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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:12 AM
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Subject: FW: Information on our Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor

Sorry, I made a typo—the Toxicologist's name is John Buchweitz.

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FYI

I just realized that the phone call date in which I contacted Mr. Murphy is incorrect below. I contact him on October 20, 2015. Also, I wanted to let you know that "Sweetie," the other dog in the Murphy home had a blood lead level of 66 ppm which is considered to be within the normal range (<100 ppb) for a dog. The toxicologist that performed the testing, Mr. John Buckweitz, stated to me that the levels are such though that he suspects "Sweetie" is also undergoing exposure to lead somewhere, but that it is not enough to be causing disease.

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Subject: RE: Information on our Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor

Hi Michele—this is Mike Gravlin from DHHS. I'm the RFC that will be doing the lead paint inspection/risk assessment for the property.
 The information you're looking for is right in line with what I usually do for an EBT child so I don't foresee any problems. Usually in cases like this I try to do some extensive photo documentation as well so I will pass copies of the pics along to you also.

Did we ever find out what the units were as far as the blood level? If its ug/dl than that result of 409 would be high enough to kill a child.

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Hi there! I am the Companion Animal Program Manager for MDARD. Toxicities in animals are reportable to our agency and we investigate the cases to attempt to determine from where the toxic substance is coming in order to protect animal health.

I contacted the owner of "Duke," Mr. Adam Murphy, via phone on October 22, 2015 and he stated at the time that "Duke" does not have a history of eating foreign objects. I inquired into if "Duke" could have specifically eaten any of the following common sources of lead poisoning in animals: paint chips, paint or painted walls, fishing sinkers, batteries, as well as if he could have eaten or drank from painted bowls to which Mr. Murphy states that "Duke" did not. We are still interested in determining the following:

- What exactly is "Duke" fed (if fed a commercial diet/treats, name of product, as well as the lot number of the product if has).
- How is "Duke's" food stored (could they be storing the food in something that could contains lead)?
- Does "Duke" have a history of contact with (swimming in, drinking) other water sources, lakes, rivers, etc. besides the water received through the outside faucet such as ponds? If so, where and when?
- Has "Duke" traveled anywhere over the last few months and if so, where?
- When and from where was "Duke" first acquired by the Murphys?
- Evaluating the environment to look for the presence of lead containing material to which the dog may have access (e.g. old paint/paint chips, golf balls, linoleum (esp. if broken), drapery weights, putty, solder, etc.)

My understanding is that the current plan is for you to conduct an environment assessment, including sampling the water due to the owner's concerns over possible lead in the water supplied to the home. You may already routinely inquire into the above as part of a routine assessment, but since multiple agencies are involved and the current plan is to try to limit the number of contacts to the family to avoid overwhelming them or having people potentially asking the same questions (i.e. just have an inspector from MDHHS go out), we just wish to make sure our concerns are also being looked at. We are just trying to rule out all possible sources of lead to help the family and other animals. Thanks and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.