

Bravecto Serious Side Effects

The personal story of "Lucy" (026)

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DOES BRAVECTO KILL??? In this case I do believe that this product has a lot to do with Lucy's death. Stole our baby and crushed our hearts. Tonight she lost her battle to stay. She was too sick to keep fighting. I will not stop until I see this through. Never ever again will I give a tablet to an animal that is supposed to kill fleas and ticks. This is the only thing different we gave our dog and now our loyal companion after struggling with one symptom after another for 5 weeks and 3 days her little body has shut down and we are left with the heart ache and disbelief she is gone. If I find out this tablet has killed my dog, then Bravecto you will not forget my name.

RIP LUCY, forever in our hearts.

Lucy was a young, nearly 12 years of age dog. Full of life, very healthy and very happy and energetic. We gave her a Bravecto tablet for flea and tick control as we had a huge outbreak of fleas due to recent rains. Lucy was fine at dinner time and slept inside for the night. Next day she had a very runny bowel movement which I did not pay too much attention to at the time. Every time I checked on her she was in bed, again didn't think much

of it as it was a cold windy day. Thought she was just having a sleepy day. She was an inside dog but liked to spend time laying on the grass in the warmth of the sun. Usually when she is outside she knocks on the door to come back in. She did not do this on this day, so I just checked on her regularly. Each time she was on her bed.

That night was a whole other story. Lucy usually loves her dinner time but this night she didn't move off her bed. My daughter tried to entice her to get up cause its dinner time. She picked her up and placed her on the ground, Lucy fell to one side. My daughter called me and I witnessed her second attempt at getting Lucy to stand up. This time she collapsed and started to wet herself, eyes rolled back and she started to stiffen out all legs. We raced her inside whilst dialling the vet clinic. Lucy had her eyes open but seemed unresponsive.

We raced into the vets. We were there 2 and a half hours. The vet had trouble putting in a drip and trying to take blood as Lucy's veins kept collapsing, blown out was the term the vet used. Lucy spent the next 6 days at the vets on a drip and started various medications as she was not sure what she was dealing with but said it was it was most likely IMHA as there were symptoms that related to this disease. We were initially questioned about any poisoning as this was her initial diagnosis since Lucy was so ill, unable to stand, gums and tongue very very pale and extremely dehydrated.

I had not witnessed Lucy vomit but it's possible because she spent the whole day outside. (Sorry this is so long but I want to help others not to have to go through this too.) I went through every bit of information about health, diet, pesticides, poisons, recent locations Lucy went other than home, just to narrow down what could have made her so sick.

I expressed my concerns that the only thing different in the last few weeks was we gave her a Bravecto tablet the afternoon before. My vet said no it shouldn't be that, we sell them here too. Lucy had ultrasounds and regular checks on internal organs and everything was perfectly normal. I would visit Lucy every day. She seemed really tired almost depressed like, very low energy and extremely thirsty. I witnessed her poo's to be diarrhoea and jet black. The vet said this could be from a change of diet or medication as they were trying to get her to eat and she had started her on several different things.

Lucy was not responding to anything as she was having her blood count checked daily. It started at 18. It took 5 days before there was a slight change. Her mood went from low to moderate to a little better then back to very low. She showed enough improvement that day 6 and we could take her home. Lucy was happy to be going home but she was not well.

Lucy had dropped weight and looked tired but I did notice her stomach was getting bigger. Over the next 4 and a half weeks Lucy was strictly an inside dog with monitored toilet breaks. She was regularly taken back to the vets for blood work and many phone calls on her condition and symptoms. I started to research this condition on my own so I could inform myself what I could do to best help Lucy.

In the back of my mind I kept thinking of the tablet we gave her and how suddenly she become sick. I started to research that. I told my vet and asked again are you sure it's not the tablet because Lucy was experiencing alot of the symptoms that I was reading about although a few were symptoms that related to the IMHA.

I was told not to believe too much of what I read and they believe that the tablet is safe as they sell it. I was like but, but and she just said well if you think it's the tablet then just don't ever give it to her again. At this stage I was thinking I should just listen to her because she is the professional and what would I know. Lucy had a lot of different symptoms which I relayed to the vet and she said it was most likely the medication. Some things were but some things had her baffled.

Her PCV eventually went up to 42 at which stage we thought we had won and this was only a week ago although Lucy never came back to her usual self. At best of what I can remember Lucy's symptoms were,

Pale gums and tongue

Lethargic

Unable to stand

Fitting/ seizure

Diarrhoea

Gagging

Coughing and wet chest this started after consuming 4 litres of water a day

No appetite to incredible appetite

Extremely swollen stomach

Rapid heartbeat

Heavy panting

Restlessness

Vomiting

Normal poo then constipation

Sleeping deeply with eyes wide open

No joy in life except food in the end

Loss of muscle tone

Lost 2.5 kg in 5 weeks

Enlarged liver

Heart murmur

Excessive urination

Alot of stomach sounds

Bad gas and bad breath

Extremely itchy neck and ears

Can't think of anything else right now. But some of these are symptoms were bought on by the medication or she presented at the vets with and they progressively got worse, or were new symptoms which also got worse.

The night Lucy passed away she was very sleepy but seemed very dry in the mouth again. My daughter and I left Lucy at the house for 2 1/2 hrs, to get groceries and went to the vets to pick up more medication. Talked to the vet about our concerns of Lucy's decline in health and booked her for her weekly check up for the next day. We arrived home to find

Lucy had vomited in 3 places and passed away under the couch. I believed she had only just passed due to a few factors.

We tried a few things to wake her up as we were in disbelief that maybe she was just in a deep sleep again. Our world crashed. I checked for signs of life many times but she was not responding. Again I know this is very upsetting to write, to read and is very long but I want everyone reading this to be well informed.

I am in the process of finding out what the actual cause of death was. I have reported the whole experience to my vet as to fill in any blanks, and because I still believe that giving Lucy Bravecto has a lot to do with this I have had extensive phone calls and reported everything to MSD Animal Health in my country, who actually produce the products. I have an internal case number for future reference.

The company has spoken to my vet. In agreement we have decided to investigate the cause of death and the company is covering the cost of the Autopsy. Results in on Monday. My concerns are no matter what the outcome, Lucy was in perfect health until I gave her the Bravecto tablet. She just completed the Million Paws Walk for RSPCA with no signs of ill health the month before this all started. As the vet was not sure what was happening but Lucy showed some signs of IMHA so this was the diagnosis we followed and tried to treat.

If you read up on IMHA it can be caused from toxins/poisons, insect bite and other things. Did this product cause Lucy to have IMHA? Did this product tip Lucy over the edge because by some coincidence she got IMHA without any signs on that day and we gave her a tablet full of products that were about to create havoc on her body? Or was this just IMHA and the rest of the symptoms are coincidental? Either way, my dog was pampered and I was a protect parent and I know her personality, every bit of food she ate, every toilet break she had, every meaning behind her behaviour and her look, before any of this started.

The lady I spoke to from the product company was polite and sympathetic, told me that they have tested this product on 15 million dogs and only 1 in 10 thousand have had some sort of reaction. They have done their research globally and she is not admitting it but if Lucy did die from the product then she is (in her words) an idiosyncratic case, meaning 1 in a million of this happening and very unlucky. The most common side effect they have come across is skin irritations, vomiting and diarrhoea. To which I explained there are so many sites with hundreds and thousands of dogs getting sick, getting IMHA, or have died just after taking this product or one similar made by another company.

She said they are well ahead of any sites on social media and they are legally bound to investigate and document all reactions from this product and report it back to the company. If they see a pattern in reports then they adjust their product but they do not get a lot of reports. **SO THE MORAL OF MY STORY, TO HELP YOU ALL BECOME EDUCATED AND IF YOU HAVE A PET THAT HAD OR HAS ANY UNEXPLAINABLE ILLNESS, REACTION OR DEATH.** No matter how long ago and regardless of what anyone tells you, if you think it is in connection to something you have given them of any product or any brand please please report it, no matter how big or how small.

As I was told, if people are not reporting it directly to the company by phone they cannot document, investigate or see a pattern occurring and does not know there is a problem. Even if it's only a rash, even if your pet makes a full recovery. Please do not chance it for the rest of us who don't have a clue. I wish nobody to go through what we did and your pet to suffer like Lucy did. It may only be coincidental, or you might get away with it once but any reaction needs to be reported. Thanks for taking the time to read this. It's only advice and you can take it or leave it, that your decision. I wish you all a good day and a happy and healthy life for your fur babies.

Thanks Barb Thorne, Queensland Australia.

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