

INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201), Adapted for WSDA

1. Incident Name: <i>E. coli</i> STEC in retail dog food	2. Incident Number: WARRT2023-2-Feed	3. Date/Time: 9/26/2023; 1900 Hours
<p>4. Situation Report –</p> <p>This SITREP contains updates on information and activities through 19:00 hours on 9/26/2023. The included next steps cover planned objectives and tactics through 1800 hours on 10/2/2023.</p> <p>On 9/22/2023, Department of Health (DOH) notified Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) of five <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 human illness cases within WA that are highly related by WGS. Four have been interviewed and all report feeding their dog Hill's Science Diet pet food. The manufacturer of the product is Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. manufactured, pending confirmation of all lot codes, at 400 SW 8th Street, Topeka, KS 66601-0148. DOH later informed two food varieties are connected: <i>Food Sensitivities z/d for dogs and Sensitive Skin and Stomach for dogs and cats</i>. Two of the cases identified Interbay Petco, Seattle, WA for their purchase location. A WSDA Animal Feed Program (AFP) staff member called the Interbay Petco, Seattle, WA and requested suspected product be temporarily removed from shelves; manager denied request. On 9/22/2023 Kelsey Volkman, FDA Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC) was contacted and is actively involved in response efforts and is coordinating the Bothell lab efforts given the transition/unavailability of the WSDA Food Safety & Consumer Services (FS&CS) laboratory. DOH sent photos of packaging, product numbers/bar codes (of one Hill's Science Diet product in question).</p> <p>On 9/22/2023, another AFP staff member collected 19 samples, covering various lots the evening of 9/22/23 which were processed and submitted to the Bothell FDA lab for analysis. FDA ERC communication with the Bothell lab did not occur until the morning of 9/25/23 and the 19 samples will be able to be processed. Any additional sampling may need to be rerouted to another lab due to capacity and the potential federal shutdown limiting staff. WSDA AFP also surveyed another Petco location in Vancouver for on-floor lot availability for this brand.</p> <p>On 9/25/2023, WSDA AFP confirmed with WSDA State Veterinarians that no Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> infections/enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> infections have been reported as it is a reportable animal disease in WA.</p> <p>On 9/22/2023, WSDA AFP informed the Kansas Department of Agriculture Feed & Dairy Program of this potential linkage to a firm in their jurisdiction for possible onsite investigation.</p> <p>On 9/25/2023, WSDA AFP also reached out to WA Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (WADDL) for possible laboratory surge capacity if a federal government shutdown were to occur and additional sampling is needed.</p> <p><u>09/26/2023 Update</u></p> <p>On 9/26/2023 FDA completed collection reports for 19 submitted samples to the Bothell lab for analysis commencing 9/27/2023. Best case scenario we could see results by the week of 10/2/2023. Efforts are underway to pick up reported remaining kibble dog food from Kitsap County case.</p> <p>On 9/26/2023, WADDL confirmed they would be able to test any additional samples if the potential federal shutdown occurs resulting in the limited use of the FDA Bothell Lab. However, would need to transfer samples to WA DOH Lab maintaining chain of custody to complete WGS. WSDA AFP is continuing to survey for known lots and products identified from epidemiological surveys.</p>		