

Salmonella enterica



Full Name: Salmonella Enterica

Aliases: The name "Salmonella" is used by over 2,500 groups of bacteria.

Crime family: Bacteria

Crime: Causes two diseases called salmonellosis enteric fever (typhoid), resulting from bacterial invasion of the bloodstream, and acute gastroenteritis, resulting from a foodborne infection. Most cases are caused by infected food. Salmonella often infects cattle and poultry, though other animals such as cats have also been shown to be sources of infection to humans. Salmonella has also been used as a bioterrorism agent since the 20th century.

Victims: 1.4 million cases annually. 600 deaths in the U.S. every year, accounting for 31 percent of all food-related deaths.

Last Known Whereabouts: Raw chicken, eggs, cereals, cantaloupe, alfalfa sprouts, jalapeno peppers, domestic cats, hamsters, vacuum cleaner bags.