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* * > Most dog owners look to their veterinarian for advice in regards to their dog's health. They believe that their vet, naturally, is there to help them keep their dog healthy. Only few are aware that they might have greater chances of getting honest answers if asking a car dealer about the qualities of his competitors' cars....

Veterinarians need to make a living, and they are very tightly controlled by their trade unions, the Veterinary Associations. And they have no mandate whatsoever to look after the public interest, much less your dog's health.

This basically means that a veterinarian in North America cannot freely speak his mind. If he says something in public that does not please his trade union, this association can revoke his rights to make a living by pulling his license to practice! And there are numerous examples of it happening...

<http://k9joy.com/dogarticles/vettruth.php>

* * * Ask your vet to perform a titre test for parvovirus and distemper before giving your puppy their 3 rd set of puppy vaccines. Receiving this test will indicate that parvovirus and distemper is not needed and your pup is fully immunized against these diseases at any age. These vaccines have been studied and shown to last a lifetime.

If you have any questions please contact me (Fern) anytime at 519-875-1482

www.bichonlovers.com

<https://www.facebook.com/BichonLoversAngels>

<https://www.facebook.com/bichonLoversforever?ref=hl>

Here are my two vaccine groups where I have collected information on the dangers of over vaccinating and the benefits of titres and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pet-vaccine-education-experts/499053223487780>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vaccinesandmoreforhumanandtheirpets/>

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WINNER, USABookNews Award for the Best Pet Health Book
Finalist, Dog Writers Association Best Health Care Book
Recommended by the Journal of the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, Animal Wellness Magazine, the Animal Protection Institute and countless veterinarians.

Please watch our powerful video The Dark Side of Pet Vaccination
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nZ5m5uzzac> or watch it with the accompanying article at <http://truth4pets.org/2012/07/vaccine-reactions/>.

Watch all our new videos and read articles on vaccination at www.Truth4Pets.org, www.Truth4Dogs.com and www.dogs4dogs.com/shots Sign up for our e-newsletter or blogs at www.Dogs4Dogs.com A truly loving guardian is an informed guardian.

<http://www.truth4dogs.com> (Click Small Dogs) -- Giving multiple vaccines to small and medium-sized dogs can be especially dangerous. A veterinary Journal article estimates reactions increase 24% on average for each vaccine given. Combination shots typically contain 4 to 7 vaccines. Add kennel cough and rabies and that's 6 to 9 vaccine. Reactions reported ranged from hives to death.
<http://youtu.be/l7vsjmcqgGU>

<http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/category/medical-exemptions-from-rabies-shots/>

VACCINATION GUIDELINES FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) has issued guidelines to veterinary surgeons and dog owners which aim to ensure that dogs are protected from infectious disease, while reducing the number of vaccines that are given routinely. Full guidelines are available at this link:

http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/New%20Puppy%20Owner%20Vaccination%20Guidelines%20May%202013_0.pdf

W. Jean Dodds, DVM vaccine protocol

Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one I recommend and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

<http://www.itsfortheanimals.com/DODDS-RESUME.HTM>

Canine Vaccination Protocol

9 - 10 Weeks Old:

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy DPV, now renamed Nobivac DPV, when Merck and Intervet merged)

14 Weeks Old:
Same as above

16 - 18 Weeks Old (optional):
Same as above (optional = titer)

20 weeks or older, if allowable by law:
Rabies

1 Year Old:
Distemper + Parvovirus,MLV (optional = titer)

1+ Years Old:
Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster)

Parvovirus
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/go/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Parvovirus.pdf>

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vet-distemper-dog/>

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request. See Rabies Challenge Fund. <http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>

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Core vaccines may not be needed every three years. (Parvovirus , Distemper) = titer

* * * Dr Shultz (clinical scientist) tells us that the two sets of puppy vaccines last upto 7 years or even to the full life of your pet.

Take titres after the two sets of puppy vaccines to avoid over vaccinating. Also Dr Shultz says your pup may be a non responder and never know it without a titer. Dr Shultz tells us that if you have a non responder then stop all vaccines because the animal will never be immunized no matter how many vaccines it gets. If a dog is a non responder then he/she would not ever be protected and may die of any decease. This dog will need to stay away from all other dogs.

* * * Dr Shultz gives his dogs, his kids dogs and his grandchildren's dogs only two sets of puppy vaccines (parvovirus, distemper and adenovirus). Then he does a titer 4 weeks later.

Dr Shultz informed us that anyone can buy these titre kits and test your pets titre at home. Learn how to draw the blood and your all set !! He even suggested inviting your friends over with their pets and do their titres too♥ also there is no need for a professional to read it because it will tell you positive titre or negative titre. It's that simple. It reminds me of those in home pregnancy tests.

Dr Ron Schultz told us in 1978 that there was no need to keep on jabbing our dogs.

“The recommendation for annual re-vaccination is a practice that was officially started in 1978. This recommendation was made without any scientific validation of the need to booster immunity so frequently. In fact the presence of good humoral antibody levels blocks the anamnestic response to vaccine boosters just as maternal antibody blocks the response in some young animals.” ~ Dr. Schultz, Dr. Dodds' colleague and Principal Investigator for The Rabies Challenge Fund.
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vet-distemper-dog/>

Vaccine Non-Responders

I asked Dr. Schultz at this point to briefly explain the rare circumstance in which there's a non-response to vaccination.

Unfortunately, there are genetic non-responders, which are animals that won't be immunized through vaccination no matter when they are injected.

Dr. Schultz estimates that about 1 in 1,000 puppies in the general population of dogs is a parvo non-responder. But because this is a function of genetics, certain breeds and more importantly, certain families (lineages) of dogs will have a much higher ratio than 1 in every 1,000. It might be 1 in 100, or even 1 in 10 that have no response.

Fortunately, animals that don't respond to one vaccine usually respond beautifully to the others. The non-response seems very strictly defined to a specific vaccine for a specific disease.

For distemper, the non-responders are about 1 in 5,000 in the general population. Dr. Schultz thinks this is probably due to the fact distemper has been in the canine species for much longer than parvo. Parvo didn't become a problem for canines until the late 1970s.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/06/07/alternative-to-revaccinating-your-pets-annually.aspx>

Or pass this information on to your veterinarian. With this a new very inexpensive kit to test your pets antibodies. Every pet can be tested for parvovirus and distemper antibodies and will never again be over vaccinated.

Professor Ronald Schultz from the University of Wisconsin was recently quoted describing the VacciCheck:

* * * "One way to insure comfort for pet owners and veterinarians alike is to titer test dogs every three years. A titer test checks to determine the level of protective antibodies. If those antibodies exist, why revaccinate? Schultz asks. A new titer test, called Canine VacciCheck®, just now being made available to veterinarians, is faster and easier."

<http://biogal.co.il/pet-owners/>

Core vaccines are not needed every three years = titer test

* * * Never give a rabies vaccine the same day as any other vaccine. Keep 4 weeks apart from other vaccines.* * * * *

Welcome to the Rabies Challenge Fund.

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. The goal is to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then to 7 years. This project depends primarily upon grassroots gifts for funding the costs of conducting the requisite vaccine trials. Our contributions to date have come mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals. The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust is a federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682].

<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>

Dr. Jean Dodds' Hemopet, Petlifeline, Hemolife & Nutriscan

If you haven't visited our blog lately, we now have it organized by category (thyroid, vaccine, nutrition) as well as date. We hope this system is useful when you want to reference something quickly. Thank you!

<http://drjeandoddshealthresource.tumblr.com/>

Benefits of Coconut oil 1/4 teaspoon per 10lb weight as per Dr Becker's DVM recommendation

<http://ottawavalleydogwhisperer.blogspot.ca/2012/02/coconut-oil-is-good-for-your-dogs.html>

<http://wellnessmama.com/5734/101-uses-for-coconut-oil/>

<http://www.itsfortheanimals.com/HEMOPET.HTM>

<http://www.dogsadversereactions.com/vDrDodds.html>

<http://www.itsfortheanimals.com/DODDS-RESUME.HTM>

<http://blogger.thepetsperspective.com/tag/dr-jean-dodds/>

<https://www.facebook.com/loveyourpets4life>

<http://www.the-happy-dog-spot.com/>

Helpful herbs for the dogs

<http://shrs1.com/?~3nvt>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/dandelion.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/burdock.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/aloe.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/garlic-for-dogs.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/hawthorn.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/safe-herbs-for-dogs.html>

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/canine-health-problems.html>

This next link tells how much to give by weight of dog

<http://www.natural-dog-health-remedies.com/herbal-treatment-for-dogs.html>

iHerb.com discount code: J0Q601 save \$10 on your first order!)

<http://www.iherb.com?rcode=J0Q601>

We have switched to a Species Appropriate diet for our dogs.
Here is some information about the health benefits of feeding a raw diet.

Website <http://www.pets4life.com>

Choosing a raw feeding friendly veterinarian who offers comprehensive care is one of the best ways to make sure your pet gets the veterinary care they deserve. Our holistic veterinary directory will help you to locate a raw feeding friendly vet within Canada.

<http://www.pets4life.net/index.php/pets4life-resources/2012-04-04-20-11-02/raw-friendly-veterinarians-canada>

In this video Dr. Karen Becker talks about raw meat diets for pets - why there's nothing to fear and so much to gain by serving your dog or cat the food nature intended him to eat.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/04/01/raw-food-diet-part-1.aspx>

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/02/15/raw-meat-the-best-and-healthiest-diet-for-pet-cats-and-dogs.aspx>

Dr. Turesky's Research on Carcinogens in Cooked Meat

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/05/27/cooked-meat-carcinogens.aspx?e_cid=20130527_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130527

Today I'm talking to a very special guest, and my friend, Dr. Barbara Royal, about her wonderful new book, *The Royal Treatment: A Natural Approach to Wildly Healthy Pets*. Dr. Royal is a holistic veterinarian who practices here in the Chicago area. You may remember my previous conversations with Dr. Royal about the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Foundation (AHVMF). She is President-Elect of the board of the Foundation.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/05/06/dr-royal-treatment.aspx?e_cid=20130506_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130506

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Here are four questions I would ask a veterinarian for a "holistic test":

1 -- Do you agree with the AVMA & AAHA and tell pet owners that feeding their cats (obligate carnivores) and dogs (carnivores) a balanced, enzyme-rich raw meat diet is very dangerous and a bad idea?

2--Do you recommend/sell brands of pet foods such as Hill's Prescription Diet, Science Diet, Purina Veterinary Diet, Iams Veterinary Formula, Eukanuba Veterinary Diet, Royal Canin Veterinary Care Nutrition, Royal Canin Veterinary Therapeutic Formulas or any pet foods containing grains?

3--Do you recommend using powerful drugs such as steroids, NSAIDs, antibiotics, corticosteroids, etc. as a first form of treatment without looking at ALL other alternatives?

4--Do you recommend annual/frequent vaccinations?

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, politely say "thank you for your time", quickly hang up and phone another veterinarian.

This is a very thorough and extensive 37 page website about holistic veterinary, cat/dog nutrition and what pet food companies and veterinarians don't or won't tell you. It will always be a work in progress. The site is sometimes intentionally provocative & outspoken in order to disturb the status quo, which needs to be educated and must be changed! The site is extremely well received by both veterinarians and pet owners, having over 134,000 hits in a single day.

List of Canadian Holistic Veterinarians.

<http://www.bestcatanddognutrition.com/?cat=868>

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<http://www.burgessvet.com/index.php?mod=HO&gen=N>

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<http://www.pets4life.net/index.php/pets4life-resources/2012-04-04-20-11-02/raw-friendly-veterinarians-canada>

The goal of our practice is to restore and maintain each animal's health based on time-tested natural healing methods.
At The Holistic Vet, we use a multifaceted approach to health and disease. Diet is always at the heart of it. Two out of three human diseases can be prevented, improved or cured by diet. In our practice, we have found that the same holds true for dogs and cats. A whole food, non-GMO, pesticide-free diet provides the necessary nutrients for the body to heal and recover from many diseases. Cancer, arthritis, anemia, diabetes, digestive diseases and autoimmune diseases are just a few of a long list of health conditions that are related to diet.
<http://www.holistic-vet.ca/>

Tick repellent :)

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Ticks can be troublesome outdoor pests, as they feed off the blood of mammals, and can carry and transfer bacteria and disease such as Lyme disease. Some retail products are designed to repel ticks, but these are many times high-priced items and no more effective than a simple homemade solution.

Repellent for Pets

For pets, add 1 cup of water to a spray bottle, followed by 2 cups of distilled white vinegar. Ticks hate the smell and taste of vinegar, and will be easily be repelled by this ingredient alone. Then, add two spoonfuls of vegetable or almond oil, which both contain sulfur (another natural tick repellent). To make a repellent that will also deter fleas, mix in a few spoonfuls of lemon juice, citrus oil, or peppermint oil, which will all repel ticks and fleas while also creating a scented repellent. Spray onto the pet's dry coat, staying away from sensitive areas including eyes, nose, mouth, and genitals. When outdoors for an extended period, spray this solution on two to three times per day. When pets are outdoors generally to use the restroom only, spray the solution onto the animal's coat once per day.

A simple homemade repellent can be made with a few inexpensive household ingredients. In a spray bottle, mix 2 cups of distilled white vinegar and 1 cup of water. To make a scented solution so you do not smell like bitter vinegar all day, add 20 drops of your favorite essential oil or bath oil. Eucalyptus oil is a calm, soothing scent that also works as a tick repellent, while peppermint and citrus oils give off a strong crisp scent that also repel ticks. After mixing the solution, spray onto clothing, skin, and hair before going outdoors. Reapply every four hours to keep ticks at bay, and examine the skin and hair when returning home to make sure no ticks are on the body.

For more tips, recipes and motivation join us
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By Dr. Becker

According to parasitologists, 2013 will see an explosion of tick populations in many areas of the U.S.

Two types of ticks are especially problematic: the deer tick, also called the black-legged tick, and the Lone Star tick. These ticks have now invaded about half the U.S., and in many states both are present. Together, these species are associated with nearly a dozen tick-borne illnesses, including Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/14/tick-borne-illness.aspx?e_cid=20130614_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130614

Have your dog tested for tick-borne diseases about three to four weeks after removing a tick. The type of test to ask your vet for is the SNAP 4Dx or Accuplex test, which is a screening blood test. If you don't have the 4Dx or Accuplex test done, you'll want to watch your dog closely for several months for any signs of loss of appetite, lethargy, changes in gait, fever, intermittent limping - all the symptoms of potential tick-borne diseases. And keep in mind that waiting until a dog exhibits symptoms isn't the most proactive approach.

Checking your dog externally for ticks and having his blood checked regularly (I recommend every 6 months) for internal, silent infections is the very best approach to keeping your pet safe from potentially devastating tick-borne diseases.

The Seasonal Cancer Danger to Steer Your Dog Clear Of

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/05/herbicide-exposure.aspx?e_cid=20130605_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130605

Dog walker:

My husband and I have the pleasure of knowing Sergio Brotto personally. When you hire Sergio to take care for your pet, you are hiring one of the best! Sergio and his family adopted Lola from us at Bichon Lovers so we see first hand how much he loves dogs. Sergio will care for your pet with as much love and concern as he does his Lola. ♥

<https://www.facebook.com/sergio.brotto.1?ref=ts&fref=ts>

<http://www.bigcitydogwalking.com/default.html>

<http://m.bigcitydogwalking.com/>

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Overheating Can Cause Your Dog's Agonizing Death within Minutes - Yet It's Entirely Avoidable

By Dr. Becker

The hot summer months are almost upon us, and tragically, many pets will succumb to heat-related deaths between now and the arrival of cooler weather in the fall. http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/24/overheating.aspx?e_cid=20130624_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130624

<http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/2009/10/08/protecting-dogs-from-vaccine-reactions/>
Whenever possible, vaccinate under the supervision of a holistic vet trained in homeopathy. At least, give the homeopathic remedy Thuja (Thuya) when vaccinating with most vaccines. Use Lyssin for the rabies vaccine. If your vet isn't skilled in homeopathy, you can get instructions and remedies at naturalrearing.com.

This is the veterinarian that performs a laparoscopy spaying . He has a video to click on his web site page of the surgery Dr Nigel skinner
<http://kewbeachvets.com/team%20members/dr-nigel-skinner>

By Dr. Becker

A new study conducted at the University of California, Davis further supports a growing body of evidence that spaying or neutering, and the age at which it is done, may increase a dog's risk of certain cancers and joint diseases.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/26/early-neutering-effects.aspx?e_cid=20130626_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130626

5 Hidden Household Toxins That Can Harm Your Pet

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/hidden-household-toxins-pet/>

Unless a vaccine reaction is strong and immediate, most people – and a shocking number of vets – don’t connect a new or worsened health problem to a shot, let alone report the reaction. The 2007 World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Vaccination Guidelines say there is “gross under-reporting of vaccine-associated adverse events which impedes knowledge of the ongoing safety of these products.” Former FDA head, Dr. David Kessler, says “only about 1% of serious events are reported to the FDA.” He was referring to drugs for people; reporting of pet drug reactions is likely to be far worse.

How prevalent are reactions?

<http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/2009/10/08/protecting-dogs-from-vaccine-reactions/>

Vaccines, Collagen And Joint Disease

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vaccines-collagen-and-joint-disease/>

By Dr. Becker

Today our pets are bombarded by hundreds of dangerous toxins in the environment. These include radiation, environmental pesticides, lawn and home chemicals, electromagnetic fields (EMFs), fire retardants, Bisphenol A (BPA) from plastic food and water dishes, hydrocarbons, heavy metals, animal hormones, and antibiotic residues. There are toxic preservatives in pet foods, mycotoxins in kibble, and allergens. Our water sources contain fluorides and other toxins.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/17/detoxification.aspx?e_cid=20130617_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130617

Sodium Bisulfate: It Might Burn Your Pet's Mouth, Throat, and Stomach - But They're Adding It to Food Anyway

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/28/sodium-bisulfate.aspx?e_cid=20130628_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130628

More Than Half of U.S. Pets Have This Disease-Linked Condition - Does Yours?

By Dr. Becker

I’m sad to report that for yet another year, U.S. pet obesity rates continued to escalate. According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP), in 2012 the number of overweight cats reached an all-time high.

The 2012 survey reveals that 52.5 percent of dogs and 58.3 percent of cats are either overweight or obese according to their veterinarian. The number of fat cats represents a 3 percent increase over the 2011 number. These percentages mean that approximately 80 million dogs and cats in this country are not only uncomfortably heavy, but also at increased risk for a long list of debilitating weight-related disorders.

According to Dr. Ernie Ward, founder of APOP and lead veterinarian for the 2012 survey, obesity is the number one health threat to today's pets. "We continue to see an escalation in the number of overweight cats and an explosion in the number of type 2 diabetes cases," says Dr. Ward.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/19/pet-obesity-rates.aspx?e_cid=20130619_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130619

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE MAGIC!

Ever since I started using Hydrogen Peroxide to get rid of armpit stains, to clean cookie sheets, as a miracle cleaner in my kitchen and bathroom, and to make my own "oxi clean"...I ALWAYS have at least one bottle of the stuff under my kitchen sink, under my bathroom sink, AND in the laundry room. This stuff is amazingly versatile!

But it wasn't until recently, after doing some IN DEPTH research on the subject, that I came to realize what a "miracle substance" hydrogen peroxide really is! It's safe, it's readily available, it's cheap, and best of all, it WORKS! It works for a LOT of stuff!

Hydrogen peroxide should really be called oxygen water, since it is basically the same chemical make up as water but with an extra oxygen atom (H₂O₂). Because of this it breaks down quickly and harmlessly into oxygen and water.

Some other interesting facts about hydrogen peroxide:

It is found in all living material.

Your white blood cells naturally produce hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) to fight bacteria and infections.

Fruit and vegetables naturally produce hydrogen peroxide. This is one of the reasons why it is so healthy to eat fresh fruit and vegetables.

It is found in massive dosages in the mother's first milk, called colostrum, and is transferred to the baby to boost their immune system.

It is found in rain water because some of the H₂O in the atmosphere receives an additional oxygen atom from the ozone (O₃) and this H₂O₂ makes plants grow faster.

Next to Apple Cider Vinegar, hydrogen peroxide ranks up there as one of the best household remedies.

Besides the obvious (cleansing wounds), did you know that it is probably the best remedy to dissolve ear wax? Brighten dingy floors? Add natural highlights to your hair? Improve your plants root systems? The list goes on and on!

There are SO many uses for this stuff that I've started replacing the cap on the hydrogen peroxide bottle with a sprayer because it's easier and faster to use that way.

I have compiled a rather impressive list of uses for 3% hydrogen peroxide that I hope will have you as thrilled and bewildered as I was!

Wash vegetables and fruits with hydrogen peroxide to remove dirt and pesticides. Add 1/4 cup of H2O2 to a sink of cold water. After washing, rinse thoroughly with cool water.

In the dishwasher, add 2 oz. to your regular detergent for a sanitizing boost. Also, beef up your regular dish soap by adding roughly 2 ounces of 3% H2O2 to the bottle.

Use hydrogen peroxide as a mouthwash to freshen breath. It kills the bacteria that causes halitosis. Use a 50/50 mixture of hydrogen peroxide and water.

Use baking soda and hydrogen peroxide to make a paste for brushing teeth. Helps with early stages of gingivitis as it kills bacteria. Mixed with salt and baking soda, hydrogen peroxide works as a whitening toothpaste.

Soak your toothbrush in hydrogen peroxide between uses to keep it clean and prevent the transfer of germs. This is particularly helpful when you or someone in your family has a cold or the flu.

Clean your cutting board and countertop. Let everything bubble for a few minutes, then scrub and rinse clean. (I've been using it for this a LOT lately!)

Wipe out your refrigerator and dishwasher. Because it's non-toxic, it's great for cleaning places that store food and dishes.

Clean your sponges. Soak them for 10 minutes in a 50/50 mixture of hydrogen peroxide and warm water in a shallow dish. Rinse the sponges thoroughly afterward.

Remove baked-on crud from pots and pans. Combine hydrogen peroxide with enough baking soda to make a paste, then rub onto the dirty pan and let it sit for a while. Come back later with a scrubby sponge and some warm water, and the baked-on stains will lift right off.

Whiten bathtub grout. First dry the tub thoroughly, then spray it liberally with hydrogen peroxide. Let it sit – it may bubble slightly – for a little while, then come back and scrub the grout with an old toothbrush. You may have to repeat the process a few times.

Clean the toilet bowl. Pour half a cup of hydrogen peroxide into the toilet bowl, let stand for 20 minutes, then scrub clean.

Remove stains from clothing, curtains, and tablecloths. Hydrogen peroxide can be used as a pre-treater for stains – just soak the stain for a little while in 3% hydrogen peroxide before tossing into the laundry. You can also add a cup of peroxide to a regular load of whites to boost brightness. It's a green alternative to bleach, and works just as well.

Brighten dingy floors. Combine half a cup of hydrogen peroxide with one gallon of hot water, then go to town on your flooring. Because it's so mild, it's safe for any floor type, and there's no need to rinse.

Clean kids' toys and play areas. Hydrogen peroxide is a safe cleaner to use around kids, or anyone with respiratory problems, because it's not a lung irritant. Spray toys, toy boxes, doorknobs, and anything else your kids touch on a regular basis.

Help out your plants. To ward off fungus, add a little hydrogen peroxide to your spray bottle the next time you're spritzing plants.

Add natural highlights to your hair. Dilute the hydrogen peroxide so the solution is 50% peroxide and 50% water. Spray the solution on wet hair to create subtle, natural highlights.

According to alternative therapy practitioners, adding half a bottle of hydrogen peroxide to a warm bath can help detoxify the body. Some are skeptical of this claim, but a bath is always a nice way to relax and the addition of hydrogen peroxide will leave you – and the tub – squeaky clean!

Spray a solution of 1/2 cup water and 1 tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide on leftover salad, drain, cover and refrigerate. This will prevent wilting and better preserve your salad.

Sanitize your kids' lunch boxes/bags.

Dab hydrogen peroxide on pimples or acne to help clear skin.

Hydrogen peroxide helps to sprout seeds for new plantings. Use a 3% hydrogen peroxide solution once a day and spritz the seed every time you re-moisten. You can also use a mixture of 1 part hydrogen peroxide to 32 parts water to improve your plants' root system.

Remove yellowing from lace curtains or tablecloths. Fill a sink with cold water and a 2 cups of 3% hydrogen peroxide. Soak for at least an hour, rinse in cold water and air dry.

Use it to remove ear wax. Use a solution of 3% with olive or almond oil. Add a couple drops of oil first then H₂O₂. After a few minutes, tilt head to remove solution and wax.

Helps with foot fungus. Spray a 50/50 mixture of hydrogen peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry. Or try soaking your feet in a peroxide solution to help soften calluses and corns, and disinfect minor cuts.

Spray down the shower with hydrogen peroxide to kill bacteria and viruses.

Use 1 pint of 3% hydrogen peroxide to a gallon of water to clean humidifiers and steamers.

Wash shower curtains with hydrogen peroxide to remove mildew and soap scum. Place curtains in machine with a bath towel and your regular detergent. Add 1 cup full strength 3% hydrogen peroxide to the rinse cycle.

Use for towels that have become musty smelling. 1/2 cup Peroxide and 1/2 cup vinegar let stand for 15 minutes wash as normal. Gets rid of the smell.

Use hydrogen peroxide to control fungi present in aquariums. Don't worry, it won't hurt your fish. Use sparingly for this purpose.

De-skunking solution. Combine 1 quart 3% H₂O₂, 1/4 cup baking soda, 1 teaspoon Dawn dish detergent, 2 quarts warm water.

By Dr. Becker

According to the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center, more than 180,000 pets were exposed to potentially toxic substances in 2012. And for the fifth year running, topping the list are prescription human medications.

Top 10 Pet Poisons in 2012

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/21/10-pet-poisons.aspx?e_cid=20130621_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130621

Is Your Dog At Risk?

Fluoride is present naturally in various foods. Due to the artificial addition of synthetic fluoride to drinking water, it infiltrates into everything.

Mechanically watered plants, processed foods, feed animals all accumulate until the safe levels in the drinking water are blown away. Independent tests have shown that some processed dog foods have excessive levels of fluoride (some 2.5 times higher than "safe" levels).

In addition to diet, even exposure to treated water is a concern. Fluoride can also be absorbed through the skin. If the pool your dog swims in, bathes in or exercises in is filled with treated water, they are being exposed to additional fluoride.

Signs Of Fluorosis

It's important for pet owners to understand that skeletal fluorosis is often misdiagnosed as arthritis. Since fluoride's effects are cumulative, it's easy to mistake fluorosis for arthritis symptoms. Xray evidence of the disease only captures the progressed disease and completely misses the early stages.

Early stages present as issues of “aging” and are often dismissed as such. Has your aging dog had any of the above symptoms? Is it age or the early stages of skeletal fluorosis? It’s widely thought that skeletal fluorosis is not an issue in North America. In reality, early onset is possibly rampant and widely misdiagnosed.

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/dangers-dog-water/>

Hundreds of pets undergo surgery every year to remove small articles of clothing and other objects from their stomachs and intestines, said Halligan, author, TV consultant and director of veterinary services for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Los Angeles.

<http://life.nationalpost.com/2013/04/30/the-no-1-threat-for-a-pet-dog-or-cat-your-dirty-socks/m>

Feeding Your Dog Raw Eggs – Good Or Bad?

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/feeding-your-dog-raw-eggs-good-or-bad/>

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TREATMENT FOLLOWING VACCINATION OF ANIMALS

http://www.narayana-publishers.com/homeopathy/pdf/The-Homeopathic-Treatment-of-Small-Animals-Christopher-Day.07844_1Contents.pdf

For puppies under six months of age, where a full combination vaccine is given, follow this with the Dog Combination nosode in 6c potency, but where only Parvovirus and Distemper have been given together, follow this with the Parvovirus nosode and Distemper nosode, both in 6c potency.

If the animal is over six months of age, then give the remedies in 30c potency.

The dosage for any of these remedies is one tablet twice a day for a week, then one tablet once a day for two weeks.

If there seems to be any kind of adverse reaction to the vaccine, then give as well Thuja occidentalis 6c for those under six months of age, or 30c for those over six months of age. The Thuja dosage should be the same as for the nosodes – one tablet twice a day for a week, then once a day for a further two weeks.

Following the rabies vaccination, give Lyssin 6c for those under six months or 30c for those over six months, again at a dosage of one tablet twice a day for a week, then once a day for a further two weeks.

<http://www.homeovet.net/content/lifestyle/section2.html>

When an adequate immune memory has already been established, there is little reason to introduce unnecessary antigen, adjuvant, and preservatives by administering booster vaccines. By titering triennially or more often, if needed, one can assess whether a given animal's humoral immune response has fallen below levels of adequate immune memory. In that event, an appropriate vaccine booster can be administered.

Other Issues with Over Vaccination

Other issues arise from over vaccination, as the increased cost in time and dollars spent needs to be considered, despite the well-intentioned solicitation of clients to encourage annual booster vaccinations so that pets also can receive a wellness examination. Giving annual boosters when they are not necessary has the client paying for a service which is likely to be of little benefit to the pet's existing level of protection against these infectious diseases. It also increases the risk of adverse reactions from the repeated exposure to foreign substances. <http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/2009/08/06/treating-adverse-vaccine-reactions-by-jean-dodds-dvm/>

"I've seen it again and again: The owner calls me and says, 'But I keep vaccinating this animal, and my veterinarian keeps testing him and there is no immunity; what do I do?!'

"Very often," said Dr. Dodds, "it's a case where the veterinarian looked at the lab catalog and selected the test called 'Parvovirus Antibody' rather than the intended one, which would be 'Parvovirus Vaccine Antibody' or 'Parvovirus Vaccine Titer.' Meanwhile, the poor animal has been vaccinated repeatedly and unnecessarily, and when we finally get the correct measurement, we find that the animal actually had good immunity all along."

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/5_6/features/5458-1.html

Just a Cold?

Yes, kennel cough is the dog version of a human cold. No one dies of it. It's a harsh cough that can last as long as three weeks, but the way to avoid it is largely by raising a vital animal.

http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/kennel-cough-natural-prevention-of-the-canine-cold/?inf_contact_key=cab19cd408dadd0b128028aa638506a27210c0df1236118e6cccfc43c9c1ebb8

The Outdated Vet Vaccination Advice That Can Harm Your Pet
July 03, 2013

By Dr. Becker

Two years ago, the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) canine vaccination task force updated their vaccination guidelines. The task force changed the previous annual protocol for core vaccines to an every 3-year protocol, with the exception of 1-year rabies shots. (In many states you can choose either a 1-year

or 3-year rabies vaccine for your pet. If you choose a 1-year shot, or if your state doesn't offer a 3-year vaccine, the annual protocol is required by law.)

The task force also acknowledged in the updated guidelines that for non-rabies core vaccines, immunity lasts at least 5 years for distemper and parvovirus, and at least 7 years for adenovirus. This means that even the updated 3-year protocol is overkill.

Veterinarians who are vaccine minimalists, and certainly I am one of them, viewed this protocol change as a small step in the right direction. We feel re-vaccinating pets against diseases they are already immune to poses significant and unnecessary health risks.

It appears there's no shortage of vets out there willing to openly admit they don't want to lose the income from unnecessary vaccinations and new, safer protocols be damned. Hopefully you're not taking your own pet to a veterinarian with a similarly misguided, dangerous practice philosophy.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/03/new-pet-vaccination-protocol.aspx?e_cid=20130703_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130703

Vaccinosis: Health Hazard of Routine Vaccination

Most pet owners aren't aware of the dangers in animal vaccinations that have been discovered in recent years. The major veterinary associations now agree that vaccinations can trigger all sorts of maladies, from allergies to cancer - but most pet caretakers (and many veterinarians, it seems) haven't gotten the word. "With vaccines that are repeated year after year, the frequency and severity of these side-effects in our pets has increased dramatically. Most of the problems involve the immune system. After all, the immune system is what vaccines are designed to stimulate. But they do so in a very unnatural way that can overwhelm and confuse the immune system." - Dr. Donna Starita Mehan, DVM

- See more at: <http://www.shirleys-wellness-cafe.com/AnimalWellness/PetVacc.aspx#sthash.HpndoYKd.dpuf>
<http://www.shirleys-wellness-cafe.com/AnimalWellness/PetVacc.aspx>

Top 7 Worst Dog Food Brands

The best way to avoid the worst dog food brands is to Read your dog food labels - There are literally hundreds of brands and varieties of dog food.

Bad dog food ingredients = shortened life span for your companion.

Below is a listing of some of the inexpensive dog food brands, with the harmful, unnecessary and outright dangerous , highlighted in red.

This is not a complete listing of all the worst dog food brands with harmful ingredients, just the more popular names. Unfortunately there are still too many out there.

<http://holisticandorganixpetshoppe.com/top-7-worst-dog-food-brands.html>

By Nancy Kerns

Five Things to Do if Your Dog Suddenly Seems Paralyzed (and One More Reason to Hate Ticks)

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/16_7/features/five-things-dog-paralyzed_20785-1.html

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Puppy proofing your home

<http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+2106&aid=3283>

Puppies have a tremendous amount of energy and natural curiosity, and they love to explore the world around them. This is part of what makes them so much fun, but it can also lead them into harmful situations. Before you bring your new puppy home, make sure you survey your home for potential dangers. In many ways, making your home safe for a puppy is similar to making your home safe for a toddler. The following tips are designed to help you keep your puppy safe. Many of the following warnings apply for adult dogs as well:

Puppy Proofing Basics

By Wendy Wilson

The day has finally arrived: Your new bundle of fur is coming home! After a long search, you found the right puppy for you and your family – and now the preparation begins.

<http://www.cesarsway.com/dogbehavior/basics/Puppy-Proofing-Basics>

Read more: <http://www.cesarsway.com/dogbehavior/basics/Puppy-Proofing-Basics#ixzz2YIfnhgZ7>

Puppy Proof Your Home - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=muK-JQlrxoY

Jun 17, 2009 - Uploaded by hartworks7

From <http://www.training-dogs.com> comes this quick list of tips on how you can make your home ...

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This is so sad and what's equally sad is the Drs are still vaccinating children. They are not able to make the vaccines safe for all children.

They also equally can not make vaccines safe for our pets either.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/themaryandsallieshow/2013/07/22/mother-of-brain-damaged-child-on-life-post-vaccination>

Homeopathy is fun to use and the fact that it works so very well with so many medical problems makes it all the more rewarding. Most of the commonly used remedies are inexpensive and easy to find. They can be found at most Health Food Markets, some human pharmacies, online at a multitude of sites and even at K

Mart. I suggest you compile a kit of common remedies to have ready and waiting when minor emergencies occur because there's often not the time to run to the store and this stuff always seem to happen late at night or on a major holiday!
http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/12-homeopathic-remedies/?inf_contact_key=a2586cef46ce3e460210485af4dc3d1373fb09b158587cbe2a9bd8704d342f7b

Dr. B's Pet Peeve Plus Natural Pest Repellent:

Pet Peeve Plus Insect Repellent has a unique formula using a plant-based ingredient that contains the insect repellent found naturally in plants.

It also contains a combination of six other essential oils that further repels mosquitoes, black flies, gnats, ticks, chiggers, and no-see-ums.

Pet Peeve Plus is safe for any pet and provides this effective, dependable protection with a light, clean, fresh fragrance.
Contains Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus - the only plant based ingredient recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Repels mosquitoes for up to 6-hour
Cool, refreshing scent
Protects against West Nile Virus
DEET free-
Allergy-tested, proven non-irritating, for sensitive skin
http://ineedthat.corecommerce.com/Dr-B-s-Pet-Peeve-Plus.html?inf_contact_key=8b27fb9725addc272c8168d5276f73c93784b32120915961e94791271091cbdf

Plantain: A Great Digestive Aid For Your Dog!

Plantain (*Plantago major*) is a weed commonly found in the wild and, much to the dismay of many suburbanites, the lawns of almost everyone living in temperate climates. This hardy weed can frequently be found growing in the cracks and crevices of walkways, on dirt roads and in the cracks of roads and highways. Plantain is often a forgotten herb because it's maligned as an invasive and common weed. The good news is, plantain is not only freely and readily available, it's also high in vitamins C, A and K. But plantain offers much more than just vitamins!

http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/plaintain-a-great-digestive-aid-for-your-dog/?inf_contact_key=eb74ab2aa8c5a1ebc5a72326fff6a7209501e93ad855222919b0eb9bec2d2cb7

Pancreatitis in Dogs - Treatment and Prevention - Natural approach

- See more at: <http://peterdobias.com/community/2011/04/pancreatitis-in-dogs-holistic-treatment-and-prevention/#sthash.5xRkqA6r.dpuf>

2. CAUSES OF PANCREATITIS From the holistic point of view, pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) is a result of multiple factors. However, this condition is much more common in dogs on processed kibble. Anatomically dogs are designed for digesting meat, bones, organs with some plant material. Nature never

intended dogs to eat a heavily processed grain-based diet. When processed food is fed, the pancreas simply gets overworked and it becomes inflamed. The inflammation itself can activate the digestive enzymes prematurely which can trigger the process of pancreas "self digestion". This can result in leakage of pancreatic enzymes into the abdominal cavity damaging the abdominal lining and other organs. Because of this, pancreatitis is a serious and often life-threatening condition which needs to be taken seriously. - See more at: <http://peterdobias.com/community/2011/04/pancreatitis-in-dogs-holistic-treatment-and-prevention/#sthash.5xRkqA6r.dpuf>

URINE STAIN REMOVAL

For urine, plus this is also good for grass stains:

In a bottle mix - 2 ounces Woolite, with 2 ounces 20% peroxide, add 1 ounce water and 1 ounce of a good conditioning shampoo.

Lather it in and let it set for 3-4 minutes. Then rinse thoroughly. I also use a conditioner after rinsing because the peroxide can be harsh. (You can buy the 20% peroxide at any beauty supply, like Sally's)

Dr. Becker Discusses Raw Food Diet (Part 1)

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/04/01/raw-food-diet-part-1.aspx> Dr. Karen Becker, a proactive and integrative wellness veterinary...

Healthy Cortisol Levels and Your Pet

How important species appropriate diet and exercise to control cortisol levels. Healthy Cortisol Levels and Your Pet <http://healthypets.mercola.com/> Dr. Karen Becker, a proactive and integrative wellness veterinarian discusses a very important metabolic topic, the cortisol ...

Dr. Becker Interviews Dr. Dodds

Talks about the importance of titres. The importance of only getting the vaccines that are prevalent to where you live and much more.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/03/13/pet-vaccine-dangers.aspx> Dr. Karen Becker, a proactive and integrative wellness veterinary

This next video talks about a shelter environment however I found a few things in his lecture that can help to understand how things work and don't work. This is why a risk assessment needs to be done before giving any vaccines. A lot of vets don't give a risk assessment and give no thought as to the environment pets are living and they give more than is needed.

Dr. Ron Schultz: Vaccination in the Shelter Environment Lecture presented by Dr. Ron Schultz on March 28th, 2013 at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in the Shelter Medicine spring lecture ...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Pfjxv1DUQw&feature=youtu.be>

Healthy Dog Club Interview series: Hypothyroid epidemic in dogs/Dr Jean Dodds/Part 1

Healthy Dog Club interviews Dr Jean Dodds, a world renown vaccine research scientist about hypothyroidism in dogs, a growing epidemic often misunderstood amo...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRNt001GLXk&feature=youtu.be>

New canine vaccination protocol. Once scientists prove a fact, it takes 10 years for it to be taught through out universities, another 10 years for professionals like Vets to know it and a

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2K-OPBFqWs&feature=youtu.be>

Announcing a New Safer Alternative to Traditional Spaying

An ovariectomy differs from an ovariohysterectomy in that only the ovaries are removed, leaving the uterus in place. According to reports comparing the two techniques, it was found that ovariectomy is less invasive and eliminates the risk of ureter ligation at the uterine body. All other known risks are comparable between the two procedures.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/04/14/ovariectomy-safer-alternative-to-pet-spaying.aspx>

This is the veterinarian that performs a laparoscopy spaying . He has a video to click on his web site page of the surgery Dr Nigel skinner

<http://kewbeachvets.com/team%20members/dr-nigel-skinner>

Feather Meal: Say No to This Expensive Pet Food - It's More Weird Than You Can Imagine

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/17/feather-meal.aspx?e_cid=20130717_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130717

Most owners of small dogs handle their pets quite differently than owners of larger breeds. For example, big dogs must learn voice commands like "come" and "stay," in part so their owners can keep them safe. Many small dogs never receive this training because their owners find it easier to simply pick them up and move them out of harm's way.

Small dogs (25 pounds or less) also seem to bring out a very strong protective instinct in their owners. The little guys seem so vulnerable that their safety is a constant worry. Unfamiliar dogs are an immediate threat. Rough play with bigger dogs could result in a crushing injury or broken neck. Eating non-food items is

potentially much more dangerous for a tiny dog than a larger breed. And the list of small-dog dangers goes on.

[http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/19/training-small-](http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/19/training-small-dogs.aspx?e_cid=20130719_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130719)

[dogs.aspx?e_cid=20130719_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130719](http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/19/training-small-dogs.aspx?e_cid=20130719_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130719)

7 Ways To Keep Your Dog Happy In The Heat

As Summer leads to warmer weather and more time outside, K9 Magazine has compiled 7 Summer care and safety tips to help pet owners keep their canine companions happy, cool and safe in hot weather. Summer is an incredible season for outdoor fun with our dogs, however, some people forget to take measures to keep their dog safe as temperatures rise and daily activities change.

<http://www.k9magazine.com/7-ways-keep-dog-happy-heat/>

Toxic and Non-Toxic Plants

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

10 Fun Ways to Bond With Your Dog

Arguably the most important step in successfully training your pooch is relationship building. It is through bonding with you, his pet-parent, that your dog is made to feel secure, knowing that he is accepted as part of your family. By developing a loving and caring relationship, trust is built and companionship between you and your dog is made strong. This allows him not only to respond more promisingly to obedience training but also to improve the quality of both of your lives in the long run.

<http://dogingtonpost.com/fun-ways-bond-your-dog/#.Uexdnsu9KSO>

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Fly Light 911 - Flying Insect Trap

http://www.ditchlingcorp.com/index_00008a.htm

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<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=34df2c0ee7439137f652bc34f&id=47b28df6c6&e=d260f749b0>

Obesity Vaccine: A New Way to Help Your Pet Slim Down? Just Say No
By Dr. Becker

In April, Braasch Biotech LLC, a biopharmaceutical company, was awarded the first U.S. patent for a vaccine to treat obesity in dogs and cats. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued the patent for "treatment of phenotypic obesity by vaccination." (A phenotype is a set of observable characteristics that result from the interaction of an individual's genetic makeup with the environment.)

Since I am very much against unnecessary vaccines due to the significant risks they carry, and given the obesity epidemic among U.S. dogs and cats, I find the idea of an obesity vaccine and the potential for its misuse very troubling, as do several other free-thinking veterinarians.

According to the CEO and Chairman of Braasch:

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/24/pet-obesity-vaccine.aspx?e_cid=20130724_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130724

Leeches For Canine Arthritis Pain

For many people, the thought of leeches makes their skin crawl. However leeches have wonderful, redeeming qualities in the medical community. Unequaled in many respects, leeches are making a come back in modern medicine - and in veterinary medicine!

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/leeches-dog-arthritis-pain/>

Science And Vaccines

What nobody seems to ask for is proof that vaccines work

Vaccination is based on sound science

"There have never been any safety studies done for any vaccine in use today that would meet the criteria of scientific proof" says Harold Buttram MD. "All we have are epidemiologic studies, which are indicators but not proof in and of themselves."

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/science-vaccines/>

The Science of Vaccination

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/science-vaccines/>

Dr. Michael Fox offers the following observations on vaccine efficacy in the field.

"Wildlife biologist Dr Roger Burrows noted that 'Lions in Serengeti National Park (SNP), followed by those in the Masai Mara of Kenya, died like flies in 1994 from a new strain

of canine distemper (CD). This followed a period 1992-94 when domestic dogs of agropastoralist/farmers to the west, and Maasai pastoralists dogs to the east of the SNP boundaries were being experimentally vaccinated against rabies during a vaccination trial .The same new strain of CD in the rabies vaccinated domestic dogs was subsequently found in the lions and was then found to have caused the death from CD of most of a captive colony of wild dogs in Mkomzai Game Reserve in

Tanzania in 2000-2001 - these wild dogs had been vaccinated against CD (using an inactivated strain developed for North Sea Seals!).”

“Following this, in 2007 the same new CD strain was for the first time identified in free living African wild dogs in Maasai areas to the east of SNP where mass vaccinations of local domestic dogs were being carried out against CD, CPV (parvovirus) and rabies. The outbreak confirmed in one large wild dog pack was associated with high mortality of this highly endangered canid species’.”

“When local breeds of domestic dogs around Serengeti National Park (SNP) and the Masai Mara of Kenya were vaccinated against rabies, and then soon after succumb to a virulent outbreak of CD, it would seem to indicate that the rabies vaccinations caused some immunosuppression and thus increased susceptibility to CD.”

“Similar observations were made about the hyena dog, which was in 1989 threatened with extinction. Scientists vaccinated individual animals to protect them against rabies but more than a dozen packs then died within a year - of rabies.” says Dr. Vernon Coleman MB. “This happened even in areas where rabies had never been seen before. When researchers tried using a non-infectious form of the pathogen (to prevent the deaths of the remaining animals) all members of seven packs of dogs disappeared. And yet the rabies vaccine is now compulsory in many parts of the world. Is it not possible that it is the vaccine which is keeping this disease alive?”

Read the full article: <http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/science-vaccines/>

Allergic Dermatitis: The NEW #1 Reason Dogs Visit Vets, and How to Treat It at Home

Top 10 Canine Medical Conditions in 2012

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/07/31/pet-health-conditions.aspx?e_cid=20130731_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130731

Milk Thistle For Your Dog!

Pets, like humans, are forced to deal with exposure to toxins on a daily basis. There are toxins in the foods we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. We can't escape them. And, just like humans, a pet's liver is used to filter these toxins from their blood. Because the liver works so hard at filtering and eliminating all of these toxic substances, it is highly susceptible to serious damage.

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/milk-thistle-for-your-dog/>

Herbs For Our Animal Friends

Good nutrition, holistic treatment of illness, regular grooming, and scrupulous cleaning of your pets' "living" and sleeping areas are the keys to a happy and healthy animal companion.

Remember: Dogs and particularly cats lick their coats. Think carefully before applying flea products to your animals coat, and remember to keep your pet's bedding clean! Stuff their pillows with cedar, bay, eucalyptus, lavender, wormwood and other strong smelling herbs.

All of this, in addition to a nutritious diet full of whole foods, and adding herbal supplements into their regimen is sure to keep your animal friends in great shape!

<http://www.mountainroseherbs.com/animal/animal.html>

Recognizing Dandelion's Herbal Benefits (I get organic from mountain herbs on line) <http://www.mountainroseherbs.com/animal/animal.html>

There is no such thing as a stand-alone herb that serves every purpose; each herb in my medicine chest serves as an integral part of an interdependent health care system. However, there is a single herb that persists and flourishes in my memory, just as it does in the fields and gardens where it lives.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/6_7/features/5554-1.html

"How the Amazon Rainforest Provides a Centuries-Old Natural Formula Against Ticks, Fleas, and Mosquitoes"

Avoid Using Risky Chemical Pesticides on Your Dog or Cat with My Natural Protection System

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/natural-flea-and-tick-control.aspx?e_cid=20130805_PetsNL_banSpecial&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=banSpecial&utm_campaign=20130805

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Catherine odriscoll.

https://www.facebook.com/catherine.odriscoll.14?hc_location=stream

This is a film documenting the work of Dr Andrew Wakefield and one family struggling to deal with the autism of their child. Within two months of this film airing on British TV, Brian Deer started his campaign to finish Andrew Wakefield off. Before this, Dr Wakefield's phones were tapped, his research funding was withdrawn, and he had to go to America to continue his work. Dr Wakefield's findings regarding the link between the MMR jab and autism were dismissed because vaccination is a political issue. All evidence was denied, and the means to study further were withdrawn. This film had me weeping. The same sort of thing is going on where our dogs' vaccines are concerned. If you can, please watch this. It explains a lot.

<http://www.ageofautism.com/2013/02/banned-wakefield-films-from-british-tv-emerge-on-youtube-after-nearly-a-decade.html>

Dr. Dodds is well-known for her vaccination protocol and her work with The Rabies Challenge Fund. We thought we would share the most frequently asked questions and the answers to help you make canine vaccine decisions.

<http://drjeandoddshealthresource.tumblr.com/post/58271237209/titer-vaccine-questions>

Dr Jean Dodds

In my last two posts, I discussed the potential side-effects (vaccinosis) of over-vaccinating our pets, and the difference between MLV (modified live) and killed vaccines. I cautioned that dogs and cats with immune-mediated diseases are especially vulnerable to vaccinosis, since over-vaccination places additional stress on their already compromised immune systems and has been linked to autoimmune disease. So, then, what is the solution to this dilemma? How can you protect your pet from over-vaccination and the risk of contracting a life-threatening disease at the same time? Fortunately, the solution is simple and affordable. Titer tests.

<http://drjeandoddshealthresource.tumblr.com/post/33393350071/vaccines-titer-testing-animals>

Catherine O'Driscoll is founder of Canine Health Concern, and author of the book, 'What Vets Don't Tell You About Vaccines'.

Back in 1991, my four-year-old Golden Retriever Oliver died very suddenly. Like any grieving 'mum', I asked why. Two years later, Oliver's sister Prudence died of leukaemia, and again I asked why. My other dogs were also suffering: Chappie had thyroid disease; Sophie had crippling arthritis; Samson had autoimmune disease (he died when he was five); and Guinnevere had dog allergies. I thought I must be the worst dog owner in the world, and tried to discover what I was doing wrong.

http://www.knowbetterpetfood.com/are_we_vaccinating_too_much#.Uf64SKP_5aQ.facebook

Vital Animals Don't Get Heartworm Ebook

This is a real life, practical, step by step explanation of how to keep your dog both free from the dangerous drugs used to prevent heartworm, and free from the parasite itself. Dr Will Falconer walks you through the way heartworm spreads, the significant

https://xs106.infusionsoft.com/app/orderForms/Vital-Animal?inf_contact_key=c9d5bdc06263ed5cd1b3c134af5e3665

Smoking Hurts Pets, Too: How Cigarette Smoke Endangers Cats And Dogs The Same As Babies And Children

By Chris Weller | Aug 5, 2013 10:51 AM EDT

We're quick today to protect children from harmful diseases and lifestyle behaviors, forestalling any lifelong threats early on. New research suggests that we should transfer this level of concern over to our pets, especially when it comes to smoking, as dogs and cats can come to harm just as easily from cigarette smoke as an infant or child.

<http://www.medicaldaily.com/smoking-hurts-pets-too-how-cigarette-smoke-endangers-cats-and-dogs-same-babies-and-children-249237>

Vaccines and Vets: Is Your Holistic Vet Really Holistic?

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vaccines-and-vets-is-your-holistic-vet-really-holistic/>

Five Red Flag Indicators That It's Time to Find a New Vet by Nancy Kay, DVM @
When someone learns that I'm a veterinarian, their face predictably light up with a smile. It appears that most folks believe that vets are wonderful. After all, we clearly love animals and we must be very smart- everyone knows how difficult it is to get into veterinary school. In fact, people seem far less skeptical of their vet's capabilities and intentions than they are of their own physician's.

Time for a reality check. Not all veterinarians are deserving of such benefit of the doubt. Official veterinary disciplinary boards exist for a reason, and I certainly had a few vet school classmates I wouldn't let near one of my own sick animals with a ten-foot syringe, then or now!

Five red flags

How can you know if your vet's performance is unworthy of your patronage? Here are five red flag indicators to prompt you to consider looking for someone new:

1. Your veterinarian is a 100 percent do-it-your-selfer, refusing to enlist help from other veterinarians, particularly specialists, within the community. Gone are the days of All Creatures Great and Small when it was reasonable for one doc to handle all medical maladies, great and small. Advances in diagnostic and therapeutic technologies have made it impossible for any individual to be proficient at everything. If your family vet has been unable to arrive at a diagnosis, your pet's condition is worsening or not improving in spite of therapy, or a complicated procedure has been recommended, enlisting help from

another veterinarian makes really good sense. If such discussion is not forthcoming, your vet is likely a do-it-your-selfer.

2. Your vet prefers telling you what to do rather than discussing options. This “paternalistic” style of communication hinders your ability to ask questions and make well-informed choices, and successfully serve as your pet’s medical advocate. Sentence starters from your vet such as, “You need to...”, “You should...”, “You have to...”, or an unsolicited, “If I were you I would...” are clues that you are dealing with a paternalistic provider.

3. Your vet doesn’t comply with current professional standards. For example, he or she insists on annual vaccinations (parvovirus for dogs, distemper for dogs and cats). The research supporting extension of the interval between these vaccines from one year to three years first became public knowledge approximately ten years ago. A vet who continues to administer them annually is completely missing the boat in the continuing education department or is eager to collect fees from unnecessary procedures. Neither explanation is remotely reasonable.

4. Your vet has made a significant error while working with your pet. A botched surgery, a missed diagnosis, a medical prescription error are examples that should cause consternation. Yes, mistakes happen, but they warrant some face time with your veterinarian to receive an explanation and determine if you will be staying or taking your business elsewhere.

5. You or your pet simply don’t feel comfortable with your vet. Does your normally delightful dog or cuddly kitty transform into Kujo the minute your vet walks into the exam room? Do you feel uneasy asking questions and openly discussing your worries or concerns? Pay attention to your observations and gut feelings. If it doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t right.

Your exit strategy

If you are planning to leave a vet you’ve been with for years, chances are you’re concerned about how to do so gracefully, without hurting his or her feelings. In response to this concern I quote my favorite line from the movie Moonstruck. Cher demands, “Snap out of it!” as she briskly slaps Nicholas Cage’s cheek. In this situation, I completely concur with her sentiment. After all, what’s more important, your pet’s health and your own peace of mind or your veterinarian’s feelings?

To expedite a smooth transition, obtain a copy of your pet’s entire medical records including: doctor’s notes, laboratory test results, imaging studies (ultrasound, X-rays), and vaccination history. Simply ask the reception staff to provide this for you. This should be a no hassle process as you are legally entitled to all you are requesting. If asked why you are moving on, I encourage you to provide an honest, constructive response.

As the captain of your pet’s health care team, it is your responsibility to determine who your teammates will be. Choose them wisely and remind yourself that the opportunity to care for you and your pet is a privilege that should be well deserved.

Have you ever had to divorce your veterinarian?

If you would like to respond publicly, please visit
<http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=4137>.

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Constipation: The Bowel Problem That Can Make Your Pet's Life Miserable...
More Help for Pets Who Can't Poop

Exercise. Animals need physical activity to keep moving, including moving stool through the colon. Regular physical activity can help prevent or remedy constipation.

Digestive enzymes and probiotics. Both these supplements will help with maldigestion, which is often the cause of both occasional constipation and diarrhea.

Additional dietary fiber. In the wild, the fur on prey provides fiber in a dog's or cat's diet. Needless to say, domesticated pets don't get a lot of fur in their meals! Good sources of fiber for your four-legged companion include:

Psyllium husk powder: 1/2 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight 1-2 times daily on food.

Ground dark green leafy veggies: 1 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight 1-2 times daily with food

Coconut oil: ½ teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight 1-2 times daily

Canned 100 percent pumpkin: 1 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight 1-2 times daily on food

Organic apple cider vinegar (ACV), raw and unfiltered: 1/4 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight added to food 1-2 times daily.

Aloe juice (not the topical gel): 1/4 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight 1-2 times daily on food.

Chiropractic, acupuncture/pressure, and massage. These therapies have been proven to help with chronic constipation in pets.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/08/16/pet-constipation.aspx?e_cid=20130816Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130816Z1

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By Dr. Becker

Today I'm interviewing a very special guest, Dr. Jean Dodds, about new rabies vaccine legislation proposed in California that also has the potential to spread to other states - including the one you live in.

What you see very often with delayed reactions in young puppies are very disturbing symptoms like seizures or severe, adverse temperament changes such as irritability, snapping, or acting dazed. These puppies can exhibit odd behaviors like "fly-snapping" and staring at the ceiling. The seizures are of course very worrisome, because many people assume young puppies with seizures have congenital epilepsy. In fact, there have been instances where veterinarians have told owners they bought their dog from an irresponsible breeder who breeds epileptic dogs, when in fact the animal is having a delayed adverse reaction to a rabies vaccination. Dr. Dodds even knows of veterinary neurologists who don't recognize the symptoms as an adverse vaccine reaction.

As Dr. Dodds explains, vaccine reactions can destroy joints, cause high fevers, and even cause the animal to scream out in pain when touched. They can destroy red blood cells and platelets. They can destroy the liver. But the scariest reactions involve neurological behavioral changes. Some of these puppies wind up abandoned or euthanized when all that was needed was detoxification support to address the rabies vaccinosis reaction.

Dr. Dodds feels very uncomfortable that veterinarians and pet owners are not being taught to recognize the adverse effects of rabies and other vaccines. Distemper vaccine reactions can also involve neurological signs, especially if the vaccine contains modified live virus -- the Rockborn strain of virus - that is known to produce post-vaccinal encephalitis. So we're talking about post-vaccinal encephalitis from adjuvanted rabies vaccines with lots of immune system stimulants as well as from modified live distemper virus vaccines.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/04/29/early-rabies-vaccination.aspx>

We recommend vaccine protocols that are created specifically for each animal. Animals that are living indoors are less likely to need certain vaccines. Animals that have had repeated vaccines are less likely to need certain vaccines. ALL animals that have acute or chronic diseases should not be vaccinated. This

includes animals with disorders such as food allergies, skin allergies, chronic bouts of diarrhea, chronic eye and ear infections, and any immune or autoimmune associated disorder. vaccine protocols will remain a matter of professional judgment and choice.

<http://members.petfinder.com/~CA469/vaccineInfo.html>

NEW VACCINATION PROTOCOL

by DR. Jean Dodds

<http://www.hemopet.com>

All of the 27 Vet Universities in the US have followed the immunization protocol as suggested by Dr. Dodds for years. All of these Hospitals will be changing their Vaccination Programs apparently. This is welcome news and you should print this out and take it with you to your Vet should you need reinforcement against over-vaccination.

<http://www.woodhavenlabs.com/dodds-vaccines.html>

Judy Schor Says:

April 22nd, 2009 at 5:28 pm

Because of there being ZERO science behind the current Rabies Vaccination laws, my beloved Rat -Terrier, Peaches wis dealing everyday with a horrific Auto-Immune disease. It will never go away. She has bloody sores on her ears, and her feet. I must give her 2 baths a day to slough away the tissue debris and keep those little feet clean. I smell the blood left on her when I gently towel her dry with each bath. This disease was diagnosed by the University of Pennsylvania as Rabies Vaccine associated Ischemic Vasculitis. I have no idea how long I'll have my little girl as she could throw a clot at any time or may just continue to be devastated by the disease. I am just so angry about this, as you would be if it were your pup.

it is my opinion that the lobbyists and the pharm companies they work for make these laws.

Please support the Rabies Challenge Fund Studies by donating.

<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/> (a federally registered charity)

These studies (3rd year now)will make a difference so YOUR dog or your childrens dogs will not have to go thru what we and many others are going thru with thier own dogs. The RCF studies are being run according to USDA regulations and will enable change based on science. Yes, based on science:) Please help-and-spread the word...Thank you so much!

Judy and Peaches

<http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/2009/04/22/no-unnecessary-dog-shots/>

Dr. W. R. Hadwen of England was also in controversy with Pasteur. Dr. William A. Bruette, former assistant chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry in Washington, was also a contemporary of Pasteur and gave many proofs of Pasteur's incorrect findings. Dr. Bruette has proved, as a matter of fact, that rabies vaccine is not only a fraud, but harmful. He scores the use of rabies vaccine and states that "inoculation spreads disease." He goes as far as to call the sale of rabies vaccine an out and out racket.

<http://www.vaccinationinformationnetwork.com/rabies-and-the-rabies-vaccine/>

If anyone is concerned that the memory in the vaccine has faded in their animal then a titre test is suggested to see if the antibodies are still there. Dr Dodds suggests every three years to get a titre test or more often if desired. I would like to make it clear that I do believe that animals need their vaccines. I also believe in titres as a very important tool that indicates how many vaccines my dogs need in their life time. If the titre has indicated that the vaccine antibodies are no longer there then I would vaccinate again.

http://www.simplypets.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=27&Itemid=36

<http://www.woodhavenlabs.com/dodds-vaccines.html>

<http://www.i-love-dogs.com/forums/dog-health-nutrition/25220-dr-w-jean-dodds-latest-vaccination-schedule.html>

<http://www.dogs4dogs.com/blog/2009/04/22/no-unnecessary-dog-shots/>

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Whole Dog Journal explains how to make homemade dog treats. Top-quality dog treats are essential for both your dog's health and when used as a training tool. Do you make homemade treats for your doggy?

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/features/How-To-Make-Homemade-Dog-Treats_20607-1.html?s=FB081713

Whole Dog Journal explains how to identify top quality dog treats. From its list of ingredients - to whether or not a particular brand of treats is right for your dog.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/features/Top-Quality-Dog-Treats_20609-1.html?s=FB081513

How to Use Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs

Apple cider vinegar is an excellent item to keep in your pet supplies. It can help improve health, control pests, and ensure general well-being of your dog. It doesn't cost a lot and it works well, so it is definitely worth giving it a try if you need to find something that works for any of the problems or needs outlined in this article.

<http://m.wikihow.com/Use-Apple-Cider-Vinegar-for-Dogs>

A team at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine conducted several studies (1,2) to determine if vaccines can cause changes in the immune system of dogs that might lead to life-threatening immune-mediated diseases. They obviously conducted this research because concern already existed. It was sponsored by the Haywood Foundation which itself was looking for evidence that such changes in the human immune system might also be vaccine induced. It found the evidence.

<http://www.dogsadversereactions.com/scienceVaccineDamage.html>

Many of you have, rightly, sought to reduce or eliminate vaccinations after reading in various places that the common practice of repeatedly vaccinating your animal throughout her life is neither useful nor safe. One alternative that's been offered to you is titer testing.

http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/titer-testing-dog/?inf_contact_key=4c86239c767c6ca83d40f7cf383ef546c987e93b3f6e35a3821784a81143b946

I have a great deal of families with children and they all get along beautifully. There are just a few rules that need to be followed like what this writer states in this article. Children need to follow rules everyday. Teaching them how to get along with animals is one more thing they can learn. Most animals depending on where they come from and the breed, are so amazing. Animals can comfort and display unconditional love to children, adults, elderly, physically and mentally challenged, the blind and the deaf. Teaching children how to get along with animals, may also help them to get along with their siblings, classmates, adults and carry what they learn right into their adulthood.

<http://www.robinkbennett.com/2013/08/19/why-supervising-dogs-and-kids-doesnt-work/>

Dr. Peter Dobias

Unsure about the vaccination safety?

Let me reassure you that the likelihood of this is very, very low. In fact it is much lower than your dog becoming ill from the vaccine itself. In this brief article, you will learn about the pros and cons of vaccines and become more comfortable making the right decision for your animal friends. Over the years, I have heard more confusing opinions about vaccination than about any other medical topic. Ultimately, I resorted to nature's design for immunity; observing and

studying the lives of wild canines and other species. Also, I have 20 years of practical experience in veterinary practice and knowledge of immunology. After careful consideration of pros and cons, I have made a decision not to recommend routine vaccination in my practice. There are many reasons for this decision but one of which will become more apparent after watching the video below. - See more at: <http://peterdobias.com/community/2009/03/vaccination-for-dogs-and-cats-a-holistic-point-of-view/#sthash.T1AgubJm.Ur8mXPbq.dpuf>

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By Dr. Becker

Story at-a-glance

Among the "Top 10 Pet Trends of 2013" is growing consumer demand for pet food made in the U.S. that is all natural and organic.

In response to the demand, according to Pets Weekly, "Even the big names in pet food are making a move to natural pet foods." One of those big names is Hill's, a major industry player that came out with a new brand called Ideal Balance, which carries the slogan "natural ingredients perfectly balanced."

Pets Weekly seems to put Hill's Ideal Balance side-by-side with smaller standard bearers of the natural pet food market.

A comparison of the ingredients in the Hill's brand vs. products made by smaller, quality-focused pet food companies reveals who is using truly natural, organic ingredients. There's also the crucially important matter of raw ingredient sourcing and processing, and in that arena, the smaller producers also win hands down.

As more big industry players enter the natural, organic pet food category, the more vigilant pet owners must become about reading product labels and understanding the significance of, for example, human grade ingredients in pet food.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/08/28/natural-organic-pet-food.aspx?e_cid=20130828Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130828Z1

By Dr. Becker

Story at-a-glance

Your dog's tongue is actually a very important organ, with functions beyond giving sloppy kisses! The tongue is muscled and versatile, and together with the teeth and mouth, comprises what we call the oral cavity.

The main jobs of your dog's tongue are to bring food and water into the mouth and aid in chewing and swallowing; help to regulate body temperature through panting; clean the body; and lick sore spots and wounds on the skin to hasten healing.

There are several canine tongue disorders dog owners should be aware of, including inflammation, ulceration, trauma to the tongue, oral papillomatosis (warts), and tumors.

Traditional Chinese medicine practitioners use the appearance, color and texture of different areas of the tongue as markers for how well various organ systems within the body are functioning.

If you notice that your pet's tongue is changing shape, color, or texture, or if you notice a new bump or lump, it's worth discussing your concerns with your veterinarian.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/08/26/dog-tongue.aspx?e_cid=20130826Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130826Z1

Rodney Habib: Vaccines are an ongoing debated topic in the realms of the veterinarian world today. A topic that is getting hotter and hotter!

"In the 1970s, there were four vaccines for dogs and we weren't using them often. Now there are 16 vaccines for dogs, and if they're not getting them annually, they're getting them more often than that. [...] With just a few of us studying them and more vaccines on the market, how are we supposed to keep up?" Dr. Ronald Schultz, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Science at UW. Dr. Schultz's specialty is veterinary immunology.

We love our pets and have taken them on as our own children. We want our pets to live forever and so, in order to protect them from infectious diseases, we vaccinate them. What's the problem? There is a debate that is growing stronger and stronger; a debate that is dividing the world of veterinarian medicine: Is over-vaccinating destroying our pets?

Dr. Schultz explains: "Our new grads don't know a heck of a lot more about vaccines than our older grads. And I've figured out why this is. They know a lot more about basic immunology, but they don't know about vaccinology and the two are not the same... Also, they're taught by people generally that know nothing about vaccinology.

Now, when do they get their vaccine training? During their fourth year. And who's giving that? The veterinarians that know how to give vaccines, that still don't know about vaccinology. So we haven't gone very far from where we were ten years ago or twenty years ago with regard to training veterinarians about vaccines."

Over 20 countries and tens of thousands of homes tuned in to "In the Dish" last week to hear the latest podcast concerning pet vaccines. The servers exploded due to the large volume of pet owners tuning in. We apologize for the glitches.

This week should be no different as Dana Scott of Dogs Naturally Magazine finishes up her segment in Part 2 of the over-vaccinating dilemma our pets must face on Lite929's "In The Dish".

Podcast here → <http://ow.ly/n2Xjv>

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This is incredible. Please listen to these radio interviews before giving your pet their next vaccines. Learn what some of the top immunologist say about what vaccines are doing to your pets. Then make an educated decision about how to protect your pet.

Part #1

<http://www.lite929.com/files/full-dish-1.mp3>

Part #2

<http://www.lite929.com/files/full-dish-2.mp3>

Part #3

<http://www.lite929.com/files/full-dish-3.mp3>

Lots more radio interviews with lots of great information

<http://www.lite929.com/2013/04/17/in-the-dish-with-rodney-habib-3/>

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Dr Shultz says one and done :)

<http://www.lite929.com/files/in-the-dish-August-28.mp3>

Lyme Disease Testing: Facts You Should Know

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/free/LymeDiseaseEbook.pdf>

Story at-a-glance

Struvite stones are bladder stones that develop in both dogs and cats. The condition accounts for over a third of all urinary tract stones in dogs and about half of all urinary stones in cats. The problem is seen most often in female pets at middle age.

Struvite stones can be caused by alkaline urine, steroid therapy, abnormal retention of urine, a urinary tract infection, or another disorder of the urinary tract. Common symptoms include frequent urination, straining to urinate, urinating in inappropriate places, cloudy or bloody urine, and increased thirst. Diagnosis of a stone will include manual palpation of the abdomen, urinalysis, a urine culture and sensitivity test, x-rays and ultrasounds.

If urine flow is completely blocked, this is a medical emergency and you should have your pet seen by a veterinarian right away. Otherwise, the situation can often be managed with medication and dietary adjustments.

To reduce urine pH - which is the goal in most struvite situations - you must feed your pet a low-carb, grain-free, potato-free, species-appropriate diet. When dogs and cats who are designed to eat meat are fed a grain-based diet or a starch-rich diet, the starch alkalizes urine pH, which can lead to the development of struvite crystals and stones. Sometimes, surgery is required to remove stones in the urethra, ureters or bladder.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/09/struvite-stones.aspx?e_cid=20130909Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130909Z1

Story at-a-glance

In part 1 of a 3-part series on raw food diets for pets, Dr. Becker begins the discussion by reviewing the ancestral origins of today's dogs and cats.

From a genetic standpoint, domesticated canines and felines are essentially the same as their wild counterparts, who are carnivores.

Dogs and cats have not evolved from meat-eaters to vegetarians, but you wouldn't know it from the ingredients used in the vast majority of commercial pet foods on the market.

Fortunately, dogs and cats are adaptable, resilient animals. Otherwise, the biologically inappropriate convenience pet foods they've been fed for the last century would wreak even greater havoc on their health.

High-carbohydrate, low-moisture commercial pet foods have created significant metabolic and physiologic stress in our pets and have become the root cause of most of the inflammatory processes and degenerative disease we see in veterinary medicine today.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/04/01/raw-food-diet-part-1.aspx>

Why Your Canine Was NOT Designed to Eat Grains!

As stated above, your dog is a carnivore, not an herbivore.

What difference does that make, you ask?

An herbivore is equipped to digest plant foods and cellulose because of the rumens they have -- the first division of the stomach of herbivores in which most food collects immediately after being swallowed, and from which it is later returned to the mouth as cud for more thorough chewing. Your dog doesn't have rumens to do this.

Secondly, your dog's pancreas is unable to secrete cellulase to split the cellulose into glucose molecules.

Lastly, dogs are not efficient at digesting, assimilating and utilizing plant material as a source of high quality protein (contrary to what pet food manufacturers would have you believe).

Plants like rice, soybean meal, wheat and corn have very limited usefulness in the meat-eaters diet. They are simply not good choices for a dietary foundation that optimally nourishes meat-eating animals.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/pet-treats-beef-bison-liver.aspx?e_cid=20130909Z1_PetsNL_YRP_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=ypr1&utm_campaign=20130909Z1

How To Stop Dog Chasing Children

Five things to do when your dog chases and nips at kids.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/13_6/features/Dog-Chasing-Children_16228-1.html?s=FB090413

Protect Your Dog From Radiation

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/protect-your-dog-radiation/>

A supplement I always recommend to support heart health in both dogs and cats is CoQ10, or more specifically, ubiquinol, which is the reduced form of CoQ10.

Ubiquinol is a powerhouse, providing energy to the cells of every organ in the body. It is an antioxidant, supports heart, kidney and nervous system health, boosts immune function, helps maintain healthy blood sugar levels, promotes muscle recovery after exercise, slows the progression of organ degeneration, and even helps prevent plaque buildup and inflammation of gum tissue.

<http://bit.ly/15xncoJ>

How to Properly Care for Your Dog's Teeth

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/15_4/features/Maintaining-Canine-Dental-Health_20501-1.html?s=FB090613

This is welcome news and should be taken with you to your vet should you need reinforcement against over-vaccination.

<http://www.carepaw.com/2010/05/13/new-vaccination-protocol/>

Getting the Most Out of Puppy Kindergarten

Your pup can only do as well as you do.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/13_10/features/Puppy-Class_20106-1.html?s=FB090713

12 MOST DANGEROUS 'PEOPLE FOODS' FOR CATS AND DOGS

<http://www.pawnation.com/2012/06/05/the-most-dangerous-people-foods-for-cats-and-dogs/11>

Great guide as to how to trim your pet's nails!

BTW, if you do inadvertently give your pet an ouchie, here's a great home remedy from Dr. Barbara Royal: Apply cornstarch, soap shavings, tea bag, cotton gauze, and apply pressure while you elevate the limb. Do not use water or rub.

https://www.facebook.com/drbarbararoyal?directed_target_id=0

(Note: If the bleeding does not stop, please visit your veterinarian or emergency vet service in your area immediately.)

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I am not a veterinarian so please check with a holistic vet before using any of these remedies unless you trust the opinions of the well known veterinarians listed in the links I have provided.

This page is aimed to inform you of research, opinions, and personal reflections that may be useful to you in determining a disease prevention program for your pet. The information contained on this page is provided for general information purposes and is presented for the educational and free exchange of ideas and speech in relation to health and wellness only. Any information provided may not be veterinary advice and should not be substituted for a regular consultation with a holistic veterinary professional. If you have any concerns about your dog's health, please contact your holistic veterinarian or other qualified professional immediately. If you do not agree to this disclaimer, please do not use this page. The information on this page is presented for the educational and free exchange of ideas and speech in relation to health and wellness only.

Story at-a-glance

A little over a month ago, the Dogswell company joined a growing list of U.S. pet food manufacturers in voluntarily recalling dog treats made in China that were

found to contain traces of poultry antibiotics not approved for use in this country.

Based on testing done not by the FDA, but by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Dogswell pulled several brands from store shelves, including Breathies, Happy Heart, Happy Hips, Mellow Mut, Shape Up, Veggie Life, Vitality and Vitakitty, all with a “best before” date of 1.28.2015 or any earlier date.

Dogswell follows Nestle Purina, Del Monte, Hartz Mountain, Publix Stores and IMS Pet Industries in recalling jerky-type dog treats due to antibiotic contamination. The company insists there is no evidence to suggest unapproved antibiotic residue poses a health risk to humans or pets.

Dogswell admits some of their products come from China, but expresses confidence that Chinese producers are honoring the same “stringent quality standards” as U.S. manufacturers. This assertion rings hollow in light of the fact that Dogswell implemented procedures back in January to begin testing their products for unapproved antibiotic residue.

Meanwhile, the FDA continues to maintain the antibiotic residue issue is unrelated to the imported jerky treat contamination issue that has sickened thousands of U.S. dogs and killed hundreds. We strongly encourage you to remain vigilant about the quality and safety of the treats you offer your four-legged companion.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/11/dogswell-recalled-dog-treats.aspx?e_cid=20130911Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130911Z1

Vaccination And Titers

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/week-four-vaccination-titers-bile-vomiting-intolerance-food-allergies-homeopathy-remedies-for-pancreatitis/>

How To Feed Your Dog A Raw Diet

<http://www.k9magazine.com/feed-dog-raw-diet/>
www.pets4life.net

Don't Be Duped By the True Intent of This Media Blitz Story at-a-glance

A group called “Partners for Healthy Pets” is kicking off a campaign this month to promote more frequent vet visits by pet owners. The group is affiliated with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation and boasts a long list of members/sponsors from the veterinary drug and pet healthcare industries. The campaign hopes to convince pet owners that regular vet visits are as important to their dog or cat as food and love. The target audience is women in their 30s and 40s with above average household incomes and above average spending on pet necessities and luxuries.

The traditional veterinary community's characterization of “preventive healthcare” is focused primarily on re-vaccinations, pest preventives, and other veterinary drugs and products. Holistic vets like Dr. Becker, on the other hand, view those things as potentially devastating to an animal's health. Needless to say, the holistic veterinary community has a very different approach to preventing illness in pets.

Dr. Becker and other proactive, holistically oriented vets focus on issues of nutrition, maintenance of the frame, immune system balance, and routine monitoring of organ function to manage the health of their patients. Truly effective preventive healthcare involves regular monitoring of a pet's health status, and taking proactive steps as necessary to prevent the development of disease.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/13/preventive-healthcare-campaign.aspx?e_cid=20130913Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130913Z1

Story at-a-glance

A Jack Russell Terrier in New York died recently after drinking from a pond while enjoying the outdoors with his family. Testing showed the dog was full of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, which he ingested when he drank the contaminated pond water.

Blue-green algae form blooms that make the water look as if someone spilled blue or green paint on the surface. The floating blooms can form thick, dense mats that collect near the shore, which is where animals and people come into contact with them.

Blue-green algae can be toxic to both animals -- including dogs, cats, horses, cows and birds -- and people. It can cause damage to the liver and nervous system, inflame the respiratory tract, and irritate the skin, eyes, nose and throat.

Symptoms depend on the toxin involved and include vomiting, diarrhea, bloody stool, disorientation, muscle tremors, muscle rigidity, seizures, coma, and shock.

No antidote currently exists for the toxins produced by blue-green algae.

Immediate veterinary care is imperative.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/16/cyanobacteria-blue-green-algae.aspx?e_cid=20130916Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130916Z1

Kennel Cough Vaccine Exposed, by Dr. Peter Dobias

2013-04-26

I have a question for you. Would you vaccinate a 16-year-old dog, with heart disease and recent diagnosis of a malignant lump?

Until a few days ago I thought that no veterinarian would. However, my bubble was burst during a phone call with my friend from London. She asked me if I could help with her 16 year old Jack Russell, Rocky, because he was recently diagnosed with a mast cell tumor. As I was collecting the medical history, we started talking about vaccines. I only asked casually because I assumed that no vet would vaccinate a senior dog. I was wrong.

The news that Rocky has been vaccinated yearly hit me like a ton of bricks because the vaccine label say that animals that are ill should not be vaccinated. After few seconds of disbelief I decided to write this article because obviously the discussion must go on.

Over the years, I have witnessed many people having a very unreasonable fear of Kennel cough mainly due to fear based advertising that kennel cough is some sort of horrible disease while even the Merck Veterinary manual says that: Kennel cough is a mild self-limiting disease that results in inflammation of the upper airways transmitted by air...This condition would rarely lead to complications or death...

“Infectious tracheobronchitis is a mild self-limiting disease that results in inflammation of the upper airways transmitted by air and caused possibly but not surely by several different viruses, mainly Parainfluenza virus and also by a bacteria – Bordetella Bronchiseptica, however, the exact cause may vary.”

The Merck Veterinary Manual also states that:

“This condition would rarely lead to complications or death only in animals with a weakened immune system. In summary, Kennel cough is not much different than a cold that most of us catch from time to time and cure by rest and tea.”

Despite the fact that kennel cough is nothing more than a dog version of cold, most boarding facilities, daycares, training centers and grooming facilities request kennel cough vaccine. They often mean well but they are mainly frightened of being held liable for a dog getting kennel cough.

Books are theory but how about real life veterinary practice? In more than 20 years in clinical practice, I have not seen one single dog succumbing to kennel cough and as the Merck manual says, most dogs recover on their own without they use of any antibiotics. The risk of dog of dying of kennel cough is not any different that of a person dying of a common cold or flu.

More than 15 years back, I too used to use Kennel Cough vaccine because I didn't know any better. I remember seeing absolutely healthy dogs getting kennel cough vaccine and coming back a few days later with actual symptoms of the disease. When I called the vaccine rep his response was that these dogs must had been exposed prior to vaccination. Later I realized that the live modified vaccine was the likely reason.

For your interest, this is what the British medical safety data sheet for Nobivac KC vaccine states:

“Contra-indications, warnings: Particularly in very young susceptible puppies, mild discharges from the eyes and nose can occur from the day after vaccination, sometimes accompanied by sneezing and coughing. Signs are generally transient, but in occasional cases may persist for up to four weeks. In animals, which show more severe signs, appropriate antibiotic treatment may be indicated.

To me, this statement clearly says that the vaccine can cause the disease.

A few practical suggestions of what to do:

DAY CARE, DOG WALKING, GROOMING, BOARDING AND TRAINING FACILITY

If you are an owner of a boarding, grooming or daycare facility you are likely concerned about liability.

I suggest you create a simple waiver that your clients can sign at the time of the admission.

Stop requesting kennel cough vaccine because by doing so, you may be spreading kennel cough itself.

Ensure good hygiene and air quality in your facility.

Avoid overcrowding and strive to create a happy and relaxed atmosphere in your facility.

Download and print a copy of this article for your clients to read to educate them here.

FOR DOG GUARDIANS:

Remember that the Merck Veterinary Manual says that Kennel Cough is a mild self-limiting disease.

Avoid Kennel Cough vaccination if possible no matter what age your dog is.

If a service provider you use requests a Kennel Cough vaccine, share with them this information and be willing to sign a waiver.

Make sure that your dog's immune system is in top-notch condition. The best way to achieve this is to feed high quality all natural raw food and adding essential supplements to make your dogs immune system stronger.

Avoid carbohydrate based and processed foods, milk products, and wheat that can compromise the immune system.

Look for well aired clean facilities that are not overcrowded and your dog likes to visit.

Dr. Peter Dobias, DVM

ABOUT HEARTWORM PREVENTION

"Heartworm dogs don't scare me. I've cured probably a dozen over the years, never needing the toxic drugs so commonly used by conventional vets."Dr. Will Falconer, DVM

Dr. Falconer's ebook "Vital Animals Don't Get Heartworm" can be ordered here

<http://bit.ly/1329s8S>

<http://holisticandorganixpetshoppe.com/the-billion-dollar-heartworm-scam.html>

Why Haven't Pet Owners Been Told These Facts about Heartworm?

Fortunately, heartworm disease can be prevented. It can also be successfully treated when caught in time.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2010/08/03/why-havent-pet-owners-been-told-these-facts-about-heartworm.aspx>

Story at-a-glance

Some cigarette smokers don't realize that second- and third-hand smoke can be as damaging to their pet's health as it is to humans. Animals can develop lung damage and certain kinds of cancers from exposure to smoke, residual chemicals left behind by cigarettes, and from toxins that cling to a smoker's hands and clothing.

Studies show that dogs exposed to large amounts of second-hand smoke have significant changes to lung tissue over time. Studies of smoking-related diseases in cats show that second-hand smoke may double the risk of lymphoma.

Signs a pet is suffering the effects of cigarette smoking in the home include a dry hacking cough and more frequent attacks in pets with asthma. Pets can also ingest tobacco products found in the trash or lying around... sometimes with fatal results.

The best way to protect your pet from second- or third-hand cigarette smoke is to quit the habit if you're the smoker in the household. The next best option is to take the same precautions you would with a child -- smoke outside, wash your hands after smoking, and change your clothes to prevent transferring toxic chemical residue to your pet's fur.

If you suspect your pet is suffering from a tobacco-related health problem, you should make an appointment with your vet as soon as possible.
http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/27/cigarette-smoking-lymphoma-risk.aspx?e_cid=20130920Z1_PetsNL_artTest_HP4&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=artTest_HP4&utm_campaign=20130920Z1

Raw Diets For Dogs: Getting Enough Vitamins And Minerals
http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/raw-diets-for-dogs-getting-enough-vitamins-and-minerals/?inf_contact_key=41fc4f2bb168707763bc8b8b5337a3623ec2e6a7d569b7146b8bb20305d5f1c9

Raw Feeding Primer
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/raw-feeding-primer/>

Why This Vaccine is WORTHLESS and Won't Stop Your Dog Getting Kennel Cough... Many boarding kennels, doggie daycare facilities, groomers and other similar businesses require dogs be vaccinated for kennel cough. Please understand the reason behind this requirement - it is to remove liability from those establishments.
The truth is, these vaccines are ineffective and will not prevent your dog from getting kennel cough. The infection is caused by a wide variety of bacterial and viral agents, and no single vaccine can provide protection from them all. Nor will the vaccines treat an active infection.
<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2010/09/09/9-natural-remedies-for-kennel-cough.aspx>

COMING SOON! A fun and easy introduction to treating your dog at home for common accidents and illness. Get in line now to receive an exclusive offer and updates on the release date.
Click Here: <http://offers.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/homeopathy-first-aid-dogs/>

rabies vaccine can actually cause a low grade inflammation in the brain
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/rabies-miasm-dogs/>

Most pet owners know that antibiotics kill off both the harmful and the beneficial bacteria in the digestive tract. Those beneficial bacteria are a crucial part of the immune system, protecting our pets against viruses, bacterial and fungal infections, as well as parasites. Intestinal bacteria also manufacture essential vitamins (including vitamin K as well as several B vitamins) and a great many other compounds scientists are only just beginning to recognize. Because we want to restore those good bugs after antibiotic use it's common to follow a course of antibiotics with a round of probiotics to restore the colony of beneficial bacteria and bring the body back to balance.
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/read-this-before-giving-your-dog-antibiotics/>

Vaccines and Joint Disorders

The Canine Health Concern's 1997 study of 4,000 dogs showed a high number of dogs developing mobility problems shortly after they were vaccinated.

Immunologist Dr. Jean Dodds has also noted similar issues: "Beyond the immediate hypersensitivity (vaccine) reactions, other acute events tend to occur 24 to 72 hours afterward, or 7 to 45 days later in a delayed type immunological response. Even more delayed adverse effects include...canine distemper antibodies in joint diseases of dogs."

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vaccines-collagen-and-joint-disease/>

Cigarette Smoke Can DOUBLE Your Pet's Lymphoma Risk

By Dr. Becker

Most adults who smoke recognize that second- and third-hand smoke is harmful to other people around them, especially children. But not as many smokers realize their habit can also damage their pet's health.

Animals can develop lung damage and certain kinds of cancer just like humans do when exposed to second-hand smoke, residual chemicals from cigarettes, and even the hands and clothing of a smoker.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/09/27/cigarette-smoking-lymphoma-risk.aspx?e_cid=20130927Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130927Z1

Is pet food actually POISONING our dogs?

In North America, 'mammalian meat and bone meal', a key animal component in pet food, has been shown to include the ground-up remains of euthanised cats and dogs - flea collars, name tags, microchips and all.

You only need to look at David Attenborough programmes to know that wild dogs eat carcasses. They catch live animals or scavenge carrion; they don't attack wheat fields, they don't dig up potatoes, they don't cook, they don't add preservatives or flavour enhancers . . . if it doesn't happen in the wild we shouldn't be doing it for them.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1315145/Is-pet-food-poisoning-dogs.html>

Catherine O'Driscoll

Dog lovers on facebook, in various groups, keep discussing whether or not they should vaccinate their dogs every year, or even at all. They talk about their vets advising annual shots, or only one shot. So many people aren't sure what to do.

The absolute truth is that once a dog is immune to parvovirus, adenovirus (hepatitis) and distemper, they are likely to remain immune for the rest of their lives. Immunity usually comes - for life - from the puppy shots, providing they were given after maternal immunity has waned, which can be generally said to be around 14-16 weeks of age. Not sure about the truth of this statement? Then check out the World Small Animal Veterinary Association puppy summary, given on the link below.

There then remains the question of kennel cough and leptospirosis vaccines. These are deemed 'non-core' by the WSAVA, which means they are optional, and should

only be given in the face (according to the WSAVA) of significant threat. However, the WSAVA also says that kennel cough and leptospirosis are not vaccinatable diseases.

Kennel cough is generally a mild disease and the vaccine causes kennel cough which can then cause outbreaks (it more or less says this on the summary below).

Leptospirosis is a range of over 200 bacterins, and there are only 2-4 in the vaccine. These bacterins are not cross-protective, so the vaccine will not protect against the other 196+ out there. This vaccine is often short-lived, sometimes giving protection (if at all) for as few as three months. Added to this, the leptospirosis vaccine is dangerous; it's the one most associated with severe adverse reactions, which could include brain damage and death. Finally, leptospirosis is RARE in the UK and North America. It is most commonly found in tropical areas, or areas of flooding (which is not to say it will definitely be there if there is flooding).

My dogs have not been vaccinated at all for over 20 years. None of them have died of viral or bacterial disease. They swim in rivers, consort with farm animals (who might carry leptospirosis), and live life without restriction. They are fed raw, which supports them in the battle against disease. My puppies are given the homeopathic nosode and Transfer Factor (concentrated from colostrum).

Vaccines come with serious potential side-effects. Cancer, leukaemia, brain damage, arthritis, epilepsy, skin disease, allergies, and a whole raft of autoimmune diseases.

Love is not a warm fuzzy feeling. It is ACTIVE. Love means responsibility, especially when you are imposing your choices on the animals and children who are dependent upon you. Take the time to educate yourself, and you will be rewarded with good health and long life in your dogs.

http://www.facebook.com/1.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsava.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2FNew%2520Puppy%2520Owner%2520Vaccination%2520Guidelines%2520May%25202013_0.pdf&h=PAQFDXebRAQGL18wHYWvLtSTGOiP-pJl3CraMdjw0qnx2Sw&enc=AZNFhyeGdEHn0On-DPFkmRk9OI2Gb8XlIqq56xbUT5ur8gc1S1I02kEcs3r5pfwL6U2VXthh0ABBW5J6ZFs0-uyE&s=1

By Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA
Training Your Dog Using Imitation

Dogs can not only learn new behaviours by imitating other dogs, but also by imitating us! Here's how to put this skill to good use.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/16_10/features/training-dog-imitation_20841-1.html

How to Gently Cleanse Your Pet's Body of Toxins

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/02/15/detox-for-pets.aspx>

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Check out this video on YouTube:
<http://youtu.be/RYoAOLzkp6w>

Dr. Dodds will be joining CBC News (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) for a live webcam chat tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 3rd, at 7 p.m. Eastern. Your questions pertaining to veterinary costs are wanted!
Link to join the conversation: <http://www.spreecast.com/events/marketplace-live-chat-with-erica-johnson>.

Over-vaccination increases cost, risk

But other experts maintain that annual vaccinations are unnecessary.

“[Core] vaccines provide long-term immunity,” said Dr. Ron Schultz, who teaches veterinary medicine at the University of Wisconsin and helped develop the AAHA guidelines.

Dr. Schultz said that giving dogs core vaccines every year is “like vaccinating a human for measles every seven to 10 years for the rest of their lives.”

In addition to the financial cost -- vaccines can cost about \$40, in addition to the cost of the exam -- over-vaccinating dogs is not without risk.

“There is always the risk of adverse reactions, albeit small,” said Dr. Schultz.
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/many-veterinary-bills-include-inappropriate-costs-1.1876019>

Leptospirosis is feared by many veterinarians because it can cause severe kidney or liver disease in its pet victims. It's double feared because it's a zoonotic disease; in other words, you can get it too. Many vets use this fact to justify the administration of this supposedly protective vaccine. But a good vaccine should be both safe and effective. Let's examine whether or not the yearly lepto vaccination is either.
http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/the-lepto-vaccine-why-vets-give-it-yearly/?inf_contact_key=66549a4e526f3eb48c9d0cacd38891e54329579919e6ced78239698fe570983

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Annual wellness visits are important in keeping dogs healthy, said Dr. Schultz, but veterinarians shouldn't be using vaccinations as a premise to book the annual exam.

"It's very difficult for me; I love my profession," said Dr. Dodds. "Are we going to harm [pets] by giving them something they don't need?"

For more on the Marketplace investigation of veterinary bills, watch the season premiere "Barking Mad" on Friday, October 4 at 8pm (8:30 in Newfoundland).

I have just watched this film every emotion came through anger , tears , sadness , helplessness , fear every woman who is thinking of having a baby , every woman who has a baby , and every parent who has children you must watch this film thank you so much Gary Null for making this film and a huge thank you to all of the parents who were brave enough to tell their story

Silent Epidemic; The Untold Story of Vaccines - Movie - directed by Gary Null

<http://www.facebook.com/1/QAQHh1CGz/www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JGyN3gCsBg>

To launch our 41st season, host Erica Johnson reveals how pet owners may be paying hundreds of dollars for questionable treatments and procedures at the vet. On hidden camera, the Marketplace team goes undercover with our four-legged sleuth, Marshall, a healthy bulldog, taking him to ten veterinary clinics. We put the vets to the test on what they'll recommend for routine pet care needs.

Some vets we visit prescribe vaccines our undercover dog doesn't need, testing that's unnecessary, expensive medications and pet food, as well as differing diagnoses for a common condition. And we reveal five ways that your vet bill may be inflated and how to keep your pet healthy and your vet costs down.
<http://www.cbc.ca/marketplace/episodes/2013-2014/barking-mad>

Story at-a-glance

If you happen to live in the Pacific Northwest and take your dog fishing with you, or if you're in the habit of offering raw fish to your pet, it's important to know that your dog could be at risk for salmon poisoning disease. This is a potentially fatal condition most often caused by raw fish taken from bodies of water located from San Francisco all the way up to the coast of Alaska. Salmon poisoning disease is caused by a parasite found in salmon and other types of fish that swim upstream to spawn. The parasites make their way into the bloodstream of a dog that has eaten infected fish, and cause damage to the liver, lungs, brain, and lymphoid tissues. Symptoms of salmon poisoning develop in 6 to 10 days and can include loss of appetite, depression, high fever, vomiting, diarrhea, discharge from the nose or eyes, and weight loss.

Diagnosis is through either fecal analysis to detect parasite eggs, or through a sample from a swollen lymph node to check for bacteria. Standard treatment involves an antibiotic and a dewormer. Left untreated, the condition can be fatal within two weeks.

To prevent salmon poisoning disease in your pet, make sure he is supervised around bodies of water so that he can't gobble up a piece of raw fish when no one's looking. Also deep-freeze salmon and all types of anadromous fish for at least 7 days if you plan to feed it raw, or cook it before feeding it to your pet.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/07/salmon-poisoning.aspx?e_cid=20131007Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131007Z1

Story at-a-glance

Plant-based proteins are not recommended for carnivorous pets like cats and dogs, who are designed to consume animal-based proteins. But what you might not know is that there is another concern with plant-based pet food ingredients - the potential for contamination with aflatoxins.

According to PetfoodIndustry.com, "Pet foods with plant-derived proteins may also contain more harmful toxins than pet foods with traditional fish and meat proteins." The plant with the highest incidence of aflatoxin contamination is corn, followed by peanuts and cottonseed. Other frequently contaminated crops include certain cereals, oilseeds, spices and tree nuts.

Symptoms of aflatoxicosis in animals include severe, persistent vomiting; bloody diarrhea; lack of appetite; fever; sluggishness; discolored urine; and jaundice, especially around the whites of the eyes, gums and belly.

An expert in mycotoxins at the University of Guelph in Canada cautions pet parents to minimize the risk of aflatoxins by avoiding inexpensive pet foods containing vegetable cereals, corn or wheat fillers, and rice bran.

We recommend transitioning your pet away from all dry pet food toward a balanced, species-appropriate diet of whole, fresh food - either commercially prepared or homemade.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/09/aflatoxin-contaminated-pet-food.aspx?e_cid=20131009Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131009Z1

The next time your vet wants to vaccinate your dog, ask him to let you read the vaccine insert and see if he is ignoring one of these important vaccine label warnings:

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/four-warnings-from-vaccine-manufacturers-who-is-ignoring-them/>

Here's a guide on the garlic levels safe for dogs, based on a dog's weight:

Fresh Garlic (from The Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats by Dr. Pitcairn)

10 to 15 pounds: .5 clove

20 to 40 pounds: 1 clove

45 to 70 pounds: 2 cloves

75 to 90 pounds: 2.5 cloves

100 pounds +: 3 cloves

Benefits Of Feeding Your Dog Garlic

The reason why garlic is added to dog food and treats is because it has many health benefits. Even if you're not sure about dogs and garlic, and decide to start with a very low amount, your dog will still reap the health rewards. Its main claim to fame is the benefit it has on a dog's digestive tract. But there are lots of other wonderful health reasons why garlic can help your dog:

Tick/Flea Repellent: It won't kill the fleas and ticks, but those little buggers don't like the taste of it. One sniff and they'll be making their way off your dog.

Immune System Boost: Garlic has proven to do wonders with dogs with suppressed immune systems and as well has those fighting cancer. It gives a boost to bloodstream cells that kill bad microbes and cancer cells.

Liver Boost: Garlic is known to have detoxifying effects, which can help the liver get rid of toxins from the body.

Fights Bacterial, Viral, and Fungal Infections: Bacteria, virus and fungi are no match for garlic! With its potent antimicrobial and antibiotic properties, it fights parasites and protozoan organisms as well.

Lowers Blood Cholesterol and Triglyceride: Mix the proper dose of uncooked garlic with your dog's food and it can help lower blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

Cardiovascular Boost: Wonderful in older and overweight dogs, garlic can prevent blood clots, and reduce cholesterol levels and fat build up in the arteries. Garlic is Good!

We believe that garlic is safe for dog consumption when fed at the proper dosages. As pet parents, we need to remember that there is no "normal" consumption level - based on your dog's weight, you can feed your dog safe and beneficial levels of garlic.

We'd like to hear from you. Do you feed your dog any garlic, whether it's in food, treats or supplements? Or do you stay away from it, as it's "better to be safe than sorry"? We want to hear from both camps. Leave your thoughts in the comments section below.

<http://www.petguide.com/health/dog/the-shocking-truth-about-dogs-and-garlic/>

When you are in for an exam, and something is recommended to you, especially more vaccinations in one already vaccinated, try these words out:

“Doctor, let me get back to you on that. I need to do my research before I decide.”

Wow. Did you see how you just took control of that situation? Powerful stuff.
http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/avoid-getting-your-animal-in-this-profit-machine/?inf_contact_key=b8b1855b4a444c784d3bdf5fc9d6f8a6a62754b2ca546c8ac82dc85c801c9075

The dangers of over-vaccination have recently been brought to light. Some vets are paying attention, while others still use repeated vaccination either as a way to protect their income or because they don't believe or haven't kept current on recent research.

Pet owners have two choices: they can be passive and allow their vet to decide whether and how often their pets are vaccinated, or they can research vaccine safety and efficacy themselves and start taking a more active role.

For those pet owners who wish to actively protect their pets from unnecessary vaccination, here are five vaccine ingredients they should be familiar with:
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/five-vaccine-ingredients-that-can-harm-your-dog/>

Story at-a-glance

Today, Dr. Becker kicks off a new series of interviews called Highlighting the Healer, in which she will interview holistic veterinarians and practitioners from around the globe. In this first group of interviews, Dr. Becker talks with three veterinary students and two new DVMS about incorporating alternative therapies into an integrative veterinary practice.

Dr. Becker first interviews Alli Troutman, a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. Alli's grandfather was the only veterinarian in a small town in Iowa and he was her inspiration for becoming a vet. Alli will graduate from UW not only with traditional veterinary training, but also with certificates in animal acupuncture and chiropractic. And she already has a job waiting for her!

Next, Dr. Becker talks with Danielle Conway, also a UW student, who shares an interesting technique she developed to overcome her squeamishness about surgery. When she graduates from UW this year, Danielle will also hold certificates in traditional Chinese veterinary medicine, acupuncture, and veterinary spinal manipulation therapy. The next stop for Danielle will be an internship at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh.

The third student Dr. Becker interviews is Joanne Lin of the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Joanne shares her fascinating background and the interesting route she traveled that led her to UC Davis and the study of veterinary medicine. After graduation and some time practicing small animal medicine, Joanne's long-term goal is to open a hospice/rescue sanctuary for animals.

Dr. Becker's fourth interview is with Dr. Rhiannon Fenton, a recent graduate of Western University who has already built a wonderful holistic equine practice that includes training problem horses. And finally, Dr. Becker interviews Dr. Carrie Donahue, who has been practicing integrative veterinary medicine for about three years now. Carrie demonstrates an actual acupuncture session on one of her elderly canine patients.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/21/holistic-veterinarians.aspx?e_cid=20131021Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131021Z1

Calendula: A Great Herb For Dogs

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Story at-a-glance

A recent rash of dog illnesses and deaths in Ohio has news agencies generating a good deal of panic in pet owners. Fortunately, the number of affected dogs is small and the situation (as of this writing) doesn't seem to have worsened in Ohio or spread to other locations.

A number of dogs in the Cincinnati and Akron-Canton areas became sick in August and September with symptoms of bloody diarrhea, severe vomiting, lethargy, weakness, fluid buildup around the lungs, and in some cases, vasculitis (inflammation of the blood vessels.) Unfortunately, four of the dogs died. The symptoms in the Ohio dogs were similar to those in dogs in California found to be infected with circovirus last spring. Samples from some of the Ohio dogs were sent to the University of California-Davis for testing for the virus. Circovirus was not found in all the samples, and therefore could not be identified as the culprit in Ohio.

Circovirus is known to affect pigs and birds. Dog circovirus (DogCV) is similar to the porcine form of the virus, and was reported for the first time in June 2012. Very little is known about how the virus acts in dogs, how it is transmitted, or the role it plays in creating disease.

If you're a dog owner, there's no need to panic. Infectious disease specialists are working to learn more about circovirus and investigating what might have caused the dogs in Ohio to become ill. Remember that most cases of vomiting and diarrhea in dogs are not life threatening. If your pet is showing signs of illness that don't resolve within a day or two, make an appointment with your veterinarian. But if your pet's symptoms are severe or are rapidly worsening, you should get him to your vet or an emergency animal clinic right away.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/23/dog-circovirus.aspx?e_cid=20131023Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131023Z1

Story at-a-glance

Halloween is upon us, and as always this time of year, we want to make sure your pet wakes up healthy and happy on November 1st.

Most pet owners are aware of some of the dangers inherent in Halloween, like chocolate candy. But there are other potential hazards you may never have thought of.

For instance, did you know that Halloween costumes can frighten your pet? Or that you should never let a black cat roam the neighborhood this time of year?

Other hazards include certain Halloween decorations, candy and candy wrappers, and even the adorable pet costumes you see in every store.

To make sure your pet stays safe on October 31st, keep these 10 dos and don'ts in mind. Happy Halloween!

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Rabies Vaccination: 13 Ways to Vaccinate More Safely

Learn to recognize adverse reactions

Short-term reactions include vomiting, facial swelling, fever, lethargy, circulatory shock, loss of consciousness and even death. (If your pet appears distressed, contact your vet immediately.) Reactions occurring days or months after vaccination can be difficult to recognize. They include:

Fibrosarcomas (cancer) at the injection site

Seizures and epilepsy

Autoimmune disease

Chronic digestive problems

Allergies

Skin diseases

Muscle weakness or atrophy

Pica (eating inappropriate materials, including feces)

Behavioral changes (aggression, separation anxiety, compulsive behaviors and more)

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Story at-a-glance

A Real-Life Vet Conflict with Vital Implications for Your Pet's Care

A recent article in a vet industry journal told the story of two vets working in the same practice - one with a very conventional approach and the other with a holistic/integrative approach - and a disagreement they had over the treatment of a patient.

The traditional vet was going on vacation, and the integrative vet took over the care of one of his patients – a dog with test results indicating a few health concerns common to older canines.

The holistically oriented vet who was filling in for the vacationing vet discussed the test results and his proposed treatment with the dog's owners. He recommended a protocol of natural supplements to address the dog's elevated liver enzymes, acidic urine pH, and mild signs of arthritis. The owners agreed and started the dog on the protocol.

When the traditional vet returned from vacation, he was irate when he learned the vet who filled in for him had recommended "untested" remedies for his patient. He called the dog's owners to change the protocol to include only "FDA-approved" drugs, even though the owners seemed to think the dog was doing well on the natural protocol.

This story provides an eye-opening real world example of the significant difference between a conventional approach to treating animal patients, and a holistic/integrative approach. It's interesting to note how closed off some veterinarians are to the possibility that animals can be treated and healed by methods that aren't "FDA-approved."

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/30/holistic-vs-traditional-vet.aspx?e_cid=20131030Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131030Z1

Immunological Effects of Vaccines

Combining viral antigens, especially those of modified live virus (MLV) type which multiply in the host, elicits a stronger antigenic challenge to the animal. This is often viewed as desirable because a more potent immunogen presumably mounts a more effective and sustained immune response. However, it can also overwhelm the immunocompromised or even a healthy host that is continually bombarded with other environmental stimuli and has a genetic predisposition that promotes adverse response to viral challenge. This scenario may have a significant effect on the recently weaned young puppy that is placed in a new environment.

Furthermore, while the frequency of vaccinations is usually spaced 2-3 weeks span, some veterinarians have advocated vaccination once a week in stressful situations. To me, this practice makes no sense from a scientific or medical perspective. While young puppies exposed this frequently to vaccine antigens may not demonstrate overt adverse effects, their relatively immature immune systems may be temporarily or more permanently harmed from such antigenic challenges. Consequences in later life may be the increased susceptibility to chronic debilitating diseases. Some veterinarians trace the increasing current problems with allergic and immunological diseases to the introduction of MLV vaccines some 20 years ago.

While other environmental factors no doubt have a contributing role, the introduction of these vaccine antigens and their environmental shedding may

provide the final insult that exceeds the immunological tolerance threshold of some individuals in the pet population

Vaccine Dosage

Manufacturers of MLV combination vaccines recommend using the same dose for animals of all ages and different sizes. It has never made any sense to vaccinate toy and giant breed puppies (to choose two extremes) with the same vaccine dosage. While these products provide sufficient excess of antigen for the average sized animal, it is likely to be either too much for the toy breeds or too little for the giant breeds. In addition, combining certain specific viral antigens such as distemper with adenovirus 2 (hepatitis) has been shown to influence the immune system by reducing lymphocyte numbers and responsiveness.

www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/immune-system-disease-resistance/?inf_contact_key=0496e7afaf4e0462fdc0a561f210990e0dcf04efa5dbf3d3781e576227ca971f

Story at-a-glance

Dr. Becker interviews Dr. Jean Dodds of the Rabies Challenge Fund to discuss a wide range of vaccine-related topics, including the confusion surrounding antibody titers - what they are and what they tell us about an animal's protection against disease.

Dr. Dodds discusses the difference between "sterile" or lifetime immunity and the short-lived immunity provided by non-core vaccines against diseases like Lyme, leptospirosis, bordetella, other upper respiratory/kennel cough-type viruses, and canine influenza. She also explains why intranasal bordetella vaccines are preferable to the injectable variety.

Dr. Becker and Dr. Dodds talk about the various types of antibody titer tests, the issue of conflicting results among tests, the role the animal's veterinarian plays in decisions about whether or not to re-vaccinate, and the importance of administering single-agent vs. combination vaccines.

Dr. Dodds also discusses maternal immunity - what it is, its role in the timing of puppy and kitten shots, and the value in titering at 16 weeks to insure young animals have been immunized and not simply vaccinated.

Finally, Dr. Becker and Dr. Dodds discuss the important work the Rabies Challenge Fund is doing to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. The goal is to extend the length of time between rabies vaccines to five years, then to seven. The project is in year six of a seven-year study and depends on grassroots funding to conduct the necessary clinical trials. This week only, Mercola Healthy Pets will match every \$1 donated by readers with a \$2 donation, up to \$30,000, to help the Rabies Challenge Fund complete its invaluable work toward reducing the number of vaccines our pets must receive during their lifetime.

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When the autopsy results came in, it was confirmed that the puppies had distemper.

Cindy was surprised by this: the dam was vaccinated, there were no unvaccinated dogs on her property and no outbreaks in her community. The puppy run was also enclosed and Cindy supervised the puppies when outside, so she was certain that raccoons did not get in that area. Cindy began speaking with veterinary immunologists, and learned that it was possible that the vaccine she had given her puppies, a modified live combination vaccine (Da2PP - distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus and parainfluenza), could have 'awakened' in her puppies and actually caused the very disease she was trying to prevent. She didn't know how to pursue this any further, apart from reporting it to the vaccine manufacturer and the CIFA, the Canadian department for veterinary biologics.

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/3-puppy-vaccination-mistakes-too-early-too-often-too-much/>

Vaccination or Revaccination is NOT a Guarantee of Protection Against Disease
Dr. Schultz points out that what many people fail to understand is that vaccination or revaccination is by no means an assurance that the animal is protected. He has seen dogs that have been vaccinated repeatedly who have no antibody. When challenged (exposed to a disease), they are susceptible. And that includes rabies vaccines. Dr. Schultz has seen dogs that have been vaccinated five or more times against rabies that have no antibody. In the case of rabies, distemper and parvo, if there's no antibody, the animal is not protected.

To demonstrate that fact, and to demonstrate that dogs can have lifelong immunity after receiving distemper and parvo vaccines, he keeps them in a distemper and parvo-free environment after their puppy shots. He does not revaccinate them. Seven years later, he checks their antibody levels. If there is antibody present, he challenges them with the virulent virus itself, and they survive it. If they don't have antibody, he doesn't challenge them because there's a high likelihood they will get sick and die.

The presence of antibody, even at low levels, means the immune memory response will kick in and within hours the dog's body will bring the infection under control. There will be infection, but it won't cause disease. There's a big difference between infection and disease. And in fact, reinfection without disease isn't a bad thing because it leads to natural stimulation of the immune response. A few vaccines can provide sterile immunity. It is called this because the antibody produced is able to completely prevent the virus from infecting the animal, and so can't reproduce itself. Vaccines that provide sterile immunity are almost always against viruses that produce systemic rather than local disease.

So for example, parvo and distemper vaccines provide sterile immunity for life in most cases, similar to measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines in humans. Dr. Schultz uses the example of his own case of measles when he was 5 years old. There were no measles vaccines back then. But 50 years later, he had his blood drawn for a demonstration for his veterinary students. He sent the blood to the State Laboratory of Hygiene at the University of Wisconsin and they performed a

variety of serologic tests. His measles antibody response came back at a level considered protective. Now, how did Dr. Schultz have protective immunity 50 years after being naturally immunized with measles? He can thank his memory effector B cells.

Dr. Schultz explains the discovery of these long-lived plasma cells is fairly recent. They reside in bone marrow and are programmed to continue to produce antibody. A dog that lives on average 15 years will still have long-lived cells that produce antibodies to distemper or parvo at the age of 15.

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/11/06/veterinary-vaccines.aspx?e_cid=20131106Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131106Z1

Pumpkin is wonderful for dogs too

<http://herballegacy.com/Pumpkin%20Panacea.pdf>

I am not a veterinarian so please check with a holistic vet before using any of these remedies unless you trust the opinions of the well known veterinarians listed in the links I have provided.

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The Heartworm Medication Trifexis Is Causing Dog Deaths

There have been many reports this week of the heartworm drug Trifexis® being responsible for the deaths of 700 pets this year. That's 120 more than have died from eating Chinese chicken jerky. And just like the jerky, veterinarians and the FDA are slow to do anything about it.

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Story at-a-glance

In the second half of a two-part interview, Dr. Becker talks with Dr. Ronald Schultz of the Rabies Challenge Fund about a variety of vaccine-related topics, including the mysterious rattlesnake vaccine, how it actually works, and for what snake in particular.

Dr. Becker and Dr. Schultz also discuss the Lyme disease vaccine, and under what circumstances it can prove beneficial, as well as the challenges of diagnosing leptospirosis and improvements in that vaccine in recent years.

Dr. Schultz also offers an excellent explanation of the various bordetella vaccines, what dogs really need them and how often, as well as what form of the vaccine he prefers. He and Dr. Becker also discuss the pros and cons of the canine influenza vaccine.

Dr. Becker and Dr. Schultz agree that veterinarians should discuss vaccines with pet owners before they vaccinate. And Dr. Schultz offers his view on which pets are most likely to develop an adverse reaction to vaccines.

Lastly, Dr. Becker and Dr. Schultz discuss the important work the Rabies Challenge Fund is doing to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. The goal is to extend the length of time between rabies vaccines to five years, then, if possible to seven years. The project is in year six of a seven-year study and depends on grassroots funding to conduct the necessary clinical trials. This week only, Mercola Healthy Pets will match every \$1 donated by readers with a \$2 donation, up to \$30,000, to help the Rabies Challenge Fund complete its invaluable work toward reducing the number of vaccines our pets must receive during their lifetime.

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Let the Words Rain Down

“Good morning! I’m here to look at your facility and see if I might board (or groom) my animals with you.”

or, “Yes, I’ll be signing your lease provided we are clear on responsible animal guardianship. I’d like you to meet Clancy, whom I’m responsible for.”

See what I just did there? Who’s in charge now? That’s right: you are. This is 90% of it.

You’re not approaching them with your begging bowl, hoping to garner some sympathy for your odd beliefs about repeated vaccinations. Oh no. You know this stuff. Your vital animals are immune in ways titers can’t even begin to measure! And they have been immune and will continue to be immune without getting another jab of viruses from Dr. WhiteCoat, thank you very much!

Wait for It...

Before you play the V Card, it's good to let the rule follower know that you approve of their facility (at least tentatively; it appears to be adequate).

But then, before you're even asked and before his pathetic CYA requirements are stated, you drop something like this, right on the poor guy's desk:

"My animals are current on all their shots and in impeccable health."

You own this, remember? The bastions of veterinary immunology are right there with you, standing tall. Dr. Ron Schultz's words from Current Veterinary Therapy (1992!) are shining over your forehead in gold letters:

"Immunity to viruses persists for years or for the life of the animal."

If he can't see those words, hanging there, well, that's his problem. The fire in your eyes let's him know that YOU know they are there. Hovering. Speaking their truth. The truth is, your animals ARE immune from those early life vaccinations, and will stay that way till the grave. READ MORE AT

http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/straight-talk-avoiding-baseless-vaccination-requirements/?inf_contact_key=6f1b93d4275e75fc09d35cba6931d8b9fa215ac42e36ab78ba77a2e0fce74309

Dogs Are Carnivores...

Last month, professor Hendriks added another dimension to this study. His work shows that just because dogs have adapted to omnivorous diets doesn't make them omnivores. Although the researchers in the starch study found a few genes that reflected adaptation to starches, "just a few genes' difference is regarded as an adaptive shift to a condition. These alone can't possibly alter the entire digestive evolution of a species" says Dr Khuly.

Dr Khuly also adds that dogs have the following carnivorous traits:

Dogs' teeth are adapted to a carnivorous diet (for tearing muscle and crunching bone to extract marrow).

Many of their innate behaviors are carnivorous in nature. Consider digging, for example. Like wolves, dogs dig to hide parts of meals for future ingestion.

Dogs, like many large mammalian carnivores, are metabolically able to survive for long periods of time between meals.

Dogs have a lot of flexibility in metabolic pathways to help make up for a feast-or-famine lifestyle and a wide range of possible prey. Read more at

<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/give-them-meat-raw-dog-food/>

The Best "Pet" Food Money Can Buy... And the Absolute Worst

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/11/13/pet-food-industry.aspx?e_cid=20131113Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131113Z1&et_cid=DM33445&et_rid=334782865

Spot-On Flea and Tick Products: Never Ever Apply This to Your Cats (Not Even a Drop)... Can Kill Within Hours
By Dr. Becker

I've been writing about the dangers of spot-on flea and tick treatments for years, and recently I ran across yet another report illustrating just how toxic these products can be.

Four Cats Die from Misuse of Spot-on Flea and Tick Products

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, four family cats died in a recent four-week period because their owners treated them with spot-on products intended for dogs. In one tragic case, the owners noticed fleas on both their cats, so they applied "just a drop" of a topical spot-on flea treatment on each kitty. Within hours both cats were very sick and one was having convulsions. The owners immediately took both kitties to a veterinary clinic, but neither survived.

In this case, the owners knew the flea treatment was intended for dogs, but figured a small amount would be safe for cats.

The practice manager at Greentree Animal Clinic where all four cats were taken said, "I am very upset that the warning on the canine flea topical - 'Do not use on cats' - is so very small. I wish it said 'This product could kill your cat' in very large letters."

The staff at Greentree contacted the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette to help spread the word about the extreme danger of using spot-on products indiscriminately.

Read more at

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/11/15/spot-on-flea-tick-products.aspx?e_cid=20131115Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131115Z1&et_cid=DM33440&et_rid=337315563o

Do you think your dog has fleas? Or you may have fleas in your home? Then please let me share ten years of researching and writing about dog health problems with you. STOP FLEAS IN THEIR TRACKS - THE NATURAL WAY! Read all about it at <http://bit.ly/19VUIY7>

Stop the fleas blog, the number one flea fact and info website - everything you need to know...

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Story at-a-glance

Dr. Becker talks with Dr. Doug Knueven, a holistic veterinarian who practices in Beaver, PA. Like Dr. Becker, Dr. Doug is passionate about pet nutrition and feels most of the commercial pet foods on the market are just not healthy.

Dr. Doug wrote a wonderful response to a study that appeared in January in the journal Nature. The study concluded that domestic dogs have adapted to high-

starch pet food diets, and indeed even “thrive” on them. The study was picked up and heavily promoted by pet food companies selling grain-based diets, and is cause for concern among the holistic veterinary community and other advocates of species-appropriate diets for pets.

Dr. Doug first breaks down the components of the study so they can be more easily understood. He then explains why the assumptions and conclusions the researchers make are based on incomplete data and/or are generally flawed. One concern is there seems to be an initial bias that says, “Dog food is good for pets.”

As far as Dr. Doug is concerned, all the study really proves is that dogs’ bodies can adapt to the diets they are fed. But adapting to biologically inappropriate food for purposes of survival is very different from thriving on a diet of species-appropriate nutrition.

Carnivorous dogs will never evolve to thrive on high-starch diets. There will always be a small percentage of dogs with genetic mutations that allow them to do better on high-starch diets than most dogs, but the species as a whole will not evolve in that direction. Dog owners should give careful thought to what is truly best for their pet – a diet that requires the body to constantly adapt ... or a diet that provides natural nourishment. Read more:

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/11/18/high-starch-pet-diet.aspx?e_cid=20131118Z1_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20131118Z1&et_cid=DM33756&et_rid=340809137

Story at-a-glance

Recent research suggests that dogs that are overweight at middle age may not live as long as dogs of normal weight.

A study of approximately 5,500 dogs from 10 different breeds showed that those who are overweight at middle age can have their lives cut short by up to 10 months. This is especially prevalent in certain breeds, including Labrador and Golden Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels, Beagles and Shih Tzus.

Overweight dogs can also suffer from a long list of costly obesity-related conditions that can compromise their mobility and quality of life.

Orthopedic problems are occurring in ever-younger pets, and with greater severity, due to obesity. Dogs that are nearly immobile from a combination of weight and joint or bone problems are becoming commonplace.

Helping your dog achieve and maintain a healthy weight involves a combination of feeding species-appropriate nutrition in portion-controlled meals, and insuring your pet is getting plenty of regular exercise.

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Here is something I am studying. Please let me know what you think of the material.

Welcome to Pat McKay's NATURAL IMMUNITY E-book on why you should not vaccinate your animals or your children. Please spread the word!

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NEW CIRCOVIRUS KILLS DOGS

December 17, 2013 | TheDogPlace.org Staff

We predict species-jumping Circovirus is a forerunner to more new viral and bacterial anomalies in 2014, sickening both people and pets.

Ohio Dept. of Agriculture communications director Erica Hawkins said "We have had numerous calls from all across the state." Hawkins, who has been tracking what's being called canine circovirus, warns that it can kill in as little as 48 hours from onset of symptoms. Since that news release, circovirus has spread and killed six dogs in Michigan.

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Have A Pet Safe Christmas!

Ho! HO! Ho! And HOLD IT - until you can review these warnings and tips for keeping your pet safe during the Christmas holidays and all year long!

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