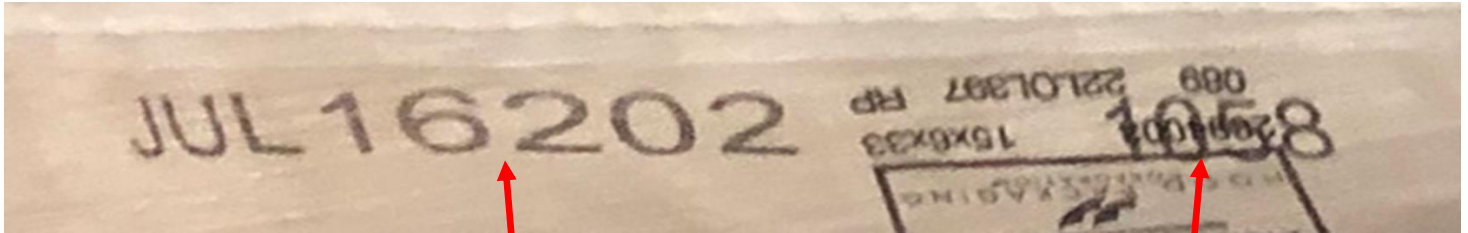


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LabDiet® is improving the lot code used to identify both the Date of Manufacturing and the Expiration Date on all LabDiet® products.

In order to provide our research customers a more inclusive, well researched and easy to follow product tracking data – we are updating the information stamped on each LabDiet® package as it is being made at the Richmond LabDiet® plant starting with products packed on July 20, 2021 – **20JUL2021**. Please note current and expanded information below:

## Previous lot code information



MONTH (July) DAY (16) YEAR (20) SHIFT (2) BAG NUMBER (1058)

## **New Full Data Lot Code Information Effective on 20JUL2021**



We are adding the statement Product of the USA for our many Export Countries

\*The Expiration Date is based on our extensive research on LabDiet® Product Stability found on our website LabDiet.com / Product Stability

**\*\*\*Note that Branded Bags that have the Product Code (ex 5053) and bag weight printed on the front of the bag will not need these identifiers included in the lot code information\*\*\***

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Most natural-ingredient, dry laboratory animal diets stored properly can be used up to 6 months after manufacture. Non-stabilized vitamin C in manufactured feeds generally has a shelf life of only 3 months, but commonly used stabilized forms can extend the shelf life of feed. Refrigeration preserves nutritional quality and lengthens shelf life, but food storage time should be reduced to the lowest practical period **\*\*and the manufacturers' recommendations considered**. Purified and chemically defined diets are often less stable than natural-ingredient diets and their shelf life is usually less than 6 months (Fullerton et al. 1982); they should be stored at 4°C (39°F) or lower.

**\*\*Because our recommendations should be considered based on the Product Stability Research Studies we have conducted – our standard diets will be identified with an EXP of 9 Months and PicoLab® & IsoPro® Irradiated diets will have an EXP date of 12 months from the date of manufacturer.**