**Vaccine Damage**

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You may have studied canine behaviour in order to understand why dogs  
do what they do, and how their behaviour can be modified. I wonder if  
you've studied human behaviour, as I have, to understand why people  
treat their dogs so badly, and how they can be encouraged to look  
after them better?  
  
Dog owners come from all walks of life. At one end of the scale are  
those who like to be in control…   
The vast majority of society sits at the other end of the scale.  
They're the followers, named 'codependent' in psycho-speak.  
Codependents are naturally amenable to control. It's estimated that  
over 90% of people in our society are codependent to a degree.  
Codependent people have been taught, as children, not to trust their  
own thoughts or feelings. They believe that those in authority know better  
than them.   
The end result is that we harm our dogs accidentally, because we've  
been manipulated by individuals and corporations into believing a  
pack of lies.

**The lie that most dog owners currently believe, and   
which is causing horrendous harm, is that dogs need to be vaccinated  
every year. This is just not true.**  
  
A woman on an internet discussion group said recently: "I vaccinate  
my dogs yearly. I'd never forgive myself if they become poorly and I  
could have prevented it through a simple yearly injection."  
This woman is speaking from fear. Fear makes it's easy to manipulate  
people into believing that annual shots are necessary when they are  
not.  
Another woman replied: "That's exactly how I feel. I do worry,  
though, as Mollie has a small reaction after her boosters every year,  
but unless it was to get worse, I would still vaccinate."  
This woman is also speaking from fear, sponsored by a lie. The  
tragedy is that, having already shown reactions to vaccines, the next  
unnecessary vaccine could kill her dog.  
A third woman said: "Susie gets annual boosters. Ollie doesn't get  
any more boosters since becoming very ill after one. He seems to have  
a problem with his immune system, of unknown cause, that rears up  
sometimes."  
  
If the vet were knowledgeable and honest, he would have told Ollie's  
owner that vaccines can cause immune-mediated diseases. Vaccines  
probably made Ollie ill in the first place, and neither he nor Susie  
need annual shots.  
  
Here is a statement of truth: once immune, dogs are immune against  
viral disease for years or life. The study group set up by the WSAVA  
(World Small Animal Veterinary Association) on vaccines has come up  
with global guidelines which categorically state that dogs and cats  
should NOT be vaccinated at more than three yearly intervals, and  
then only for core vaccines - distemper, parvovirus and adenovirus.  
  
Core vaccines do not include Leptospirosis, which the WSAVA  
acknowledges as causing more adverse reactions than other vaccines.  
Importantly, the WSAVA acknowledges that vaccines can be harmful, and  
titer (blood) tests are safer than revaccination.  
  
I constantly receive emails from people whose dogs have been harmed  
by vaccines. Edward McKenzie-Clark stated: "Last week, at the request  
of the new owner, I had a puppy I bred vaccinated. The puppy went  
downhill overnight and is now seriously ill. The vet is telling me  
that this puppy's condition and the vaccination are coincidences. The  
puppy is going into kidney failure caused by either leptospirosis (in  
the vaccine) or drinking anti-freeze (impossible) . Can there be a  
connection between the vaccine and the puppy's health?"  
If this man had given this puppy heroin, his vet would be in no doubt  
as to cause and effect. It's amazing how they don't connect the dots.  
In fact, a study conducted by Purdue University found that  
vaccinated, but not unvaccinated, dogs developed auto-antibodies to a  
wide range of their own biochemicals. One of these was laminin, which  
coats kidney cells. Vaccinated dogs were attacking their own kidneys.  
Vaccines can also cause the disease you're attempting to prevent. In  
the Canine Health Concern vaccine survey, 100% of dogs with  
leptospirosis contracted it just after being vaccinated against it.  
Leptospirosis, of course, attacks the kidneys - and the puppy had  
severe kidney damage.  
  
Edward wrote again. "I had to put Hamish to sleep on Sunday. He  
deteriorated rapidly over the weekend and I decided I couldn't allow  
him to go through any more. There are a lot of 'if only we did this'  
days. My other half says I'm too hard on myself and perhaps I can be  
but it's very hard to put out of my mind what that poor baby had to  
go through."  
  
A few days later, Edward wrote: "The pharmaceutical company have said  
they will pay for an autopsy. I've said if you pick up the rest of  
the £300 bill. They refused so I'm refusing to let them have the  
autopsy done. I asked why are you so keen on an autopsy when you  
claim it wasn't your vaccine? No answer! I stopped vaccinating in  
1990 after a similar incident and this was only done at the new  
owner's request so NEVER again will a vaccine come near my dogs."  
I shared Edward's story with Dr Patricia Jordan, a vet who has done a  
great deal of research into the vaccine issue. She added these  
comments: "Kidney failure is a common sequel to vaccination. The  
basement membrane is susceptible to damage from a clogging that  
results as the immune complexes are drained via the lymphatics. The  
kidney is a big part of the lymphatic system. The body tries to clear  
the toxins in the vaccines and there is damage done in this clearing  
mechanism.  
  
"Lepto is a very adverse event associated vaccine and the damndest  
thing is that lepto vaccines simply do not work. Dr Ron Schultz (the  
world's foremost independent authority on canine vaccines) hates to  
see them in with anything else and, in puppies, advises that they are  
completely finished with the viral inoculations before getting a  
vaccine against Lepto, which he neither recommends nor advocates -  
even in Lepto endemic areas.  
  
"I have seen older dogs go into kidney failure within two days of  
receiving a Lepto vaccine."  
  
Many dog lovers, I suspect, have difficulty in understanding the  
science surrounding vaccination, so they'd rather trust the 'experts'  
than struggle to understand. Dr Jordan sent me one of her diary  
notes, which isn't technical in the least. Perhaps this will have  
meaning for you?  
  
"What a depressing day today. I had to kill a patient who was  
vaccinated every year, fed crappy food, and was so immune exhausted  
that he had everything wrong - coccidia, yeast overgrowth, cancer. I  
took pictures of his poor wracked body. I only had about a month to  
try to reverse his condition. It was insurmountable due to the years  
of visits to the vet and resulting complete adrenal exhaustion and  
immunosuppression. He was just spent.  
"The day got worse. I heard barking in the reception and found a tiny  
eight pound terrorist barking at a tall noble greyhound. The tall dog  
was looking desperate and his sides were heaving. I went back to  
finish the patient I was with. By the time I had finished, I'd missed  
the next patient and the owner of the practice had him.  
"I was able to walk by the room for another reason and was very  
concerned to see vaccines laid out in the room - with the dog who  
looked like he couldn't breathe. I have ranted and raved against  
vaccines - the over-use and the fact that every single day there is  
malpractice committed with the administration of this danger to sick  
and geriatric animals. Anyway, the dog was shot up with vaccines.  
"After lunch, I returned to see two of the kennel workers carrying  
that dog's dead body back to the freezer for burial. He had gone home  
and died. The owner was very upset. Apparently, he wasn't expecting  
to have vaccinated his pet and his pet die shortly thereafter.  
"I looked at the record. The dog had been a cardiac patient for a  
while, with terrible heart murmurs. That was why he was so concerned  
about the barking terrier, if only eight pounds. The dog could hardly  
get around, so why was he administered an eight way MLV vaccine?  
"There appears to be very little compassion in this field. Very  
little honesty and integrity for the patient of the client. I will  
get blasted by most vets reading this, but the situation is true.  
It's a desperate situation."  
  
I agree with Dr Jordan. The situation is desperate. Those in  
authority don't appear to care, and the pet owners seem unable to get  
out of the mode of following.  
  
Alice Hughes wrote to me: "Please help. Our pup is six years old and  
has suffered terribly from arthritis. For three weeks she lost the  
use of her back end. One week ago today she had her booster and  
within days she was in distress and is barely moving around. She is  
lethargic and sad. What can we do? I am not sure if I should take her  
to the vet for advice because when we were there last Saturday, he  
seemed displeased that I turned down the kennel cough shot (I just  
felt uneasy about so many chemicals going into her and she is never  
in a kennel). He is 100% behind the annual shots and sends me notices  
each year, twice. I feel like I am killing her."  
  
Research shows that vaccines can cause arthritis. They can also, as a  
symptom of encephalitis (which is an acknowledged vaccine reaction),  
cause paralysis of the rear end.  
  
Elaine Loydall wrote: "Two weeks ago we did the year's round of  
boosters. Our younger boy who is 16 months had a massive fit almost  
two weeks after the jabs. It was scary. Do you have a view on this,  
and does this mirror other experiences? "  
  
Yes it does mirror other experiences. Epilepsy is another symptom of  
encephalitis, an acknowledged vaccine sequel. Millions of pounds have  
been paid out worldwide in compensation to the parents of epileptic,  
vaccine damaged, children.  
  
Brenda Hopping wrote: "I took my eleven year old dog (the love of my  
life!) to have his boosters yesterday. Just minutes after leaving the  
vets, he collapsed to the ground in an unconscious state and looked  
as if he was dying. The sight of this was horrendous, just seeing his  
legs at awkward angles and in spasms.  
"He did come round, but his eyes were glazed and he looked completely  
disorientated. I couldn't lift him. I managed to persuade him to his  
feet and he wobbled back to the vets. My dog has a slight heart  
murmur and I feared the worst.  
  
The vet would not say that it may be something to do with the  
vaccination. He just told me to take my dog home and advised me that  
if it happened again, I should bring my dog back for an ECG.  
"In my mind it is too much of a coincidence that his 'attack' was  
straight after the vaccination. I really think that the state of  
confusion and the lack of knowledge on the part of the owner is  
beneficial to the vet and invariably to the pharmaceutical  
companies."  
  
Proceedings of the First Veterinary Vaccine Symposium, held in 1997,  
advised that geriatric dogs - over eight years of age - should not be  
vaccinated. All vaccine datasheets state that only healthy animals  
should be vaccinated. A dog with a heart murmur is not healthy. He  
should not be vaccinated: he can die.  
  
To make matters worse, Brenda was forced to have her cat euthanised  
recently as his vaccine-induced cancer had become so aggressive.  
Brenda says, "His big eyes and lovely face still haunt me and I am in  
tears now as I write to you. To think, if I had been better informed,  
he may still be with me now."  
  
When I started reporting vaccine reactions back in 1994, a limited  
amount of research was available. It isn't limited any more. What is  
needed now is for vets to stop giving unnecessary annual shots, to  
start upholding the truth, and for pet owners to become aware of the  
truth and honour the trust their dogs place in them.  
  
It is a sad fact that we live in a world where we can't trust  
apparently respectable business people and healthcare  
providers to put our dogs' health first. We need to wise up - our dogs  
depend on us.