

# Bravecto Serious Side Effects The personal story of "Jäger" (037)

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Jäger (right)

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August 31, 2016 - This is my story. I gave my Bernese Mountain dog Bravecto. He became ill within days. Choking, vomiting and diarrhea. Became lethargic and no appetite. I contacted Merck and spoke to a vet there on a Wednesday and told her what was going on. I got a report number. Then took him to my vet.

Thursday morning, his red blood cell count was half what it should be and anemic. White gums and couldn't stand or walk. They gave him IV fluids and blood transfusions. Multiple tests, X-rays and thought he had either had rat poison or bleeding internally. Neither was the case. He never had any health problems. They wanted more exclusive tests done and didn't have an ultrasound device to do it. His red blood cells were not regenerating.

So they sent me a hour away to a 24 emergency 3 days later to try and figure it out. We got there and he went on a gurney from from car to the icu. They had all his information faxed from the 3 days over he had done at the previous vet. They gave him more blood and iv fluids. He perked up and I laid with him in the icu sobbing.

They did ultrasounds ect... and didn't find a thing. I left planned on seeing him the next day. Till a 4am call and said he took a turn for the worse. By the 5th call his breathing was very shallow. The xray in the am showed his lungs were good. But now a xray showed filled with fluid. They said he next step was to unabate him. A breathing machine, and could keep him a alive for a short time till I could get there to be with him.

I was a hour away and told him to put him down. I didn't want him to struggle. I got my Jäger at 8 weeks old and picked him out at 4. He was a gift to my 4 year old son after I had to put 2 old dogs down a year previous. And was newly divorced and list a girlfriend too.

So he brought much love a big big since of happiness to us both. It killed me to tell my son after he was with his dad for the weekend that we lost him. I was so sure that our Jäger was strong and never sick and would pull through. I felt like I failed them both.

After thousands of dollars and all he doctors I couldn't. Now my newfie (Newfoundlander, admin) is heart broken and starting to gag and choke as well. So now more concerned about her. Loosing him put her out of sorts and has acted the same since. And now starting to act ill.

Jäger died July 31st ten days after his only dose of bravecto at 7 and a half. Never sick before and just sweet, lovable and strong. Are hearts have been shattered. I've talked to the vet from merck 6 times so far and did a follow up after Jäger died.

She said she did her part and my case is under review with the board. I had all my records faxed over to them. And still no word. The vet from merck does call me back though. Just sick over this and heart broken. All my past dogs died of old age and natural causes.

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