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ST. JOHN CREAMERY VOLUNTARILY RECALLS RETAIL RAW GOAT PET MILK BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

October 28, 2021—St. John Creamery of Stanwood, WA is voluntarily recalling retail raw goat milk treat for dogs and cats because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. mono*) that can cause serious illness.

Pets with *L. mono* infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans.

L. mono may cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms after handling the affected product or interacting with a pet that has consumed the affected product should immediately contact a health care provider. If your pet has consumed the affected product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian. At this time, there are no known illnesses associated with the recalled product.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Animal Feed Program revealed the presence of *L. mono* in retail raw goat pet milk dated 080722 (August 7), 090322 (September 3), and 091522 (September 15). St. John Creamery and WSDA have worked jointly to address the source of the problem.

St. John Creamery retail raw goat pet milk displaying Best By dates of **July 2022 (07##22) through October 2022 (10##22)** has been recalled. The recalled product, which was bottled in half-gallon, one-quart and one-pint containers, was sold at retail stores in Western Washington.

Consumers who have purchased St. John Creamery retail raw pet milk with Best By dates of **July 2022 (07##22) through October 2022 (10##22)** are urged not to feed the product to their pet and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 206-909-5055 between the hours of 8AM and 5PM Pacific Time.

Retail raw pet milk is legal to sell and buy in Washington State, but the potential health risks are serious. Consumers should educate themselves about the risks and proper handling and ask their retailer to verify the milk was produced and processed by a WSDA-licensed operation.

