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Nosodes & vaccine influence on parvo.

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The conventional world tells you to vaccinate early and often to stay ahead of parvo, but is this really the best option?

Homeopathic veterinarian's proclaimed that we can prevent parvo naturally.

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With nosodes it was found seeing [anaphylactic reactions](#) such as hives, facial swelling (visible after vaccine administration)

At some homeopathic practice customers are offered a wellness package for puppies in which they receive homeopathic nosodes instead of injectable vaccines, with the exception of legally required rabies vaccines.

[Nosodes](#) are homeopathic medicines made from the products of disease, and have a long history of providing great protection against various diseases, especially if given close to the time of exposure. Christopher Day, a British homeopathic veterinarian, has reported on the effectiveness of nosodes in kennel cough outbreaks in dogs, as well as use on other species.

I currently use nosodes prepared by Hahnemann Laboratory, dissolved in solution (ethanol and water), and given orally in small amounts (3-5 drops per dose).

I use the 200C potency mostly, but have also used 30C.

Our goal is to give nosodes at ages where susceptibility and exposure are likely.

[Can Nosodes replace vaccines? Click here to find out!](#)

The results.

I reviewed case records from our practice over an 18 month period to look at the incidence of parvo in our puppy population.

The findings are similar to those reported in a previous *Dogs Naturally* article (November 2011), which stated 28 per cent of vaccinated pups still get parvo disease, and parvo kills more vaccinated pups than unvaccinated.

During this time, we saw 275 pups for wellness packages, and 12 of these became ill and tested parvo positive.

10 of the 12 survived.

35 other pups who were not receiving the wellness packages tested positive; 20 survived and 15 died.

Of the total 30 survivor pups, only 6 were vaccinated (20 per cent), whereas 13 of 17 pups that died were vaccinated (76 per cent).

Fifteen of the 30 survivor pups received nosodes only and no vaccines (50 per cent), whereas none of the pups who died received nosodes only.

A small number of pups received vaccines first, then nosodes later (1 out of 30 survivors, or 3 per cent; 5 out of 17 dead pups, or 29 per cent).

All pups received only homeopathic medicines for treatment, which are well known historically for treating acute epidemic diseases such as typhus and cholera in humans.

The top three remedies we used were Arsenicum album, Phosphorus, and Nux vomica.

Nonvaccinated pups usually respond much more quickly to a homeopathic remedy, and are more likely to survive, compared to vaccinated pups.

So, a total of 19 of 47 pups were vaccinated and still got parvo disease (40 per cent).

Pups receiving nosodes only who contracted the disease had 0 per cent mortality, compared to vaccinated pups with 76 per cent mortality.

This agrees with the results reported previously in *Dogs Naturally*. These findings confirmed the impression I had for years that vaccinated pups still get sick with parvo, and when they do, are much less likely to survive the ordeal.

I continue to inform my clients of these facts, and this encourages them with positive news as they choose the no-vaccine route for their pups, and focus instead on optimizing the pup's immune system with excellent nutrition and dietary supplementation.

This allows the pup to develop a robust immune defence against the many challenges it will face, be it parvo or other pathogens and parasites.

The pups who survive parvo disease grow into some of the healthiest animals I've seen in almost 30 years of practice.

An introduction to veterinary nosodes.

Nosodes have been used in homeopathic medicine since the mid 1800s.

Nosodes are relatively unknown in veterinary practice and very controversial in holistic veterinary practice.

Many benefits have been noted, including a decrease in the severity and frequency of disease.

Although nosodes are still controversial as a replacement for traditional vaccinations, evidence of their safety and efficacy is growing.

What are Nosodes?

Nosodes are specialized homeopathic remedies that are prepared by taking actual diseased matter from a sick animal such as diseased tissue or nasal discharge.

The preparation of a nosode involves a lengthy process of succussion and dilution of the original material using traditional homeopathic protocols until virtually no molecules of the crude substance remain, rendering the nosode safe for use.

This process, called potentization, inactivates the original disease substance and converts the material into a bioenergetic remedy which interacts with the body's energy field.

The final product is a potent remedy that is an energetic blueprint of the actual disease.

Nosodes are completely safe, easy to administer, and can be given to puppies much earlier than vaccines.

Pregnant females can be treated with nosodes prior to giving birth, providing immunity to their litters before they are born.

The difference between a nosode and a conventional vaccine is that there are no dangerous chemicals and additives in the homeopathic remedy.

Nosodes are also given orally whereas core vaccines are injected.

Nosodes can be used in two ways:

to protect against disease (called homeoprophylaxis), or as a remedy should the animal become ill.

Nosodes restore health through vibrational energy.

They interact with the body's energy reserves, recalibrating positive and negative forces within the energy field and stimulating the body to heal and protect itself.

When a nosode is given, the body recognizes the cellular structure and disease imprint, producing an immune response similar to actual exposure to the disease itself.

Although this is difficult to prove scientifically, there are numerous examples of how nosodes have been used in homeoprophylaxis and to treat the onset of disease.

Research and results with Homeopathic immunization in humans.

Dr. Isaac Golden, an Australian homeopath, has done extensive research in the field of homeopathic childhood immunizations.

Working directly with families who agreed to participate in a clinical trial of typical childhood diseases, *Dr. Golden* concluded that homeopathic immunizations were 90.4% effective.

From 2001 to 2004, Dr. Golden also studied vaccine safety compared to homeopathic immunizations.

He found that children who received standard vaccines were 15 more times likely to get asthma, 7 times more likely to get eczema and 2 times more likely to get allergies than those who were immunized by homeopathic preparations.

His work is published in his ground breaking books, *Vaccination and Homoeoprophylaxis:*

A Review of Risks and Alternatives, and Homoeoprophylaxis: A Ten Year Clinical Study.

Similar studies have been conducted in Cuba and Brazil using homeopathic immunizations during disease outbreaks.

In fact, homeoprophylaxis intervention was used during a large-scale Leptospirosis outbreak in Cuba in 2007.

Four different strains of the virus were combined in the homeopathic preparation, which was given to over two million people in high risk areas.

Resulting data showed that in the areas where homeopathic intervention was used, the incidence of Leptospirosis fell below the historic median.

This result suggested that the homeoprophylaxis succeeded in reducing the disease incidence and controlling the epidemic.

This was one of the first examples of using large-scale homeoprophylaxis as a method for disease control.

Brazilian statistics on the use of homeopathic immunizations were collected in the 1974 outbreak of Meningococcal disease.

Out of 18,640 children who received homeopathic remedies, only 4 cases of meningococcal infection occurred, compared to 32 cases out of the 6,340 children who were not protected.

This resulted in a 95% effectiveness rate for the homeopathically immunized children.

These types of studies in childhood disease provide a reference point for veterinary studies which are difficult to document and collect.

Clinical trials are costly and follow-ups may be more difficult in rural areas where nosodes are more commonly used within farming communities.

Nevertheless, success stories are emerging based on empirical evidence that supports the use of nosodes as a viable alternative to vaccines in routine healthcare.

Veterinary successes with nosodes.

Dr. Christopher Day, British veterinary homeopath, has been using nosodes in his practice for 35 years.

Evidence of reduced rates of distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus and kennel cough has encouraged him to recommend nosodes to his clients for prevention and treatment of disease.

In 1985, Dr. Day and The Alternative Veterinary Medicine Centre (AVMC) documented the successful use of nosodes in a kennel cough outbreak.

The trial was done in a daycare and there were 214 dogs participating including both vaccinated and unvaccinated dogs. The nosode was introduced by placing it in the dogs' drinking water. Remarkably, out of a total of 214 dogs that were treated with the kennel cough nosodes, the incidence of actual, full-blown disease was only 1.9% out of 214 dogs, and the majority of dogs who did contract kennel cough exhibited only minor symptoms.

The vaccinated dogs had a higher incidence of disease at 4.7% whereas only 0.7% of the unvaccinated dogs showed symptoms. Minor symptoms were expressed by 42.5% of the dogs, with 59.7% of vaccinated dogs showing minor symptoms, compared to 26.7% of unvaccinated dogs.

This study shows that nosodes can be effective in disease prevention, and when dogs do contract disease, the severity of symptoms can be reduced with their use.

The alarming increase in autoimmune conditions, allergies, cancer and other canine health issues due to vaccine reactions is a known fact.

Pet owners are now seeking alternatives to keep their dogs healthy while preventing disease and illness.

The growing interest in nosodes comes at a time when the safety and efficacy of vaccines are being questioned.

As an integral part of the homeopathic family, nosodes are dog friendly for several reasons.

Because their action works across the mucous membranes of the mouth, it is not necessary to swallow the medicine.

Dosing is easy since the mouth doesn't have to be opened and the remedy can be placed on the gum or inside the lip.

The single dose powder is sweet tasting.

The immune response to nosodes offers a more natural response to disease without the introduction of killed or modified viruses and harmful preservatives that can weaken the immune system. Unlike vaccines, nosodes are both safe and effective.

Can nosodes replace vaccines?

What we do know is nosodes are working with a degree of efficacy to warrant further study and data collection.

We know that they are a safe alternative to vaccines, and that they have been proven for homeoprophylaxis in human clinical trials.

Because of their safety record, health benefits, and even the lower cost, nosodes are gaining popularity among holistic veterinarians and pet owners who are willing to give them a serious chance.

Parvo protection for unvaccinated dogs.

[Homeopathic nosode treatment.](#)

Can a superior diet protect unvaccinated dogs against parvo?

When parvovirus first infected the world's dogs, thousands credited *Juliette de Bairacli Levy's Herbal Handbook for the Dog and Cat* and its Natural Rearing philosophy for saving their dogs' lives.

Levy was the first to advocate a well-balanced raw, natural diet for pets.

Read "[A History of Holistic Dog Care](#)," (WDJ, July 2006) to learn about Levy's

Natural rearing diet method.

Marina Zacharias raised four Basset Hound pups on the Natural Rearing diet.

When they were six months old, they played with a puppy the day before it was diagnosed with parvo.

"For 10 days after exposure, I gave them one of Juliette's disinfecting herbal formulas plus homeopathic remedies to help boost their immune function," she says.

“On the tenth day, one of my pups started to show symptoms so I treated it with castor oil to help sweep away the virus as Juliette describes in her book, and I continued with homeopathics. Within two hours this pup was completely back to normal. The other three never showed symptoms and remained healthy.” Zacharias has received similar reports from numerous clients whose raw-fed, unvaccinated puppies were exposed to parvo.

Homeopathic nosodes, which are highly diluted remedies made from the disease material of infected animals, have become popular alternatives to conventional vaccines.

But many veterinary homeopaths believe their use as surrogate vaccines is inappropriate.

One is Maryland veterinarian Christina Chambreau, who explains, “The best time to use a homeopathic nosode is after exposure.”

If you know your dog has been exposed to parvo, you would give a single dose of a 200C-strength homeopathic parvo nosode.

This treatment can be given any time after exposure and before the animal gets really sick, such as when it shows minor symptoms like throwing up once or having soft stools.”

Dr. Chambreau says she is aware of about 50 cases in which unvaccinated or minimally vaccinated litters of puppies, kennels of dogs, or individual dogs were exposed to parvo, and after a single treatment with the parvovirus nosode, either did not get the disease at all or had only minor symptoms.

Dr. Chambreau also recommends feeding the best possible diet and boosting the dog’s immune system with supplements such as vitamin C and infection-fighting herbs like echinacea.

It is not uncommon, she says, for holistically raised, unvaccinated puppies to have parvo without being diagnosed.

“Many of my clients choose not to vaccinate at all,” *Dr. Chambreau* says, “and it’s not uncommon for their puppies to get sick with a mild case of diarrhea or vomiting that we treat homeopathically or with other holistic therapies.

These puppies recover quickly, and what's interesting is that later, when they're directly exposed to parvo, they don't catch it.

That minor bout of diarrhoea was probably parvo.

It's possible to raise puppies so that they get a natural exposure rather than a vaccine exposure to parvo, and that builds a better immunity than the vaccine in most animals."

"To treat this new illness," she says, "I made an autoisode.

An autoisode is a homeopathic remedy made from the secretions, excretions (saliva, urine, or feces), blood, and hair of the infected animal, for these substances contain the infective agent.

I used them to make a sterile intravenous injection and gave this to all of the animals.

I didn't lose a single patient."

The 30C potency parvovirus autoisode that she made during the epidemic has become the basis of her homeopathic parvo prevention, and she is not aware of any animals, either her own or her clients', breaking with parvo.

"On the contrary," she says, "it has proven to be protective for unrelated infections by building and strengthening the dog's own immune system to ward off other infective agents.

When I gave it to a Connecticut kennel of Boston Terrier show dogs, they were the only dogs that did not contract kennel cough during an outbreak at a dog show in Massachusetts."