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Harmful Pet Food Recalls: What You Need to Know Now

Our fur babies are family, keeping them safe from harmful food recalls is a priority. Recalls from foreign objects and bacteria have been rising with increasing adverse side effects. Pets have become extremely ill or died from contaminants. The multitude of products claiming to be “the best” or “the healthiest” is overwhelming.

How do you know what products to choose?

Fortunately, we have two organizations that provide guidelines for human and animal food standards.

- The Federal Department of Agriculture (FDA) establishes guidelines for safe human grade and animal food. They support fully organic farming and production of products.
- The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) is an independent organization that for over one hundred years has provided guidance and recommendations on safe feed production.

Products that claim to be pure, wholesome, natural, and organic are everywhere, but how do you know what that means?

Below are definitions of these words from Merriam Webster. So, we can compare when reviewing FDA standards:

- Pure- “unmixed with any other matter”
- Wholesome- promoting health or well-being.”
Natural- inherent, constituting right or wrong; based on features that exist in nature.
- Organic-: “... food produced with the use of feed or fertilizer of plant or animal origin without employment of chemically formulated fertilizer, growth stimulants, antibiotics, or pesticides.”

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The FDA and AAFCO recognize organic products as those of highest quality, then USDA certifies by placing the stamp on packaging. Natural products are not certified by these organizations but are guaranteed to be without chemicals, preservatives, and artificial coloring. These unnecessary additives can cause digestive issues, allergies, and poor skin health.

Remain diligent and up to date on pet product safety. Our fur babies rely on us to ensure they receive safe and healthy food. The FDA website provides current and past recall information.

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