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Unapproved Pet Shampoo Death Prompts FDA Warning



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The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine issued a warning on Friday to pet owners against using Duoxo Seborrhea Shampoo, especially if the owner has a preexisting respiratory medical condition, after a woman died last month subsequent to using the shampoo to treat her dog's case of [seborrhea](#).

The woman who died was already a severe asthma sufferer. While bathing her pet with Duoxo Seborrhea Shampoo, the woman experienced a fatal asthma attack. A fellow asthmatic family member had a similar reaction soon afterwards; they experienced a mild asthma attack after using Seborrhea Shampoo but recovered.

The shampoo, which contains 0.1% phytoshingosine, is unapproved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and distributed by Sogeval Laboratories, Inc.

The FDA advises pet owners with preexisting respiratory conditions such as asthma to use caution when using this product. The issue is currently under investigation, and the FDA will release additional information as it becomes available.

Image: Sogeval Laboratories, Inc.

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