

## Treating high blood values vs sick patients; transfer factors vs crude colostrum; 5-way vs 1-way shots

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### Main points

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**Q:** Janice Spry – *I have a 5 pound Miki (combo of Maltese, Papillon and Japanese Chin). She's 5 years old. In all ways she seems to be a normal, healthy dog. It was picked up on her first puppy appointment that she has very elevated bile acids. This has continued to date. She's had ultrasound and a liver biopsy and no conclusions were reached. Her other liver readings are good as is her blood work in general. No symptoms at all. Do you have any thoughts? She eats a raw diet, takes supplements including squid oil. She sees a homeopath but we are between homeopaths right now as the original one has left his practice. She takes Silica once a week. She is seeing a holistic vet right now.*

**A:** First and foremost, it's not productive to "treat numbers," and a good homeopath won't do that. We treat sick animals.

Some questions on the call elicited that Miki had zero symptoms. And the "before the silica vs since the silica remedy" is identical: a happy, healthy dog.

So, I'd stop the silica in a case like that. If the remedy were having a clear positive impact and, when it stopped, there was a clear downturn in health, it might be valuable information to decide to continue it. Or even follow it with a different remedy if indicated.

We have no sign it's doing anything at all.

Eleni joined the conversation to tell of an athletic dog she rescued years ago who's had elevated kidney values and zero symptoms referable to kidney failure, year over year. She gives some herbs every 6-12 months, but has stopped worrying about him: he's obviously got this in check. Why do we say that?

One who's ill is busy making symptoms (review the lessons on symptoms to refresh your understanding on their importance).

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**Q:** Lila Hlebichuk:

1. *There are some sources which state that bovine colostrum is beneficial to animals, not just cows. (DNM and WDJ are two such sources). This is in conflict with what Dr. Falconer has stated in his 'Puppy Immunizations' article. Can you elaborate, Dr. Falconer?*

A: If they are getting value from colostrum in crude form, it can be only one of two things:

- Some tiny fraction of that "soup" is transfer factors, and they can cross the gut barrier and help immunity.
- The main components, antibodies, are far too large to cross the gut barrier, so they are "wasted" as protein that may add something to the nutrition.

The point I make is that, if it's immune boosting you're after, TF is about an 80:1 concentration of those most useful parts of colostrum called transfer factors.

They cross the gut and they cross species lines, so cow TF can benefit a human, a dog or an elephant.

2. Has a 13 mo. old pup who has had a 5 way (not sure where to find a 3 way, recommended by Drs. Schultz and Becker?) Are they available anywhere? Also...not sure how to proceed re: titers (when), boosters (if/when), and natural immunity (how and when).

A: There are/were single vaccines available for parvo and distemper. I posted sources in the NR Roadmap handouts. Not a huge demand for them, but if you're wanting to vaccinate, those are the only two worth bothering with, as they can be fatal. Have to search them out and offer to "buy the whole bottle" for your vet to have any interest, quite likely. He's going to lose money on that, otherwise.

A wise protocol (again, IF you choose to vaccinate: parvo vaccine first, alone, probably starting more like at 8-10 weeks, then distemper a few weeks later. Odds are, a 13 mo. old "pup" has developed immunity to parvo by now, if not from the vaccine then by living in the world and being naturally exposed.

A titer now would tell you that (though it wouldn't tell you the source: vaccine vs natural exposure.

Generally, you'd titer a few weeks after either vaccination or natural exposure, to see if your animal made an immune response.

You can boost if you choose to now.

You can still, even in a 13 mo old, start natural exposure, but a titer beforehand will tell you if you even need to bother.

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**Q:** Dawn Sanchez – *update on pup? Gave him Calendula for three days and have no signs of digestive upset.*

A: This is an inspiring update from Facebook post Dawn made some weeks back. Her dog ate a bunch of gauze bandages and had long lasting digestive symptoms. Early on, appetite issues and some vomiting, and much later, variable stools and still some appetite intermittently lost or decreased.

I recommend homeopathic calendula, a few days of 30C once a day, and this is the report, about a week later.

Remember calendula for not only healing wounds (topically and orally as the remedy), but for *intestinal* foreign bodies. (And phosphorus for *stomach* foreign bodies.)

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**Q:** Johnny Wilde — *Larkin is now 17 months old. Knowing her the way you do what's the number one thing you would tell me to do at this stage in her life for longevity and healthy living ?*

A: My heartworm ebook actually lays this out quite well. If you haven't read it, it's really a mini-roadmap for creating and maintaining a vital animal.

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Meeting chat notes:

12:09:30 From cyd tanimura : Hi everyone, would someone please tell me where to find the current updated list of homeopathic vets, thank you very much!

12:10:15 From Joyce Salazar : I believe its in files inside the FB group, Cyd.

12:10:46 From cyd tanimura : Could you pls tell me how to find it there?

12:11:53 From Joyce Salazar : If you go into the group, look at the top, you will see it there.

12:15:41 From cyd tanimura : Thank you, I'll check when we're done here, are we able to print the list off of F/B? I don't hv a printer @ home & lost track of the list when it 1st came out, sorry I'm not tech. savvy.

12:16:24 From Joyce Salazar : Yes I think you should be able to print it off FB.

12:16:47 From cyd tanimura : Thank you

12:20:13 From cyd tanimura : Joyce, are we now supposed to e-mail questions for these live meetings to Jeri every month? Do we need to wait to

12:20:31 From cyd tanimura : e-mail until the date is announced?

12:21:37 From Joyce Salazar : You can submit questions in our FB group, where U have requested you leave them in the comments, or you can email Jeri as well. Or you can ask them here as well.

12:22:25 From cyd tanimura : Okay, thank you.

12:22:33 From Joyce Salazar : You can wait for when I request the questions. When we vote for a date, or email them to Jeri if that works best for you.

12:30:01 From Susan King to Will Falconer, DVM (Privately) : So rabies immunity can also come from natural exposure? Then if in a low risk area, can skip the vaccine? I was under the impression to always get the 2 rabies vaccines, not considering local laws.

A: no natural exposure doesn't work for rabies. Saliva and a bite wound, or a live virus vaccine (which we haven't had for decades now) would be the only way to move animal to animal.

Risk assessment first.

If you opt to vaccinate, then yes: two works better for a killed vaccine.

12:33:53 From TERRY K PELLETIER : Katie was just diagnosed with Sarcoptic Mange this week. we are treating her with Revolution and Cephalexin per Dr. Bradley and my local conventional vet. My question is; once it is cleared, how apt is she to picking it up again? not sure where she got it as all her dog friends are clean...thinking it was from a walk.

A: on the call recording

12:41:12 From Angelo Barbieri : I have one and Abbiemae is a handful

12:45:55 From Teri Askew : Amen Eleni!

12:46:24 From Yvette Sabin : Thank you, Eleni ... so true!

12:47:57 From Eleni Gkikakis : Thank you!

12:50:01 From Helen Diamond : Is it possible to detox from over-vaccination? Are there any remedies that would help?

12:50:59 From Joyce Salazar : It is possible with constitutional prescribing. Often it is a long road. But it is possible.

12:51:23 From Helen Diamond : Thanks Joyce.

12:53:33 From Joyce Salazar : I believe while there are anti vaccinosis remedies such as Thuja and Lyssin, however you'd be better off getting an intake with a homeopath, in which case you will be looking at the whole dogs symptoms. which is very individual per each dog.

12:53:43 From Angelo Barbieri to Will Falconer, DVM (Privately) : I cringed with revoution & other.. as well and I am a lay person

12:54:13 From Joyce Salazar : There are numerous vaccinosis remedies. Not all would necessarily apply.

- 12:55:08 From Helen Diamond : Makes sense, thanks.
- 12:57:13 From Helen Diamond : If you rescued a vaccinated dog from a shelter, would you give thuja and/or lyssin as a "just in case."
- 12:57:44 From Helen Diamond : If it was asymptomatic?
- 12:58:45 From Joyce Salazar : That state would need to be present for it to work. I'd study those remedies beforehand to see what if any symptoms are present. And again, it would be good to have a homeopath on board to help with dosage and timing.
- 12:59:22 From Helen Diamond : Yes, thanks.
- 13:00:12 From Amy Felts : Dr. Will, didn't you write an article about Panacure? Client dog has hookworms and I discouraged her from using Panacure. Of course, her vet disagrees with me. 😞
- 13:00:56 From Joyce Salazar : I am not sure Amy. I don't recall that article.
- 13:02:19 From Amy Felts : what was the dewormer you used to give to horses?
- 13:02:25 From TERRY K PELLETIER : liquid fenbendazole
- 13:02:35 From Amy Felts : thank you!! 😊
- 13:02:49 From Eleni Gkikakis : I use VermX for dogs, cats and horses. Very successful!
- 13:02:55 From Joyce Salazar : I'd try food grade Diatomaceous earth.
- 13:03:03 From Amy Felts : Thank you!