

## **URGENT: Compounded Prescription Recall**

This is to inform you of a product recall involving: [All Sterile Human and Veterinary Prescriptions Distributed by Franck's Pharmacy From November 21, 2011 to May 21, 2012](#). This recall is being initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") notified us that environmental sampling of our clean room revealed the presence of microorganisms and fungal growth.

## **Multiple Failures Cited at Diamond Pet Foods Facility**

(DVM Newsmagazine) - March 23, 2012 - An FDA inspection found that Diamond Pet Foods South Carolina plant did not take reasonable precautions to prevent contamination.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released a preliminary inspection report of Diamond Pet Foods' Gaston, S.C., production plant, which was linked to the company's massive pet food recall in April. The recall was initiated after the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development detected Salmonella in an unopened bag of Diamond Naturals Lamb Meal and Rice dry dog food, which had been collected during routine retail testing of dry pet food. The recall quickly expanded and grew to include multiple varieties of the manufacturer's products, all originating from the Gaston plant. According to the latest report from the U.S. Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), 16 cases of human Salmonella infection have been linked to one or more Diamond Pet Food products manufactured at the Gaston facility. [Read more...](#)

## **Nearly 1,000 Dogs Now Sick From Jerky Treats (FDA Report)**

(MSNBC.COM by JoNel Aleccia) The FDA has received almost 1,000 complaints from consumers whose dogs have been sickened by chicken jerky treats from China. Despite repeated tests since 2007, FDA scientists have been unable to detect any toxin responsible for the animal illnesses. [Read more...](#)

## **Announcement About Gentle Leaders - Premier Pet**

Specific Gentle Leader® Headcollars, sold from August 2011 – May 10, 2012, may have a defect in the quick release neck strap buckle, which causes an unintended release, and have been recalled. See the link for product details. [Read more...](#)

## **Keeping Track of All Animal/Pet Related Recalls**

Have you lost track of all the confusing pet food/treat recalls in recent months? The [FDA has a Web page](#) where you can see a summary of the recalls.

## **ISVMA Dues Have Been Mailed**

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## **Mare in Michigan Has Potentially Fatal Virus**

Michigan State Veterinarian Steven Halstead confirmed that a mare in the state tested positive for equine infectious anemia, the first case in Michigan since 2008. The potentially fatal virus, which is transmitted by biting flies, also infects other hoofed animals such as donkeys, mules, burros and ponies. [Read more...](#)

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### About the Photo

The [Bushtit](#) (*Psaltriparus minimus*) is a sprightly, social songbird that twitters as it flies weakly between shrubs and thickets in western North America. Almost always found in lively flocks, Bushtits move constantly, often hanging upside down to pick at insects or spiders on the undersides of leaves. Flocks of Bushtits mix with similar small songbirds like warblers, chickadees, and kinglets while foraging. Bushtits weave a very unusual hanging nest, shaped like a soft pouch or sock, from moss, spider webs, and grasses.

Bushtits are tiny, kinglet-sized birds. They are plump and large-headed, with long tails and short, stubby bills. They are fairly plain brown-and-gray birds. Slightly darker above than below, they have brown-gray heads, gray wings, and tan-gray underparts. Males in parts of the range have contrasting blackish face masks.

Bushtits move quickly through vegetation, almost always in flocks, and continuously make soft chips and twitters. They forage much as chickadees do, frequently hanging upside down to grab small insects and spiders from leaves. Bushtits build a hanging nest out of soft materials such as grasses and spider webs. They live in oak forest, evergreen woodlands, dry scrublands, streamsides, and suburbs. You can find them at elevations from sea level to over 10,000 feet.

I photographed this Bushtit near Dundee, OR in 2000.

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