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MANUFACTURER RECALLS BENDABLE TOYS DUE TO HIGH LEAD CONTENT

Toys Were Distributed at County and City Libraries Throughout Region

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) warns parents who brought their children to County and city libraries for the Collaborative Summer Library Program to return the toys their children received as rewards. The bendable cat and dog toys are being recalled by their manufacturer due to high lead content in the paint on the toys.

Highsmith Inc., the manufacturer of the toys, notified libraries yesterday that the toys were being recalled. Parents are advised to return the toys to the library where they received them, said Nancy Bowen, M.D., San Diego County HHSA Public Health Officer.

“Children are at higher risk if they put the toys in their mouths, or if the paint on the toys was chipped,” Dr. Bowen said. “Parents should check with their family physician about blood lead screening if they are concerned.”

The sample Highsmith tested registered .277 percent lead content. The Code of Federal Regulations stipulates that lead may constitute no more than .06 percent of the weight of the paint applied to a toy.

The toys were given away at the following four San Diego City libraries:

- Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch, 5188 Zion Ave.
- San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive.
- San Ysidro Branch, 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd.
- Tierrasanta Branch, 4985 La Cuenta Drive.

The toys also were given away at:

- Carlsbad City Library
- Coronado Public Library
- Escondido Public Library
- Oceanside Public Library
- San Marcos Library
- Casa Del Oro County Branch Library
- San Marcos County Branch Library

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