

Chicken Jerky Treats Associated with Renal Problems in Dogs: Review and Discussion

In 2007, veterinarians and owners started to associate ingestion of certain chicken jerky treats with specific kidney problems in dogs, kidney problems which seemed to mimic Fanconi Syndrome. The suspect chicken jerky treat products had been manufactured in China and were widely distributed in the United States. The US Food and Drug Administration and animal disease diagnostic laboratories could not determine a cause. Then in late 2008 a similar situation occurred in Australia, again with kidney problems in dogs associated with chicken jerky treat products manufactured in China. While no cause was found for this, a voluntary recall of the suspect product was initiated by the importer. This presentation will discuss these issues as well as potential causes that have been pursued.

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