Portland vet chain helps FDA, victims of pet food recall

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Oregon-based Banfield, The Pet Hospital develops treatment plans

To help treat pets who have been affected by the Menu Foods recall, Portland, Oregon-based Banfield, The Pet Hospital is providing a 25 percent discount off the recommended medical treatment plans received at participating Banfield hospitals across the nation. Specialists and other experts have developed these specific treatment plans to screen for and treat kidney problems seen in patients who have eaten the tainted foods.

In addition, the Banfield Charitable Trust has created an emergency fund and donated the first $50,000 in funding to financially assist clients with Pet medical costs incurred at Banfield that are associated with the Menu Foods product contamination. Banfield Charitable Trust funds from this grant can be applied for at Banfield hospitals.

Banfield is assisting the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) in their investigation of the Menu Foods recall. All Banfield's Pet medical records are linked through a central computer system, giving Banfield the capability of rapidly collecting a large amount of Pet data. We hope that our cooperation with the FDA will shed light on the problem and help the many Pets affected by these diets.

Banfield hospitals across the nation are treating Pets who have been affected by the recalled Pet food. Young feline patients (especially cats under the age of one) appear to have the greatest risk of developing renal failure linked to the recalled diets. All Pet owners of Pets who have eaten the wet food products that are on the Menu Foods recall list are encouraged to take their Pet in to their veterinarian for a full exam. To locate the Banfield nearest to you, call 1-800-768-8858.

It is important that Pet owners review the complete list on the Menu Foods website to view the most updated list of the specific diets that have been recalled. Pet owners with concerns or questions regarding the effective foods should contact Menu Foods at 1-866-463-6738 or online at www.menufoods.com/recall.

Founded in Portland, Oregon, in 1955, Banfield has become the largest Pet general veterinary practice in the world, with more than 600 quality veterinary hospitals in many neighborhoods across the U.S., in the U.K. and in Mexico. More than 1000 veterinarians at Banfield are committed to giving Pets the same level of care that their human family members receive. Banfield hospitals offer a full-range of comprehensive, medical services, computerized medical records, Pet preventive care plans, extended operating hours, and is the only veterinary practice in the world with an extensive quality assurance program. Banfield, The Pet Hospital helps extend the lives of millions of Pets each year.