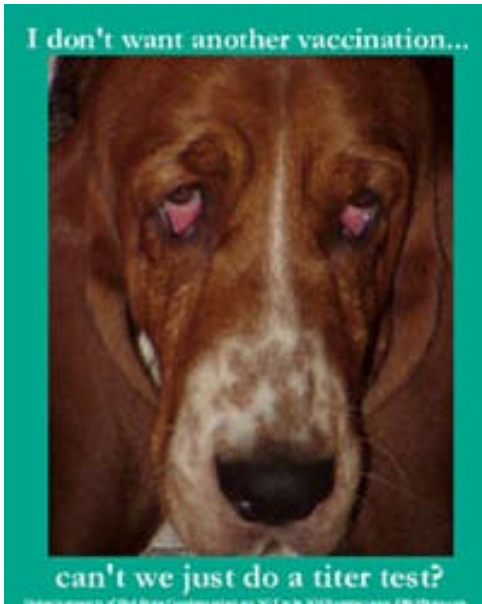


TITERS – ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO VACCINATIONS?

You decide!



Do you know...

- 🐾 Unnecessary vaccinations could increase your pet's risk for chronic illness, or even early death.
- 🐾 Science has proven that many vaccinations are good for AT LEAST 7 years. Maybe even the lifetime of your pet.
- 🐾 Vaccine titers can be used to measure circulating antibodies in lieu of repeated vaccinations for both healthy and ill pets.
- 🐾 Proof of "protective" titers is being accepted by an increasing number of groomers, kennels, trainers, and other pet professionals in lieu of proof of vaccinations.
- 🐾 Rabies titers are being accepted for licensing purposes by some states, counties and municipalities for elderly, pregnant and/or ill pets. Check your local laws and licensing procedures!
- 🐾 Vaccine titers are a simple blood test, representing MUCH less danger to your pet's health than repeated vaccinations.

- 🐾 An increasing number of veterinarians are offering laboratory and in-office vaccine titer tests to clients.
- 🐾 Low vaccine titer results do not necessarily mean low or no immunity, so understanding how titers work is important!
- 🐾 Titers that diagnose disease are TOTALLY separate from titers that measure immunity.

EDUCATE YOURSELF so you can make the healthiest choice for your pet!

The AVMA Executive Board issued the following statement in April 2001:

"The one-year revaccination frequency recommendation found on many vaccine labels is based on historical precedent and United States Department of Agriculture regulation, not on scientific data. Even in those cases where scientific data was submitted to qualify the label claim, the data generated does not resolve the question about average or maximum duration of immunity.

There is evidence that some vaccines provide immunity beyond one year. Revaccination of patients with sufficient immunity does not add measurably to their disease resistance, and may increase their risk of adverse post-vaccination events. Vaccination is a potent medical procedure with both benefits and associated hazards." [quote from: <http://www.avma.org/policies/vaccination.htm>]

http://www.ivis.org/advances/Infect_Dis_Carmichael/schultz/chapter_frm.asp?LA=1 - Results & recommendations of vaccine challenge study by Dr. RD Schultz, immunologist, on the duration of immunity of most common vaccinations.

<http://www.critterchat.net/immune.htm> - "Immune System and Disease Resistance" by Dr. Jean Dodds.

<http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/AntechTiters.htm> - "Vaccine Antibody Titers."

http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/titer_test.htm - "Take the Titer Test: Testing a dog's serum antibody titers can prevent overvaccinating" by Lorrie Long.

<http://www.dogsadversereactions.com/vDrDodds.html> - Letter from Dr. Jean Dodds regarding vaccinations that includes information about titers.

<http://www.biogal.co.il/publications/immunocomb-newsletters/10.html> - "Check Antibody Titers to Determine When to Revaccinate."

<http://www.caberfeidh.com/Titers.htm> - "Titers: What do they tell us?" by Christie Keith; very easy and understand.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PetAdvocate101> - Yahoo group with information & support for those seeking answers.

<http://www.critteradvocacy.org> - Lots of valuable vaccine information.