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## Top Pet Food Brand Recalls Products Due to Bird Flu

### Description

A popular pet food brand's manufacturer has issued a recall of its cat food due to contamination with bird flu, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has reported. The recall affects Northwest Naturals 2lb Feline Turkey Recipe raw and frozen food, produced by Morasch Meats, following tests that confirmed contamination with the H5N1 strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Alarming news from Oregon revealed a direct connection between the cat food and the tragic death of an indoor cat, detailed in a WSDA Facebook post. The recall targets products with "best if used by" dates of 05/21/26 B10 and 06/23/26 B1, sold across the U.S. and British Columbia, as noted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

Customers are urged to dispose of the affected products immediately and contact their place of purchase for a full refund. To combat the spread of bird flu, experts strongly advise avoiding the consumption of raw or undercooked meat and raw dairy, limiting contact with sick or dead animals, washing hands thoroughly after handling raw animal products, and keeping pets away from wild waterfowl.

The bird flu is rapidly spreading among both wild and captive animals, causing significant distress. An outbreak devastated the Wild Felid Advocacy Center in Shelton, where 20 big cats succumbed to the virus, disrupting ongoing conservation efforts. This crisis impacted tigers, cougars, lynxes, bobcats, among others.

In addition, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife discovered bird flu in two wild cougars and a raccoon. The Woodland Park Zoo also reported the death of a red-breasted goose due to suspected bird flu.

Though rare, the virus has crossed over to humans. Four agricultural workers in Franklin County tested "presumptively positive" after exposure to infected chickens. This underscores the need for vigilance, as prolonged close contact with infected animals or contaminated environments poses a potential health risk.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Contamination** /kən,tæm.ɪ'neɪ.fən/ (noun): The act of making something impure or harmful by exposure to a poison or toxic substance.
2. **Influenza** /,ɪn.flu'ɛn.zə/ (noun): A highly contagious viral infection that affects the respiratory system.
3. **Contagion** /kən'teɪ.dʒən/ (noun): The spread of a disease from one person or organism to another.
4. **Tragic** /'trædʒ.ɪk/ (adjective): Causing or involving great sadness or distress.
5. **Vigilance** /'vɪdʒ.ɪ.ləns/ (noun): The action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.
6. **Disrupting** /dɪs'rʌptɪŋ/ (verb): Interfering with the normal progress or activity.



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## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the reason for the recall of Northwest Naturals cat food?  
Option: Contamination with Salmonella  
Option: Contamination with Bird Flu (H5N1)  
Option: Expired Ingredients  
Option: Mislabeling
2. Which strain of Avian Influenza was confirmed in the cat food?  
Option: H1N1  
Option: H5N1  
Option: H7N9  
Option: H3N2
3. What precautionary measures are experts advising to combat the spread of bird flu?  
Option: Avoiding consumption of raw or undercooked meat and raw dairy  
Option: Limiting contact with sick or dead animals  
Option: Washing hands thoroughly after handling raw animal products  
Option: Keeping pets away from wild waterfowl  
Option: All of the above
4. What animals were impacted by the bird flu outbreak at the Wild Felid Advocacy Center in Shelton?  
Option: Lions and elephants  
Option: Big cats like tigers, cougars, lynxes, and bobcats  
Option: Domestic cats and dogs  
Option: Bears and wolves
5. Where did the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife discover bird flu in wild animals?  
Option: Woodland Park Zoo  
Option: Wild Felid Advocacy Center  
Option: Northwest Naturals plant  
Option: Two wild cougars and a raccoon
6. How did the virus cross over to humans in Franklin County?



- Option: Direct contact with infected bats
- Option: Exposure to contaminated water
- Option: Consumption of infected animal meat
- Option: Exposure to infected chickens

### True-False

7. Bird flu has been detected in both wild and captive animals.
8. The outbreak at the Wild Felid Advocacy Center did not impact any big cats.
9. The Woodland Park Zoo reported no cases of bird flu in its animals.
10. Exposure to infected animals or contaminated environments does not pose any health risk to humans.
11. Prolonged close contact with infected animals can potentially lead to human infection with bird flu.
12. All cases of bird flu in animals have been successfully contained and resolved.

### Gap-Fill

13. The best if used by dates for the recalled cat food were 05/21/26 B10 and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The number of big cats that succumbed to bird flu at the Wild Felid Advocacy Center was \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Experts recommend avoiding the consumption of raw or undercooked meat and raw dairy to prevent the spread of bird flu as well as washing hands thoroughly after handling raw \_\_\_\_\_ products.
16. Four agricultural workers in Franklin County tested “presumptively positive” after exposure to infected \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The need for vigilance arises due to the virus potentially crossing over to humans through prolonged \_\_\_\_\_.



close contact with infected animals or contaminated \_\_\_\_\_ .

18. The outbreak of bird flu led to a tragic death of an indoor cat connected to the recalled cat food, as noted in a post by the Washington State Department of \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Contamination with Bird Flu (H5N1) 2. H5N1 3. All of the above 4. Big cats like tigers, cougars, lynxes, and bobcats 5. Two wild cougars and a raccoon 6. Exposure to infected chickens

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 06/23/26 B1 14. 20 15. animal 16. chickens 17. environments 18. Agriculture

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What can lead to genetic variations in living organisms?

- Option: Infections
- Option: Capabilities
- Option: Adapt
- Option: Transmission

2. Which illness is caused by a viral infection affecting the respiratory system?

- Option: Contagion
- Option: Tragic
- Option: Vigilance
- Option: Influenza

### Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

3. Living organisms \_\_\_\_\_ to their environment over time.

4. In order to prevent the spread of diseases it is important to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and follow health guidelines.



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**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

5. The of the virus was traced back to a particular location.
6. The doctor performed various tests to confirm the of the disease.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Infections 2. Influenza

**Gap-Fill:** 3. Adapt 4. Vigilance

**Matching sentence:** 1. Transmission 2. Diagnosis

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