

The following is from the California Department of Health Services:

"Fort Dodge announced the voluntary recall of RabVac™ 3 TF, serial 873113A (single dose 1ml vials). This vaccine was distributed nationwide from November 2004 and expires June 29, 2006. Approximately 330,000 doses were distributed. This product is approved for use in CA. Letters have been sent to all veterinarians that ordered RabVac™ 3 TF with information on how to get animals revaccinated, reimbursement for vaccines and revaccination, and questions and answers.

This recall is being initiated by Fort Dodge in response to recent quality assurance testing which indicated an issue with its duration of protection.

We are not able to obtain more details on where in CA this was distributed since the company and the distributors do not track these vaccines by serial lot numbers.

We strongly encourage revaccination of dogs, cats, and horses that received this recalled vaccine lot in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure adequate vaccination and duration.

For animals that have received this product (and are currently vaccinated) and are in a wild animal exposure quarantine (30 days) or are exposed to a wild animal before receiving a booster with a non-recalled vaccine, please consider these animals as currently vaccinated for public health purposes and proceed with revaccination and 30 day isolation per state laws and regulations. These recommendations concur with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Animal Rabies Compendium Committee, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For canine licensing purposes, animals that are revaccinated with a non-recalled lot should be considered currently vaccinated as with any other revaccination situation."

For information about the vaccine recall, contact Fort Dodge at 800-533-8536.

You may also contact the California Department of Health Services at 916-552-9740.