

**PRESS RELEASE of
Lystn, LLC, Manufacturer of ANSWERS Pet Food
In Response to FDA WARNING LETTER
April 21, 2016**

Answers would like to bring to the attention of our consumers, retailers, and patrons the ongoing investigation of the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and the recently posted Warning Letter on the FDA website. The investigation into the presence of Salmonella in two lots of our chicken products produced back in May of 2015 has proceeded for the last 8 months with complete cooperation from Answers Pet Food. We assure our customers that our products have been and remain safe, as well as provide the proper nutrition for your pets.

Safety of our product to both humans and their pets is our number one priority. Answers has taken extensive scientific investigative tests and quality control measures on the particular chicken product lots in question utilizing a third party independent laboratory with test results indicating it presented no health risk. Answers disagreement with the FDA is that the FDA is imposing *policy* of requiring zero tolerance in pet food rather than complying with the language of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act (21 U.S.C. 342 (a) (1) which does not consider food adulterated if the quantity of such substance does not ordinarily render it injurious to health. The FDA's position with pet food is contrary to human consumed poultry in which the USDA allows some presence of Salmonella. As most of our customers are aware, we use natural methods to produce safe and nutritious food for pets using techniques that have proven successful for centuries before modern detrimental processing methods were introduced.

Do to disagreements with the FDA in which we provided numerous requests to seek clarification, including but certainly not limited to asking for explanations to language of the law, requesting the proper paperwork and tests to establish health hazards, and requests to consider our third party tests and safeguards incorporated in our food, the FDA went on a 3-month absence for which they then issued the referenced Warning Letter.

Even in our disagreement with the FDA's position, in an effort to appease the FDA, Answers agreed upon **a firm initiated recall** of the two chicken lots produced in May 2015 after confirming with the FDA our recall language. The FDA reneged on previously agreed upon language delaying the issuance of a recall and proceeded to issue to Answers the Warning Letter which contains some alleged violations that were never included in any prior written documentation.

Answers is extremely disappointed that the FDA refuses to work with a manufacturer. Answers remains willing to cooperate with the FDA and resolve our differences.

Answers understands and is committed to its responsibilities to the public, our distributors, retailers and our end-use customers. Answers would like to assure the users of the safety of our products through the use of science, test results, good manufacturing practices, and strong quality control measures and that no illnesses have been reported.

We have provided the FDA with responses to all their concerns and wait for a reply.

We invite everyone to read our response to the FDA Warning Letter on our website www.answerspetfood.com under the "NEWS" tab and encourage you to form your own conclusion. Thank you for your time and continued support.

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