Our_Focus%2FSA_Animal_Health

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Influenza Report:

<http://phpa.dhmd.maryland.gov/influenza/Pages/home.aspx>