BRAVECTO Serious Side Effects The personal story of Rico and Mika (001)

Facebook Group: Is Bravecto Safe – website www.isbravectosafe.com



Rico (picture right) and Mika (picture left)

Rico, 12 years old, Cross Breed Dutch Shepherd x Belgian Malinois (Male neutered) (25 kg)

Mika, 1,5 year old, West Siberian Laika (20 kg)

Dose of Bravecto that was given:

Rico: 1000 MG (20-40 KG) Mika: 500 MG (10-20 KG)

Date that Bravecto was given:

February 1st, 2016

Date that the first symptoms started:

February 3rd, 2016

Officially reported to MSD/MERCK: Yes

Michael van de Sande, Netherlands - This is the story of my two dogs:

Both our dogs were very healthy before we gave Bravecto. We always walked with them long distances. We gave our two dogs Rico and Mika Bravecto on February 1st, 2016, just before our holiday to Spain (by car). Two days later both dogs started (attackwise) making severe "gasping" sounds, with heart beating very fast and irregular. From February 5, 2016

forward Rico had no good condition anymore. He could hardly walk 20 meters, started drooling, head hanging down, as if his batteries were empty. Sometimes he collapsed after that.

The next days we took Rico for only short walks, thinking he might be having heart failure. Veterinarians in Spain don't speak English very well, so we decided to return home much earlier (April 16th, 2016), and immediately visited our own vet.

He also thought heart failure was the cause, so the vet decided to make an X-ray of his heart and lungs. There was nothing wrong with his heart, looked perfect, lungs perfect too. Blood test showed no evident abnormalities (except very little liver value deviation).

The next days Rico developed heavy fever (40,5 degrees Celsius) and was breathing very fast but shallow. VERY NOTICEABLE: the stomach muscles dit not cooperate in breathing (this lasted for about 1,5 week).

My dog eats only very small amounts of food, loses a lot of weight in an extremely short time. Fever disappeared around February 25th 2016. Going out is very difficult. Tottering walk.

The smell of the dog seems to be disturbed, doesn't notice food that is right in front of his nose. Stops eating, continues to drink water. Urine gets dark brown. The dog can't stand on his feet anymore, no defication and at the end no urination. Died on March 2nd, 2016 (one month after Bravecto was given).

- * Rico was a healthy, vivid dog at the time. He died one month after administration of Bravecto, suspected cause of death: Tick & Flea treatment Bravecto causing an intoxication of the dog with as a result suspected "Acute Pancreatitis".
- * Mika sometimes still showed "gasping" / arrythmia 2 months after Bravecto, and strange behaviour when she gets her food (bad appetite?), no further visible side effects as far as we can judge now. Even after 5 months we still found dead ticks in her fur. This says something about the toxicity of Bravecto.....

Bravecto (active ingredient "Fluralaner") kills ticks and fleas for at least 3 to 4 months after administration, so still adverse side effects may occur with a dog in between. NOTE: Even when a first dose doesn't give any symptoms, a second time administration of Bravecto can cause serious side effects!

THE SYMPTOMS THAT RICO HAD UNTIL THE DAY HE DIED:

- 1. From the second day attackwise very severe heartbeating / arrythmia, the dog making severe "gasping" sounds, head hanging down, drooling, standing with his back sagging
- 2. Losing conciousness/collapsing
- 3. Compulsive yawning, mouth making smacking sounds (which is not a normal behaviour for this dog)
- 4. Vomiting
- 5. Decrease of red blood cells (Anaemia)

- 6. Hyperthermia, high fever of 40,5 degrees Celsius for more than a week, later only little fever at night
- 7. Very fast but shallow breathing / Laboured breathing (Tachypnoea)
- 8. A waddling walk, as if the dog is drunk, head moving from left to right when walking, hardly any energy to walk (drunken gait)
- 9. Very noticeable: the dog seems to have poor control over his muscles, when lying down his head "falls to the ground" very hard
- 10. Muscles weakness (very often lying down quickly)
- 11. Muscle contractions (muscle tremor)
- 12. Lethargy, apathy
- 13. Wearily when walking, suddenly the dog stops, as if his "battery is empty", walking a bit, stops again etc.
- 14. Extreme loss of weight in very short time
- 15. No sense of smell (didn't notice food that was right in front of his nose)
- 16. No appetite, completely stopped eating (still drinking water)
- 17. Dark brown urine
- 18. Fast breathing again all night long (last night before his death)
- 19. Died one month after administration of Bravecto....
- 20. **Suspected cause of death**: the symptoms Rico had resemble the symptoms of Pancreatitis (especially the extreme loss of weight in very short time): There are a variety of symptoms that may be observed in the case of Pancreatitis, including:

Fever

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Loss of appetite (anorexia)

Weight loss (more common in cats)

Dehydration

Fatigue and sluggishness

Mild to severe abdominal pain (may become more sever after eating)

Depression

Increased heart rate

Difficulty breathing

When pancreatitis occurs, the digestive enzymes will begin to break down fat and proteins in the other organs, as well as in the pancreas. In effect, the body begins to digest itself. Because of their proximity to the pancreas, the kidney and liver can also be affected when

this progression takes place, and the abdomen will become inflamed, and possibly infected as well. If bleeding occurs in the pancreas, shock, and even death can follow.

NOTE 1. When you feel like talking to other people that also had terrible experiences after giving "Bravecto" you can visit the Facebook Group "DoesBravectoKillDogs".

NOTE 2. Apart from this report we strongly advise you to make an official complaint to the producer of "Bravecto" MSD/MERCK in your country. They are forced to make an official report of your case and hand it over to the official authorities for registration: In the USA this authority is the "FDA".

At the Facebook Group "**DoesBravectoKillDogs**" they can tell you what the name of this authority is in your country.

DID YOUR DOG HAVE SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS AFTER BRAVECTO? VISIT THE FACEBOOK GROUP "IS BRAVECTO SAFE" AND TELL YOUR STORY IN THIS GROUP.

OR VISIT THE WEBSITE <u>WWW.ISBRAVECTOSAFE.COM</u> AND FILL IN THE CONTACT FORM WITH YOUR PERSONAL STORY TO SHARE IT WITH THE WORLD. TELLING YOUR STORY IS THE WAY TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF THIS DRUG!!!



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