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## Protecting or Overexposing?



*"The first thing that must change with routine vaccinations is the myth that vaccines are not harmful.... Veterinarians and animal guardians have to come to realize that they are not protecting animals from disease by annual vaccinations, but in fact, are destroying the health and immune systems of these same animals they love and care for."*  
Dr. Charles E Loops, DVM, Pittsboro NC. (Wolf Clan Magazine, May 1995)

The average pet owner is well aware of the conventional veterinary practice of vaccination. After all, it is often required by law in some areas and can even result in fines for failing to vaccinate by a certain date. Vaccinations are supposed to protect the health of a pet and prevent debilitating diseases and sicknesses. Many owners offer up their animals in good faith that they and their pet's best interests are being looked out for. However, the fact that now domesticated animals have managed to not only develop but thrive for millions of years

without vaccinations leads to questioning what so called science is truly offering our beloved companions.

It is true that science has come a long way in identifying certain aspects of illness in animals. While these things can lead to very helpful avenues for maintaining good health, there is no doubt that the numbers for sick and dying animals keeps rising as do the millions spent on vet bills.

It is a fact that canines have the genetic potential to live into their twenties; yet the current average lifespan of a dog is now ten to thirteen years. Many more die before this time due to such things as leukemia, cancers and neurological disorders.

As dogs lived as much as two decades in times past without vaccinations, it could seem an odd coincidence that there is a spike in the ill health of pets now that the use of such medicines is commonplace.

## 1. Vaccines and Animal Health



"As you get more and more (vaccines), the possibility that a vaccine is going to cause an adverse event increases quite a bit." Ronald Schultz, veterinary immunologist, University of Wisconsin

When vaccines first came about at the very end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century for small pox, it is unlikely that anyone could possibly know what it would eventually lead to.

The establishment of questionable practices and theories with vaccines is merely the tip of the iceberg. Other problematic issues have to do with the knowledge, or lack thereof, veterinarians have of vaccinations as a whole.

These days, it is being found that vaccines developed to help have just as much ability to sicken and even lead to death. Nonetheless, a medicine or practice that helps many over the few will always be the chosen course in the name of science- and profit.

There are many pet owners that have regrettably learned the effects of deadly vaccinations firsthand. These effects can be sudden or they can simply creep up over time. A once healthy puppy or dog suddenly develops a limp here, an allergy there and trips to the vet become a most familiar aspect of life. Unaware of the true nature of the problem,

health issues become a round-robin of treatment, illness and treatment again. The animal never gets better and his or health merely breaks down over time with each treatment.

While some manage to put two and two together there are many millions who never do. They will in turn continue vaccinating the pets they have or subject a new pet to the same horrors all over again.





## 2. The Economics of Vaccines



*"Veterinarians are charging customers \$36 million a year for vaccinations that are not necessary. Not only are these vaccines unnecessary, they're causing harm to pets."*  
Bob Rogers, DVM, Spring

Texas.

Unfortunately, there is a side to veterinarian health and medicine that casts a deathly pallor over people and their pets everywhere. Vaccines, like many other medicines, have become big business. With vaccines being required of millions of pets, some of them on an annual basis, it is easy to see how the manufacture of vaccines is now a billion dollar industry.

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To make sure their interests are eminently represented, study after high powered study is created by these companies with glowing results. What many have failed to notice is that there are hardly any studies on the ins and outs of the deadly side effects.

Veterinary students are deeply educated in all the benefits of vaccines while the side effects are quickly cast off as possibilities but barely worth consideration. This is why many vets never assume a connection when a pet comes down with an illness immediately after an injection.

A misdiagnosed pet does not get the treatment it needs and, in some cases, can end up having reactions that lead to death. Even if the amount of deaths from a vaccine is in the thousands compared to the millions who get them, survivors are still on the hook as there are now likely to be long term health issues to consider.

Pet owners are well known to go into debt trying to ease the suffering of their adored comrades. For one small injection, an onslaught of expensive medications, treatments and surgeries becomes routine. Yet, considering this is money in the pockets of the pharmaceutical companies and veterinarian practices, it is easy to see why the issue goes largely ignored.



### 3. Research, Research and More Research



*"One of the saddest things in our practice is to restore a dog's health only to have the animal suffer a relapse and go into a decline after we acquiesce to a required vaccine."* Richard Pitcairn, DVM

Truth be told, veterinarians and vaccine manufacturers have no real need to go out and get truly educated on the ill effects of vaccinations. Much of what their practice is set up on is set in stone and many are more than comfortable with the status quo. Regrettably, it is the grief stricken pet owner looking for answers that ends up finding the reputable studies that point to the dangers of vaccinations. While not as greatly funded as those backed by the vaccine industries, these studies are still conducted by reputable entities with great standing in their fields.

What pet owners find often horrifies them. Not only have they been duped into believing they were helping their friend, they find they have spent countless years paying for the privilege to make their animals sick. Knowing that the makers of the vaccines are well aware of the information on side effects but choose to gloss over the information only adds further insult to injury. Luckily for the vaccine manufacturers, animals only count as property, their pain and suffering unrecognized as valid.

From developing deadly autoimmune disorders to cancers at injections sites, there is a whole host of health issues that hardly seem worth ignoring. Yet, somehow that is exactly what has happened for a vast number of years.

What many find most insulting is the fact that a vaccine that helps many but hurts a few is considered safe; however, over the years those disregarded few that the vaccine industries are ignoring now totaling in the millions. That's millions of lost companions and millions of hearts broken over the premature passing of a friend that, for the most part, didn't have to happen.



## 4. Funded Studies



*"It's kind of a hard situation. The manufacturers still recommend a year- but you have to remember: they're the manufacturers."* Diane Wilkie DVM

The Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine in a study backed by the Haywood Foundation discovered solid evidence that proved vaccinated dogs actually ended up with weakened immune systems. This is largely because their systems developed auto antibodies that attacked their very own biochemical building blocks. Standard activities in repairing the body's tissues, cellular reproduction and cellular distribution were interrupted as well. With the antibodies attacking everything from DNA to collagen, genetic disorders, organ failures and mobility problems could now be seen in a whole new light.

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Unfortunately, the study did little to change the minds of a veterinary and vaccine industry already in full motion.

In addition to studies, there is no hiding the fact that vaccines do have the capacity to result in damage to the brain and central nervous system.

As readily stated by vaccine maker, Merck, brain lesions may occur resulting in minor to extreme paralysis. There is wide recognition throughout the industry that injection spot related cancers are also very real; yet, the solution has been to not halt vaccinations but move injections to the leg or tail in case there is a need for amputation.

Sadly, few pet owners ever become aware of these details before the fact, only after tragedy has struck.



## The Largest Vaccination Quandary



*"How often has a pet been brought into our clinic with a history of telltale symptoms: fever, stiff or painful joints, lethargy, or lack of appetite, as if the pet had the flu, but it's not the flu. 'Did your dog, by any chance, get vaccinated several days before this started,' I'll ask. The owner will look at me as if I'm a mind reader." Martin Goldstein, DVM*

In theory, for a body to become immune to a disease, it must first be exposed firsthand in order for antibodies to develop. The result is an inflammation or allergic reaction that ranges from minimal to a state of anaphylaxis. Whatever an animal is injected with, the live virus continues to reproduce in its form until the body reacts and develops antibodies.

However, this is a major problem for the system that underperforms or is lacking in B and T cells. These cells play major roles in recognizing foreign bodies and going on the attack. Once the foreigners are identified, their memory is captured forever to prevent further health problems.

Conversely, those with compromised B and T cell systems will be weak in this area and are largely at risk for developing the very disease they have been vaccinated against. This is widely known by vaccine manufacturers yet many pets are injected without any attempt to

gauge their B and T cell levels. On top of this, animals are required to be injected year after year with the same vaccinations. Not only does this break their system down, it can bloom into such things as cancers and leukemias over the long term.

While the cause of death for a pet may be attributed to organ failure or neurological disease, the true culprit is left unrecognized. It is to say that the cause of death for a gunshot victim is heart failure while ignoring the bullet that did the damage.





## 4. Boosters for Profit



*"Veterinarians receive a large percentage of both their gross income and profit from vaccines given in the office. On average vaccines cost .60 to .95 cents per dose and are charged to the client at \$15 to \$25 per injection and substantially more in*

*the large cities. Therefore, if veterinarians lobby to have a colorable law passed to give vaccinations every year that enhances their financial picture."* Dr. John Fudens, DVM

When a dog or cat reaches the age of six months, his or her immune system will be for the most part mature enough to handle a vaccination. Once the body has produced the correct antibodies, it will be set to remember the foreign invader for the life of the pet. However, common vaccination practices will have the pet re injected annually. The problem this presents is that the first laid antibodies always deactivate successive vaccinations.

With little being done in the way of further immune protection, the continuous overexposure often leads to allergic reactions and sensitivities that grow into chronic health woes. In the end, it would seem the only benefit is for the vaccine companies that reap profits from millions of unnecessary vaccinations each year and the veterinary practices that endlessly treat the symptoms but not the cause.

As so many genuinely love their canine companions, this is a difficult avenue of thought for many pet owners to embrace. The thought that anyone anywhere would be so callous to their friend or animals in general seems unthinkable. After all, vaccine companies spend a great amount of time convincing animal lovers that not vaccinating a pet is an act of pure cruelty.

Obviously, vaccine companies care about your pets as much as you do, correct? On the other hand, pet owners must begin to wonder if injecting a pet with needless medicines that can prompt an attack on their own tissues isn't the actual cruelty. Knowing what vaccine manufacturers know, how can they promote their product in good conscience at all?



## 5. The Trouble Vaccines Cause in the Canine Species



*"Injected vaccines bypass normal defenses. They implant mutated microorganisms, preservatives, foreign animal proteins and other compounds directly into the system. This is done in the name of preventing a few syndromes. If an animal is in an optimal state of health, he or she will produce the strongest immune response possible. This response offers protection against*

*all natural challenges. The irony is that vaccine labels say they are to be given only to healthy animals. If they were truly healthy, they would not need them. Those who are not healthy are the most severely damaged."* Dr. Russell Swift, DVM. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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The immune system of canines was put in place and perfected through many millions of years of evolution. Over time, through trial and error, Mother Nature created a balance that ensured a wild dog could properly cope with its environment and the practices that came with being a wild animal. To think of it, common sense should tell us that such a physiology that took so long to create would not likely change in a span of a short fifty years since routines vaccinations have become the norm.

When it comes to vaccinations, the theory of exposing a dog to certain diseases, boosting its immune system and preparing it to fight deadly viruses sounds perfect. The opportunity to do it so efficiently with a

simple injection right under the skin sounds even better. However, a dog's natural immune system was designed to handle disease in a totally natural way- which means one at a time. A dog's system is still set up the way it has been for millions of years and it is hardly common in nature for three specific diseases to come all at once. Nor is it common in nature for these mass of diseases to come at the same time each year. When faced with all of these diseases at once, it is all too easy for a dog's immune system to overload and short out.

The other problem with vaccinating dogs by means of injection is the fact that the diseases are introduced to the body via capillaries and veins. In nature, diseases most typically enter the body through the mucous membranes. Mother Nature in her divine intelligence thereby prepared several stages of defenses to help a dog's system start fighting before a disease could get into the bloodstream. Once a disease entered the mucous membranes, powerful disease fighting immunoglobins were stimulated into action. This in turn set off a whole defense system that efficiently dealt with invading foreign bodies at every turn.

With an injection, this stage of defense is completely bypassed and the invaders completely surprise the cellular immune system into an unexpected start. The assault throws the entire immune system off balance and the dog then suffers ill effects such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, stiffness or worse. Sometimes the system rebalances itself, other times it does not; especially in the case of a dog whose immune system was already compromised to begin with.

## 6. Common Vaccination Speculations



Once a pet owner discovers vaccines are not all they are cracked up to be, a vast number of questions arise as many go back over the years in their mind to prior health problems with their dog or dogs. With a barrage of programming over the years,

this new information can seem confusing and even overwhelming. Here are some things to consider:

- A chief pathobiologist and the leading authority on canine and feline immunology, Dr. Ronald D. Schultz asserts that once a pet develops immunity to a virus, he or she is protected for life. Along with Dr. Schultz's work countless studies now have Australian and American veterinary organizations agreeing that, aside from puppy vaccinations and a shot after six months of age, no other vaccinations are required.
- In addition to live viruses, a vaccination is injected into the body with formaldehydes, mercury and aluminum salts. This does not take into account any residue from the embryos, brains or other foreign animal part the vaccine was developed on. Many times, it is these things that an animal has a reaction to. While a

veterinarian may choose to vaccinate in the tail or leg of a pet as a safeguard for cancer related to injection sites, the truth of the matter is once the vaccine is in the bloodstream, its components can be swept throughout the body and take refuge in any organ system.

- Choosing not to vaccinate does not mean leaving a beloved pet unprotected. There are many holistic alternatives that have been in use throughout the years in place of conventional vaccines that have resulted in happier healthier pets. These alternatives work with a dog's immune system rather than against it, thereby making it stronger and well prepared. With no chemical additives and preservatives, long term side effects, chronic or acute health problems and astronomical vet bills become nonexistent.
- Despite what veterinary organizations are beginning to espouse, there are a large number of old school veterinarians that still push the annual vaccinations on pet owners. It is important to realize that business will always be business. Many veterinarian schools rely on these vaccine companies to fund their institutions and various programs. The last thing either side is going to do is discuss is the negative or ill effects of vaccinations when money plays such an important factor. At any rate, a veterinarian who chooses to not investigate current studies into the dangers of vaccinations obviously cannot offer a balanced opinion on the issue.

- Nobody loves your dog like you do and he or she is counting on you to make the best decision possible for many good, strong healthy years together. Vaccine companies are only looking to increase their profits.



## 10. Media Manipulation



*"The veterinary medical societies, by working with other groups and area politicians, are rewarded by increased prestige and professional standing in the community."* John Fudens, DVM

Thanks to years of manipulation of data and facts, the general public is still under the impression that shunning routine vaccinations can be a deadly choice. Knowing the tender hearts that dog lovers have towards their pet, the fear factor is often deeply injected into informational campaigns.

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Animal lovers are made to believe without yearly vaccinations their dear companions can catch a dangerous disease and face a most sufferable existence or death. As vaccine companies fund a host of veterinarian programs, most veterinarians stay with this school of thought throughout their careers despite new research and evidence that blatantly proves otherwise.

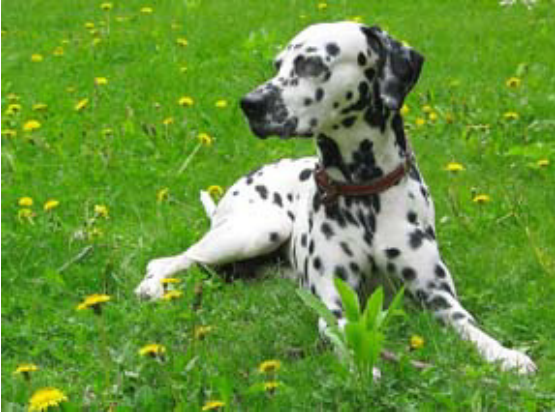
Many never even get down to understanding exactly what a vaccination is. They simply equate a white coat with superior knowledge and someone who is looking out for them and their pet's best interests. It is true that a modified live virus injected into a dog can familiarize its immune system to that virus in case of future exposure. However, routinely exposing dogs to vaccines does not provide extra protection. What it does mean is exposing a companion



to whatever other components may be present in the vaccine as well. As foreign invaders, the body must find a way to process and react to these elements.

An immune system is a delicate structure and the repeated stimulation from vaccinations does not strengthen its arrangement but weaken it over time. When overly plagued, a system will begin to overreact to things it never had a problem with before. The dog then develops sensitivities and allergies and may even develop an autoimmune disease where antibodies start attacking its own tissues. The dog is then unable to fight off simple forms of viruses and bacteria. Over time, repeated infections and illnesses can eventually become cancers and leukemia's.

## 11 .Changing Perspectives



COBTA or The American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents stated back in the year 2000:

*"When an annual booster vaccination with a modified live virus vaccine is given to a previously vaccinated adult animal - no added protection is provided. Antibodies from previous vaccines do not allow the new virus to replicate. No additional protection is provided. There is no scientific data to support label directions for re-administration of modified live virus vaccines annually. In addition, vaccines are not harmless. Unnecessary side effects and adverse events can be minimized by avoiding unnecessary vaccinations."*

While COBTA did recommend vaccinating pets every three years, the fact still remains that it is initial vaccinations that provide the first and last line of defense. Vaccinating past this still exposes pets to any other foreign elements that may be in the vaccine itself.

The Purdue study showed that over vaccinated dogs eventually develop antibodies that attack their own tissues. Chronic ear infections, dermatitis, mobility problems, behavioral issues are only a short sampling of how a bombarded immune system will react over time. For those looking to extend a happy healthy life with their canine companion, repeated vaccination obviously play no part.

As would be expected, vaccine manufacturers fired back with their own financially backed study stating the complete opposite of COBTA and other research study findings. This can only be expected from an industry that stands to lose millions when pet owners everywhere decide to keep their dogs safe and drop annual vaccinations.

Unfortunately for the vaccine industry, the proof is now in the millions of cats and dogs that corroborate the new research with their ill health. The same could be said for the millions of dollars spent on vet bills each year as well. Many have been duped into expecting illness from their pets and therefore never even look for an underlying cause.

If there is no need for mindless suffering, vaccine companies know pet owners will likely align themselves with these new vaccination practices. Even better, a healthy animal means less in the way of expensive vet bills. But what will this mean for veterinarians and their practices? It is easy to see why the battle over vaccination rages with misinformation and unscrupulous fear laden tactics.

Also to consider is the following letter, written and signed by thirty one practicing vets, protesting the current vaccination practices.

"We, the undersigned, would like to bring to your attention our concerns in the light of recent new evidence regarding vaccination protocol. The American Veterinary Medical Association Committee report this year states that 'the one year revaccination recommendation frequently found on many vaccination labels is based on historical precedent, not scientific data'.

The report of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccine Taskforce in JAAHA (39 March/April 2003) is also interesting reading:

'Current knowledge supports the statement that no vaccine is always safe, no vaccine is always protective and no vaccine is always indicated'; 'Misunderstanding, misinformation and the conservative nature of our profession have largely slowed adoption of protocols advocating decreased frequency of vaccination';

Further, the evidence shows that the duration of immunity for rabies vaccine, canine distemper vaccine, canine parvovirus vaccine, feline panleukopaemia vaccine, feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus have all been demonstrated to be a minimum of seven years, by serology for rabies and challenge studies for all others.

We further suggest that the evidence currently available will soon lead to the following facts being accepted:

- The immune systems of dogs and cats mature fully at six months and any modified live virus (MLV) vaccine given after that age produces immunity that is good for the life of that pet.
- If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens from the subsequent so there is little or no effect; the pet is not 'boosted', nor are more memory cells induced.
- Not only are annual boosters for canine parvovirus and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia.

- There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines.



## 12. Conquering the Myths



Anyone who has tried to read up on or study a subject knows it is crucial to present both sides of an issue; however, the vaccine industry has failed to do this. Instead, they have repeated certain statements over and over again until they

have been accepted as fact.

**The following are common myths about vaccination:**

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**MYTH: Vaccines are the only way to safeguard our canine companions against diseases.**

In all actuality, it is impossible to say what vaccines will or won't work from one dog to the next. Well over half of dogs that end up contracting parvo, distemper and hepatitis do so within three months of being vaccinated. It is important to remember that vaccine companies themselves advise against inoculating dogs with low B and T cell function. However, most veterinarians will vaccinate a dog without ever stopping to verify this information. This means an owner can be taking quite the risk with their dog's life. Plus, annual vaccinations have been proven to provide no extra protection and even introduce additional hazardous elements into a dog's system. The

result is an overzealous immune system that reacts to the slightest stimuli.

**MYTH: Despite a small percentage of adverse reactions in a few pets, vaccines do not present any major problems and are completely safe.**

This cannot be stated as fact when there has been no study to determine the long term consequences of vaccinating dogs. Live virus vaccines are stringently advised against by vaccine companies themselves for systems that already have pre existing heart and neurological maladies. It is also advised to not vaccinate a dog any time his or her immune system may be compromised by genetic defects, diet, stress, during certain drug therapies or when the dog has been exposed to a disease or may be developing one. It is highly unlikely such a broad set of conditions only occur in a small percentage of dogs.

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**MYTH: Manufacturers of vaccines follow rigorous protocols and tests to ensure the safety of their products.**

This is no doubt true on one hand; however, in order to ensure a vaccine is completely safe, an independent agency would need to have the specific license to fully test a vaccine. The only organizations that hold the required licenses are the vaccine company themselves. When profit is the bottom line, it is likely a manufacturer of vaccines will be willing to look past certain discrepancies in their own product. This can end up being very dangerous for the unsuspecting public and their pets.

**MYTH: Chancing a bad vaccine reaction will always be much better than subjecting a pet to fatal diseases.**

In truth, of the five diseases dogs are vaccinated against- distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus- few are fatal. Diseases like parvo are not as deadly for adult dogs as it can be for puppies, but most pups have antibodies for parvo from their mother's milk. Some viruses, such as parainfluenza, constantly mutate and make vaccines pointless. Distemper is historically rare, yet many dogs are still inoculated for the disease anyway. A dog is much more likely to contract leptospirosis from its inoculation than from daily life and many veterinary organizations have called for its removal from vaccination requirements altogether.

**MYTH: A veterinarian is a trained professional that will know what is best for your dog.**

In all reality, it is vaccine companies that sponsor, back and fund a great deal of veterinary programs. They teach, train and direct veterinarian students on what substances to use in every situation. Rarely do any of these programs focus on the drawbacks and long term issues that arise from using vaccinations in dogs. In addition, few vets go out on their own to find alternative studies on the affects of vaccines; especially since these companies provide fiscal advantages to veterinary practices for using their products.

**MYTH: A dog should be vaccinated annually without fail.**

It has been proven that the initial vaccinations are the first and last line of defense for a dog. Anything afterwards is simply introducing more chemicals, preservatives, aluminum salts, mercury, fetal tissues and other excess foreign matter into a dog's system. These things



systematically weaken a dog's immune system until he or she can no longer fight off even the simplest of infections.

**MYTH: There is no alternative for traditional vaccination that will keep a dog healthy.**

Homeopathic nosodes, small pills that are periodically ingested rather than injected, in addition to a natural diet can help keep a canine's immune system resolute and functional. Rather than constantly aggravating a dog's immune system, homeopathic remedies work with the system naturally. Though it is not a foolproof way to ensure a dog will never get a disease, a beloved pet will not face the risk of coming down with an illness within three months of their inoculation; nor will sudden allergies and other sicknesses abruptly manifest. The immune system will be bolstered rather than broken down over the long term and cancers and leukemias are much less likely to occur.

### 13. What else is in there?



*"Vaccines contain materials other than the organism to which immunity is desired. These materials may be added as preservatives, adjuvants, antibiotics and colored dyes. Preservatives and adjuvants include such toxins and carcinogens as aluminum, mercury and formaldehyde. Many foreign proteins are included if the organism was grown on foreign tissue such as chicken or duck*

*embryos. Even more frightening, nonintended organisms or molecules are sometimes accidentally incorporated as contaminant 'stowaways.'" Dr. Mark Randall, DVM*

It is not uncommon for a concerned pet owner who inquires about the vaccines their dog will be receiving to meet with slight resistance to their queries. When speaking of negative reactions, it is likely the vet will assert he or she has never seen an adverse reaction or that there has only been one instance they have seen firsthand. In a roundabout way, this is true. However, the vet is likely referring to an immediate reaction wherein a dog immediately goes into anaphylactic shock and requires an injection of adrenaline.

The fact is, a reaction can show up days, weeks and even months later. While autoimmune haemolytic anaemia can take days to

develop, injection site cancers can develop within a year. Over time, a dog's DNA can be destroyed as well. This is because the over vaccination of a dog constantly introduces other substances to the body; chiefly particulates the modified virus was developed on or with. This can be anything from human diploid cells from aborted fetal tissue to rhesus monkey and fetal lung cells. All these additional things must float around in a dogs system until it finds a place to go. As the immune system continuously flares up, it also breaks down. These foreign particulates are what eventually lead into cancers and leukemias.

The following are considerations to keep in mind should a dog owner still feel he or she must vaccinate their dog:

- Always make sure your dog is in the utmost of good health.
- Get familiar with the vaccine to be used, where it comes from, who makes it and all its side effects. This often means getting a hold of a vaccine insert and doing research online.
- Since vaccines can have adverse reactions on those with low T and B cell function, neurological disorders and heart problems, make certain these conditions are not present in your dog. Check medical histories if possible. If your dog or dogs in its litter have had a previous negative reaction to a vaccination, this can up the chances of a negative reaction in your dog.

- Forgo combined inoculations and vaccinate for only one disease at a time.
- Keep a record of the name and batch numbers used in the vaccination.
- Never leave your dog unattended immediately after a vaccination and keep a close watch for the next three days. Breathing difficulties, lethargy and seizures are the most common reactions. Be sure to keep a watch at the three month mark as well as many dogs become sick at this time.

However, if after investigating various vaccines you feel uncomfortable proceeding with your dog's inoculations; do explore the option of homoeopathic vaccine alternatives. Homeopathic nosodes cut all the risks associated with traditional vaccination practices.

## 14. The Homeopathic Alternatives



In just the human populations alone, more and more people have grown weary of ill health and the astronomical medical bills that come with it. Chemicals in food water and a daily diet of additives and preservatives can leave you feeling moody, lethargic and completely out of balance. However, once you discover the benefits of good health and a natural diet, rarely will there ever be any inclination to go back to the way things were.

The same could be said for healthcare for dogs. Owning a dog is a luxury and a privilege that requires owners to offer their dog the best of all things. As many have come to find, their beloved companion experiences one illness after another despite offering what they believe is the best food and care possible. Even with extravagant treatments, many find their dog relapsing over and over again into the same illnesses. This leaves a dog owner feeling very frustrated; not only because they have exhausted their resources but because of the helplessness that comes with watching their four legged comrade suffer.

With enough research you will find your dog's food is also full of chemicals, as is their medical treatments. Just like humans, you will find the canine species and all pets in general have been delivered to a mainstream that keeps them sick until certain aspects change. A healthy diet, more exercise and alternative medicines help a dog detox

its system, just as a human would by forgoing all processed foods. With the necessary and natural building blocks and nutrients, a system can repair itself by getting vitamins and minerals to the right places. The internal organs can come back in balance and work in natural harmony again.

When a dog owner finds that their dog's food and medical treatment may not be the best options, it can be very difficult to make the switch to homeopathic remedies. After all, common wisdom has us believing that we cannot possibly know as much about our pets as much as a trained professional. While some aspects of this may be somewhat true, the fact is traditional veterinarians are schooled in only one direction of thought. This training comes by dog food and vaccine companies that hold a special interest in the veterinary field.

Even though they cannot speak, dogs also know enough to keep themselves healthy because they have a natural instinct that spans millions of years. Their inability to handle a poor food source or dangerous vaccinations is not a sign of their flaws or limitations. It is actually an indication of the lassitude we have been fooled into taking as status quo. Luckily, everyone has a choice in the matter and many are choosing to go back to natural diets and remedies to get their friends well again.

## 15. Homeopathic Nosodes



*"I would recommend using homeopathic nosodes in place of puppy vaccinations. One advantage is that nosodes can be started as early as three weeks of age, the time a puppy is starting to be weaned from the mother and will be losing*

*the benefit of her immunity."* Dr. Richard Pitcairn

Despite being considered a new concept by some, homeopathy has actually been around for close to two hundred years and is both gentle and effective enough to be used for pet care. Rather than harsh lab made chemicals, natural substances are diluted down and ingested periodically and then given time to work with the body's natural processes.

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For animal vaccinations, nosodes come in the form of a pill containing disease infected organisms or tissues. Dogs can be treated for a various number of diseases without any worry of adverse reactions such as seizures, lethargy, injection related cancers or leukemias forming somewhere down the line.

As a bonus, dogs can be treated for symptoms that occur from traditional vaccinations with homeopathy as well. While many natural care providers prefer to skip these altogether, it is always an option for dogs who are suffering the ill effects of their inoculations. A

homeopathic vet, surgeon or pharmacy will be able to provide just the right nosode in just the right dosage. As with traditional medicines, it is important to follow a vet's instructions closely to ensure your companion gets all the benefit of the vaccination process.

Whether obtaining nosodes from a homeopathic vet, surgeon or pharmacy it is important to receive official documentation from your vet that the dog has formally been administered the proper vaccinations. While there are some outfits and organizations that do not allow dogs not traditionally vaccinated to participate in their programs, there are many more that do. However, documentation from a homeopathic veterinarian is often required to be provided up front.

Using homeopathic nosodes not only helps the dog, it benefits the owner as well. Because they are made of natural sources, nosodes are much more economical than traditional vaccines. Plus, with no adverse reactions, an owner does not have the burden of suddenly having to deal with emergency care should there be a severe reaction.

Expensive medications will also become a thing of the past. Whether it is in the following days or the following year, owners of dogs that take on traditional vaccinations can generally look forward to dealing with more illnesses on down the line. It is dogs that are vaccinated and healed using homeopathic nosodes that consistently have a longer, healthier cognizant lifespan.



## 16. To further your resolve-an interesting canine survey



A survey of four thousand dogs by Canine Health Concern, an organization which advocates the use of homeopathic nosodes, found evidence that reactions to traditional inoculations commonly show up around three months after booster

injections.

For example:

- Of four thousand dogs surveyed, 66% per cent became sick within three months of their vaccinations
- 75% of dogs that came down with encephalitis did so within three months of their inoculation date
- 63% of dogs that developed chorea, a degenerating nerve condition, were also inside of the three month mark
- 65% of dogs that experienced an epileptic fit were within three months of their booster shot as well

- 69% of dogs with allergies had their first episode within three months of being inoculated
- 55% of dogs experiencing autoimmune diseases had their first problems within three months of a vet visit for booster shots
- Other conditions that were found amongst the groups were chronic diarrhea and vomiting, dermatitis, lameness, loss of concentration and behavioral issues such as hostility or depression

## 17. Adjusting to New Homeopathic Vaccine Guidelines



Rather than traditional guidelines of just inoculating a dog by a certain age and date with a mishmash of vaccines, you will find the homeopathic alternative offers a much more practical schedule. When using homeopathic nosodes, doses will

be given based on age and point of susceptibility. This is because canine diseases manifest more easily and more often at certain ages. For example, it is quite rare to see distemper or parvo in an adult dog. Therefore, a dog will be vaccinated at ages when he or she is most susceptible to a disease.

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In the early stages of a dog's life, antibodies are gained from the mother's milk, giving the first and best line of defense against disease. Afterward, at about seven weeks on out a pup can be given the appropriate nosode, including any that may be necessary for the region they are living in.

In some cases, it can be possible to start even earlier thanks to the fact that homeopathic nosodes are gentle and come from all natural sources. For instance, rather than a lab grown sample that is polluted with foreign materials, nosodes for parvo are created using actual nasal discharge. A vaccination will usually be given orally for no more than the dog's first year.

Though gentle it is important to understand that, just like conventional vaccines, homeopathic nosodes must be used in healthy animals only. All nosodes should be obtained from a professional veterinary homeopath.



## 18. Homeopathic Vaccine Issues to Consider

### Rabies Vaccinations



It should be noted that although there are homeopathic nosodes for rabies, it is the traditional injection that is required by law for most regions of the United States. Pet boarding facilities and vet hospitals may not recognize nosodes as well, meaning a rabies vaccination may prove necessary if either of these services is ever needed.

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In such situations, it is important to keep the following in mind:

- Vaccines, rabies included, are directed for use in well animals only. Do not permit a sick or injured animal to be vaccinated for rabies until it is well.
- If vaccinating for other diseases plus rabies, do so separately. For example, always vaccinate for parvo independently of distemper.
- When it comes to rabies, always opt for killed virus vaccines.
- Follow up injections with homeopathic remedies prescribed by a professional homeopathic vet.

- Avoid vaccinating for leptospirosis, parainfluenza or hepatitis as these diseases are extremely rare and have a long history of causing more harm than good in dogs
- Do not be afraid, intimidated or talked out of getting what you need for you pet. He or she is counting on you to make the right decisions and stand for their right to be healthy.

### **Leptospirosis Vaccinations**



The Leptospirosis vaccine that was once considered so highly necessary is now known to be anything but. The Leptospira bacterins a dog receives in an injection simply do not promote any type of immunity for any length of time. Plus, they are highly reactive and dogs with an unknown compromised immune system that receive the vaccine can die within a very short amount of time. This is because veterinarians often vaccinate dogs without ever checking for heart and neurological problems or B and T cell levels.

Once vaccinated, Leptospira bacterins do not thwart infections and will in fact be eliminated in the urine thereby creating the very environment in which to catch Leptospirosis. Contrary to what some would believe, skipping a Leptospirosis vaccine will do nothing but save the life of your dog. In the off chance of occasional outbreaks,

dogs can develop a very short term immunization using homeopathic nosodes.

## Parainfluenza Vaccinations



It is well known that flu viruses replicate and change many times over, making them nearly impossible to vaccinate against. As with Leptospirosis, a dog with a compromised immune system can be stricken quite ill in a very short amount of time. This makes this type of vaccine utterly useless in protecting a dog from disease.

## Hepatitis Vaccinations



This disease is all but non-existent in the canine species making its use as a vaccination questionable. Plus, in clinical studies the Hepatitis vaccine has been linked to a fifty percent increased risk of diabetes for dogs. Once again, vaccinating dogs with a compromised immune system for Hepatitis can lead to severe and unfortunate consequences.

## 19. The Path to Genuine Wellness Requires Dedication



For those who decide to travel the alternative path to vaccinations, it is important to keep in mind that even homeopathic nosodes cannot offer an absolute protection from illness. The homeopathic path is not just a quick fix here and there or for just one area. It is a lifestyle that encompasses supporting a dog on the whole with excellent diet, exercise, hygiene and a happy home life.

With a natural diet that is raw, back to nature and free of chemicals, it will be quite difficult to over stimulate a dog's system into disorder. Just as most are unaware what is in vaccines until they are forced to do research, many also do not know that the high priced dog food they are feeding their beloved friend is nothing but a chemical laden waste product that is also doing much more harm than good. Despite that it is a vaccine taken once per year that helps throw an immune system off kilter, it is commercial dog food that keeps a dog's physiology off balance year round.

With all chemicals removed from its system, a dog can live longer, healthier, happier and well past the average ten or twelve years they are afforded with conventional food and medicine. In fact, with a natural raw diet, food doubles as sustenance and medicine. Nature can come back into balance and a dog's physical well being and temperament can flourish the manner it was first and foremost



intended. Many dog owners become surprised to see a vitality they never knew was in their own dog. Plus, a dog owner gets the benefit of many years with a good friend and a sudden drop in vet bills and the need for expensive medications. As many have come to find, it is a much easier life to adhere to.



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