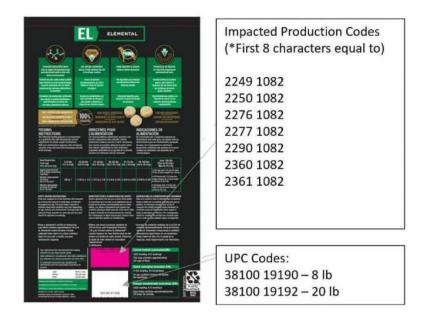


Dear Valued Clients (and Pet Parents),

It has recently come to our attention that one of the major manufacturers and distributors of prescription pet food has issued a voluntary recall for potential excessive levels of Vitamin D. Nestlé Purina is voluntarily recalling select lots of Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diet Elemental EL dry (both 8-pound and 20-pound bags).



Affected lots were manufactured between the dates of November 2022 to February 2023.

While Vitamin D is an essential nutrient for cats and dogs, at high levels it can make our pets very ill. **Potential signs of illness include (but are not limited to) vomiting, inappetence, excessive thirst and/or urination, weight loss, diarrhea, excessive drooling.** If you are feeding one of the affected lots, discontinue feeding immediately and contact your primary veterinarian to determine if your pet needs to be evaluated.

The health and well-being of your pet (our patient) is very important to us, as such we take this recall (and all other recalls) very seriously. Please rest assured that we have gone through our entire inventory to ensure that none of our patients receive a potentially affected diet. I am pleased to inform you that the Friendship Hospital for Animals does not currently stock this



diet and thus is not currently (directly) affected by the recall. Please also rest assured that we will continue monitoring all diets that come into the hospital and evaluate them to ensure they are not on the affected list.

For more information about this recall, please go <u>https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/nestle-</u> <u>purina-petcare-company-voluntarily-recalls-purina-pro-plan-veterinary-diets-el-elemental-dry</u>. Nestlé Purina welcomes any calls regarding specific cases, questions, or concerns; they can be contacted at 1-800-345-5678.

If you have any questions or concerns, we would be happy to speak with you,

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