

BRAVECTO - Serious side effects

The personal story of "Stella"

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My beautiful healthy 8 year old White Canadian Shepherd nearly died from very strange symptoms this year. When something inexplicable happens to any of my animals the 1st question I ask myself is " What changed in their lives? " In this instance the only thing different in her life was that I had given her Bravecto about a month prior to the beginning of our ordeal. I know that this in itself proves nothing but with the gathering of similar stories I am thinking that this story could be added as possible circumstantial evidence that Bravecto could indeed be responsible for deaths and illness.

A few weeks after administering Bravecto Stella started behaving strangely specifically eating weird stuff, most notably chewing on my new cement slab as we were building a verandah at the time. She was also trying to eat the hard ground on the driveway. This was not normal for her as she had never done this before. Being around Xmas I did not pay too much heed as life was busy and she was bright and eating her normal food quite happily as well. She suddenly collapsed on the 5th Jan, eyes rolled back in her head, her breathing was erratic and her gums, tongue and eye membranes went snow white. It was a seriously hot

40 ° that day so I got her onto the swimming pool step to try to revive her as I thought she had suffered a heat stroke and was dying. We then raced her to the vet who also thought she had suffered a heat stroke. The alarming thing was the anaemia as there was no sign of internal bleeding and no injury and not biliary. But her PCV count was very low and no new red cells were showing. They xrayed her abdomen and found an object in her stomach which I identified as a piece of concrete - weird but vet did not think it was obstructing her or causing bleeding. She was put on a drip and stabilized overnight in hospital. Sent home next day expecting full recovery although she was still anaemic and cause unknown. She did not recover - although she was eating without much appetite she did not seem to be improving. She was extremely lethargic and did not regain her normal pink colour, and had dark black shadows under her eyes. So we took her back to the vet after 3 days by which time it was clear she was not getting any better. Her PCV count by then was very low. They checked her kidneys and liver which were apparently fine. Also found she had bloody stools. They decided to operate to remove the concrete and to investigate further. She miraculously survived the op, as she was seriously weak by then, and the examination showed severe ulceration of the stomach and intestines, which we blamed on the concrete. Unfortunately she stopped eating and her PCV count just continued dropping. The vets started suspecting an auto immune anaemia which could be caused from zinc or other poisoning or cancer. I did mention Bravecto but that thought was quickly discarded as it is considered safe. We had now stopped the possible cause of blood loss but the bone marrow had shut down and was not doing its job of replacing red blood cells. Every day the count was down and still she was not eating or responding to any of the drugs that they were giving her. 3 days after the op they gave her a blood transfusion as a last resort. Her PCV improved for a day and then started dropping again. We now had to consider seeing a specialist for a bone marrow biopsy to shed further light as to why her immune system had shut down and none of the outcomes looked positive. So the plan was to call the specialist on Monday morning after checking the PCV one last time. She was sent home for that Sunday night as there was nothing more the vets could do for her.

This poor baby was so weak - anorexic and anaemic as hell, we didn't even think she could survive another night. The drip she had been on for a week could not sustain her as it was actually diluting her blood. I knew the only way she would survive the night would be to get some food inside her. So I made chicken soup and liquidized it and forced it into her in 5ml syringes at a time every hour through the night. The next day miraculously her PCV had improved from 16% to 18%, which was the 1st good news we had had since this ordeal started. I continued to force feed her by syringe every 2 hrs for a week, also put her on a berner machine 3 times per day, and checking her PCV every day and every day it was up by a percent! In the 2nd week she took a bit of food by hand and so she got fed fresh cooked liver and chicken, a morsel at a time throughout the following week. 2 weeks later her blood count was considered normal at 39%!

She eventually took a bit of food by herself, and is now eating fairly well and growing stronger slowly but surely although her hind quarters are very weak. She had severe bloody stools at 1st and this has now normalized and I am just happy that she is alive but she is still a shadow of her former self.

The question I asked which no one could answer was "why was she eating concrete in the 1st place?" And although we can blame the concrete for the ulceration and bleeding why did

her immune system shut down, and stop making red cells? If it was auto-immune disease or cancer, she would not get better and if it was not then what was it? The vets are as baffled as we are but we are all just happy for the outcome. I am in no way suggesting that the vets were to blame for anything - they were amazingly caring and supportive and thorough and I believe did everything in their power.

But the question lingers and I go back to my opening statement- prior to this the only thing that changed was the administration of the drug Bravecto.

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