

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza reported in Oregon Cat

Good afternoon,

This is Dr. Hewitt with Pawsitive Wellness reaching out regarding a report of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a cat in Oregon. The cat contracted and died as a result of HPAI from raw/frozen pet food (Morasch Meat's Northwest Naturals brand 2 lb. Turkey Recipe raw & frozen). We are cautioning owners against feeding raw/freeze dried poultry and milk in addition to keeping outdoor cats indoors.

For this reason, the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) is encouraging owners to:

1. Avoid consuming raw or undercooked meat products
2. Avoid consuming raw dairy
3. Limit contact with sick or dead animals
4. Wash your hands after handling raw animal products or contact with sick/dead animals
5. Report sick or dead birds to ODA at 503-986-4711
6. Keep pets or poultry away from wild waterfowl

Additionally, please seek veterinary care if your pet appears to have the following signs of illness

1. Fever
2. Lethargy
3. Low appetite
4. Reddened or inflamed eyes
5. Discharge from the eyes and nose
6. Difficulty breathing
7. Neurologic signs, like tremors, seizures, incoordination, or blindness

This is the complete article at this time: <https://www.oregonvma.org/news/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n1>

Do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns,

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