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AN INTEGRATED
APPROACH TO
ELIMINATE CANINE
AND FELINE
VIRAL DISEASES
IN INDIA



30.11.2020 & 01.12.2020

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL e- CONFERENCE

Infectious diseases of viral, bacterial and haemoparasitic origin are clinically important and commonly encountered among companion animals. Of the various etiologies, virus imposes serious disease in both dogs and cats. In India, these viral diseases viz canine parvoviral enteritis, canine distemper, rabies, feline panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici viral infections are life-threatening and endemic diseases in dogs and cats even with the availability of vaccines. Various attributes like semi and free ranging pattern of dogs and cats along with uncontrolled population with poor husbandry practices, lack of implementation of prevention and control strategies, epidemiology, global climatic variation, increased susceptibility, vaccination failures, lack of knowledge on early diagnosis, misdiagnosis, and lack of awareness among the pet parents are the influencing determinants for the endemicity of the above said diseases in our country. Globally, efforts to control some of these viral diseases have been achieved by implementing strict vaccination schedule and Veterinary services. In India, vaccines against CPV 2, corona, rabies, kennel cough, panleukopenia, calici, and rhinotracheitis are readily available, but how it is used successfully in the field is a question of concern. As a forerunner in Veterinary Science we at the department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, MVC is currently focussing on molecular epidemiology, disease forecasting models, diagnostic approaches, and vaccine studies on various infectious diseases of companion animals continuously to aid in the treatment and devising control strategies. This e-conference was initiated with the aim to integrate

Veterinary scientist, faculties, research scholars, practitioners, students and pet parents to discuss on important developments and challenges happening in India and Global level on these viral diseases of dogs and cats through this virtual platform during this pandemic situation.

PET PARENTS play a pivotal role in breaking the transmission cycle of infectious agents in pets by implementing appropriate vaccination schedules and biosecurity measures. In this context, educating the pet parents about recent updates on vaccination and bioscecurity measures is of prime importance to create awareness. In continuation of past successful pet parents meet, this year we are organizing **NATIONAL PET PARENTS MEET** for the benefit of pet owners through online mode on 02.12.2020.

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Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) is one of the leading Universities among Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. Madras Veterinary College (MVC) is one of the pioneering oldest and constituent institute of TANUVAS started way back in 1903. Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine was first of its kind started in the year 1958 at MVC and it is focussing on teaching and research on various infectious diseases of farm and companion animals. Till now more than 200 research scholars have graduated from this prestigious department. This department is currently working on molecular epidemiology, disease forecasting models, and vaccine studies on canine viral diseases, brucellosis, tuberculosis, Johne's diseases, toxoplasmosis, and other economically important diseases.

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Time (IST)	Name of Speakers	Topics
DAY-1 - 30.11.2020		
SESSION - I		
9.30 AM - 10.30 AM	<p>Dr. MICHAEL LAPPIN Professor and Chair One Health Committee World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Small Animal Internal Medicine College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Colorado State University, USA</p>	An Update on Canine Parvovirus Infections; The USA Perspective
SESSION - II		
11.15 AM - 12.00 AM	<p>Dr. G. DHINAKAR RAJ Director Centre for Animal Health Studies (CAHS), TANUVAS Madhavaram Milk Colony Chennai - 600 0051, India</p>	Canine Parvo Virus Vaccine - A Translational Sojourn
12.00 PM - 1.00 PM	Abstract Presentation Technical Session - I	Faculty, Researchers, PG, Ph.D., & UG (Final Year) Students
SESSION - III		
2.00 PM - 3.00 PM	<p>ALAN RADFORD Professor Veterinary Health Informatics University of Liverpool Institute of Infection and Global Health, UK</p>	Feline Calicivirus – A Rapidly Evolving Virus in a Slowly Changing World
3.00 PM - 4.00 PM	Abstract Presentation Technical Session - II	Faculty, Researchers, PG, Ph.D., & UG (Final Year) Students
DAY - 2 - 01.12.2020		
SESSION- IV		
Time	PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE	Problems in Infectious Disease (Viral Origin) Practice in India with Special Reference to Dogs and Cats
9.30 AM - 9.40 AM	<p>Dr. Lakshmi Srinivasan Private Veterinary Physician Hyderabad, India</p>	
9.40 AM - 9.50 AM	<p>Dr. Kunal Dev Sharma Private Veterinary Physician New Delhi, India</p>	
9.50 AM - 9.55 AM	<p>Dr. J. Venkatesh Private Veterinary Physician Chennai, India</p>	
9.55 AM - 10.00 AM	<p>Dr. Ramani Jairam Private Veterinary Physician Mumbai</p>	

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SESSION- V		
10.00 AM - 11.15. AM	<p>RICHARD SQUIRES Associate Professor and Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines Companion Animal Medicine Discipline of Veterinary Science James Cook University Queensland 4811, Australia</p>	Canine and Feline Vaccinations and Main Reasons for Apparent Vaccination Failure
11.15 AM - 12.00 PM	<p>RICHARD SQUIRES Associate Professor Companion Animal Medicine Discipline of Veterinary Science James Cook University Queensland 4811, Australia</p>	A Special Talk on "Unusual Clinical Manifestations of Canine Leptospirosis"
SESSION - VI		
12.00 PM – 12.45 PM	<p>Dr. P.V. TRESAMOL Associate Dean College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, KVASU, Mannuthy Thrissur, Kerala, India</p>	Canine Rabies-Control Strategy for India
12.45 PM – 01.45 PM	Abstract Presentation Technical Session - III	Exclusively for Private Practitioners and Vets from State Animal Husbandry Veterinary Services
SESSION – VII		
2.00 PM - 2.30 PM	<p>Dr. VISHAL CHANDER Scientist, Virology Lab., Centre for Animal Disease Research and Diagnosis (CADRAD) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, UP, India</p>	Current Strategies on Infectious Canine Hepatitis in Dogs
3.00 PM - 3.30 PM	<p>Dr. M. NARAYANA BHAT Dean, Veterinary College Hebbal, Bengaluru, India</p>	Diagnosis and Prevention of Canine Distemper - A Relook

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



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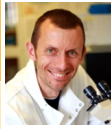
interest are prevention of infectious diseases, the upper respiratory disease complex, infectious causes of fever, infectious causes of diarrhoea, and zoonoses. His research group has published over 300 primary papers, book chapters concerning small animal infectious diseases. His awards include the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, NAVC Small Animal Speaker of the Year, the European Society of Feline Medicine International Award for Outstanding Contribution to Feline Medicine, the Winn Feline Research Award, the ACVIM Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence, the WSAVA Scientific Achievement Award, and the AVMA Clinical Research Award.



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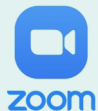
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Canine and Feline Vaccinations including Main Reasons for Apparent Vaccination Failures

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Introduction

The most recent companion animal vaccination guidelines that consider the needs of both dogs and cats worldwide were produced by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Vaccination Guidelines Group (VGG) and published in the *Journal of Small Animal Practice* in January 2016.¹ The most recent guidelines dealing with dogs only were published in 2017 by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and slightly updated in 2018.² The AAHA guidelines are primarily intended for North American readers but parts of the document are more broadly relevant. This year, 2020, AAHA teamed up with the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and produced updated feline vaccination guidelines.³ Other valuable guidelines have been published by the European Advisory Board on Cat Diseases (ABCD).⁴

Although these groups develop their guidelines independently of one other, there is much consensus in their recommendations.⁵ All of these guidelines include multiple tables that provide the fine details about when and how to use vaccines to best effect. The WSAVA guidelines contain more than 100 frequently asked questions. These tables and FAQs are well worth careful scrutiny. Table 1, below, provides links to the guidelines produced by these organisations and also shows the dates guidelines were published, going back to the first ones produced by AAFP in 1998.

Table 1: List of organisations that have published vaccination guidelines over the last two decades.

Name of organization	Publication dates for guidelines	Species covered	Link to their most recent guidelines
AAFP	1998, 2000, 2006, 2013	Cats	https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1098612X13500429
AAHA/AAFP	2020	Cats	https://catvets.com/guidelines/practice-guidelines/aafp-aaaha-feline-vaccination
AAHA	2003, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2017	Dogs	https://www.aaaha.org/guidelines/canine_vaccination_guidelines.aspx
WSAVA	2007, 2010, 2016	Both	https://www.wsava.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines
ABCD	2009, 2013, 2015, 2017	Cats	http://www.abcdcatsvets.org/guidelines/

Abbreviations: AAFP, American Association of Feline Practitioners; AAHA, American Animal Hospital Association; WSAVA, World Small Animal Veterinary Association; ABCD, European Advisory Board on Cat Diseases.

The latest WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines are freely available in multiple languages via the WSAVA website (<https://www.wsava.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines>). At that address there are additional resources, including some for owners and breeders. The same is true of the updated AAHA/AAFP feline vaccination resources page.

Potted history about companion animal vaccination guidelines

The previously-widespread practice of vaccinating every adult dog and cat against “everything” every year was never based on scientific evidence of need.⁶ In the early days of canine distemper vaccines, the possible need for repeated vaccination(s), beyond the primary puppy course, was discussed vigorously by veterinarians but little scientific evidence was available for consideration. There was some early evidence of robust, long-lasting protection afforded by vaccination against distemper⁷ and next to nothing to the contrary. Nevertheless, a few sets of guidelines were developed from the 1970s onwards, based loosely on what was being done by practitioners (mostly in North America), rather than upon scientific evidence or basic immunological principles. A few pet owners and many veterinary immunologists knew that annual revaccination against “everything” was not soundly based upon evidence, but their concerns, writings⁸ and public statements on the subject were largely ignored.

In 1991-1993 it was first recognised that feline leukaemia virus and rabies vaccines could (rarely) cause injection site sarcomas in cats. These rare tumours were very difficult to manage successfully and often led to the cat’s death. Later, it was shown that other vaccines and injected substances could also cause these malignancies (feline injection site sarcomas; FISS). The veterinary profession in USA responded within a few years by producing guidelines for the use of vaccines in cats that were more science-based than had previously been the case. The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) was, unsurprisingly, the first professional group to produce such a set of guidelines (in 1998). The AAHA followed soon afterwards (2003) with canine vaccination guidelines. The first WSAVA Guidelines (authored by the Vaccination Guidelines Group; VGG) were published in 2007. European cat experts have subsequently produced the excellent ABCD guidelines (Advisory Board on Cat Diseases).

Core and non-core vaccines

A key feature of all of these guidelines is that vaccines are classified as core (all animals should receive), non-core (optional, use is based on a risk-benefit analysis) and not recommended (insufficient evidence to justify use). Rabies vaccines should be viewed as core or mandatory for both dogs and cats in countries where rabies is endemic.

- Globally, the core vaccines for dogs protect against canine distemper virus (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV) and canine adenovirus (CAV). Vaccines contain CAV-2, which provides protection against both CAV-1 and CAV-2.
- The main non-core vaccines available for dogs protect against canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC) and leptospirosis. The CIRDC vaccines contain one or more of *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, CAV-2 and canine parainfluenza virus. In North America, separate canine influenza virus vaccines are available. Antigens related to other causes of CIRDC are not yet included. There are numerous different non-core leptospira vaccines containing from 1 to 4 different serovars, protecting against members of 1 to 4 different serogroups. In many countries, veterinarians recommend that every dog should be protected against leptospirosis. In some countries, non-core vaccines to protect against *Borrelia burgdorferi* are available.
- The canine enteric coronavirus vaccine is not recommended by WSAVA, nor AAHA, because of insufficient evidence of efficacy.
- Globally, the feline core vaccines protect against feline panleukopenia virus (feline parvovirus; FPV), feline herpesvirus-1 (FHV-1) and feline calicivirus (FCV).

- There are multiple non-core feline vaccines protecting against *Chlamydia felis*, feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) and (in some countries) feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).
- The vaccine intended to protect cats against feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) is designated as not recommended by WSAVA and AAHA/AAFP because of insufficient evidence of efficacy.
- Other not recommended vaccines against Giardia and ringworm are available for dogs and or cats in some countries.

The most recent updates to the WSAVA VGG guidelines

For those familiar with previous guidelines, the most significant updates in the latest WSAVA guidelines⁹ are as follows:

1. The recommended timing of the last primary kitten and puppy vaccine is adjusted upwards from 14–16 weeks of age to 16 weeks of age or later. The decision to make this change was based on further evidence from the field that maternal antibodies can sometimes cause interference, in both puppies and kittens, even at 14 weeks of age and beyond.¹⁰⁻¹² Indeed, in one rather alarming peer-reviewed publication, 36.7% of kittens did not seroconvert to feline parvovirus after vaccination at the ages of eight, 12 and 16 weeks.¹² In another study, a total of 15%, 44% and 4% of repeatedly-vaccinated kittens had insufficient serological evidence of active immunity against FPV, FHV and FCV, respectively, at 17 weeks of age.¹⁰ Interestingly, on this particular topic, less published evidence is available for puppies than for kittens.¹¹

THESE SOMETIMES LONG-LASTING, INTERFERING MATERNAL ANTIBODIES CAN PREVENT SUCCESSFUL IMMUNIZATION, AND ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MAJOR CAUSE OF APPARENT VACCINATION FAILURES IN MANY COUNTRIES. In many cases of apparent vaccination failure, the final puppy / kitten vaccination was given too early, before the animal reached the age of 16 weeks.

2. The “first annual booster” is reconsidered, including its name, in light of what it is thought to actually achieve immunologically. Its main purpose is to immunize the minority of animals that failed, earlier, to respond actively to one or more vaccine components, even if vaccinated at 16+ weeks of age. This failure is almost invariably a consequence of passively-transferred, maternal interfering antibodies. WSAVA guidelines recommend that the “first annual booster” **BE RECONSIDERED AND RESCHEDULED EARLIER, MOVING IT FROM 12–16 MONTHS TO 6–12 MONTHS OF AGE**. This vaccination should be renamed and considered as the last of the “puppy or kitten vaccinations”. Why should we leave the window of opportunity for these pathogens open for longer than is necessary in those unfortunate individuals that failed to mount an active immune response earlier?

3. “Low risk” and “high risk” situations and feline lifestyles are more thoroughly described. Spending time in a boarding cattery is now explicitly designated as “high risk”. This has implications for the use of feline respiratory virus vaccines. FHV and FCV vaccine should be given annually to cats that regularly visit boarding catteries. Administration of the vaccine in the weeks leading up to the cattery visit, rather than (say) many months earlier would be advisable.

4. There is updated consideration of the possible anatomical sites for injection of vaccines (perhaps in particular adjuvanted vaccines) in cats. This includes brief consideration of distal tail vaccination. Tail vaccination has been reported to be surprisingly well tolerated by cats.¹³ The distal limbs are another suitable site, strongly recommended in the latest AAHA/AAFP guidelines.³

5. The guidelines are much more thoroughly referenced, although there is scope for further improvement. Quality of evidence is considered using a novel system specifically developed by the authors for use in veterinary vaccinology.

Antibody testing

Antibody testing (or “titre testing”) relies upon the detection of antibodies in the patient, generally in its serum, to judge whether it is already protected against disease and therefore does not need to be revaccinated. Antibody testing is used extensively in humans, for example to determine whether a previously-vaccinated person needs revaccination against rabies. The use of antibody testing in companion animals is an extension of its use in humans. Some clients would not want themselves or their children unnecessarily vaccinated or revaccinated if they were already protected. They would not want to take the (albeit usually small) risk of an adverse event. They would be prepared to pay “extra” to find out their status and only receive vaccination or revaccination if required. Indeed, they may have no choice in the matter. The medical system may require this approach to be taken. Some clients extend their views about vaccination of human family members to their dogs and cats. Some veterinarians feel strongly that vaccination in the face of pre-existing immunity is an unnecessary, potentially harmful medical procedure. Others cite the low incidence of serious vaccine-associated adverse effects¹⁴ and are less concerned.

Titre testing is only relevant to some of the vaccines we administer. That is because antibody presence correlates reliably with protection (at least in one direction, presence indicating protection) only for some infectious agents. Titre testing is most relevant to FPV and the three canine core vaccines (those against the CPV-2 variants, canine adenoviruses 1 and 2, and canine distemper virus, CDV). For these viruses, presence of antibody in an adult reliably predicts that the animal is protected. Animals that lack antibody, or have so little that the test in use cannot detect antibody, may nevertheless be protected by memory B cells or cellular immunity, but the safest assumption in that situation would be that the animal lacks protection, and therefore should be revaccinated out of an abundance of caution. Antibodies against feline herpesvirus-1 and feline calicivirus are, overall, less reliable indicators of protection against disease and are not widely used to make judgements about the need, or otherwise, for revaccination of adult cats against these viruses.

For the moment, antibody testing is relatively expensive, but it is becoming increasingly convenient and less expensive for veterinarians to choose this option if they or their clients are inclined to do so. The risk of vaccinating dogs unnecessarily with core, non-rabies vaccines has been reported to be very low¹⁴ but this does not discourage some owners from requesting “titre testing”.

“Titre testing” is another example of a name that we should encourage to disappear soon (along with “first annual booster”). Most veterinarians would find “quantitative antibody testing” and “qualitative antibody testing” more straightforward and self-explanatory. A titre is a measure of dilution, in this case, of serum antibodies. Strictly speaking, titre testing is quantitative antibody testing, done mostly in diagnostic laboratories. If a large concentration of an antibody is present in serum, the serum can be diluted a great deal, for example, 640-fold in the case of CPV (a “high titre”) and the effects of that antibody (for example, virus neutralization or inhibition of haemagglutination) can still be detected. Laboratories can provide a true antibody titre, if the veterinarian needs to know the amount of antibody present. In contrast, an increasing number of in-practice antibody detection tests report only positive /

negative results, so the use of the word “titre” in that setting is inappropriate. In addition, for some important vaccine-preventable diseases, mere *presence* of detectable antibody (not the amount) in adult animals is reported to correlate with robust protection. So the in-practice, qualitative tests that produce a positive or negative result can be of substantial practical value. We often do not require the rigour of quantitation. Conversely, the titre (or amount) of antibody *does* matter a great deal in puppies and kittens, before they mount their own active immune responses. A large amount (i.e. a high titre) of maternally-derived antibody would interfere more and for longer with attempts to immunize than would a smaller amount (or lower titre) of antibody.

Further well-written details about the indications and interpretation of qualitative (plus/minus) antibody test results can be found in the AAHA guidelines, here:

https://www.aaha.org/guidelines/canine_vaccination_guidelines/antibody_testing.aspx

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MATRIX VACCINATION GUIDELINES

ABCD recommendations for indoor/ outdoor cats, rescue shelter cats and breeding catteries



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Overview: This article presents, in a user-friendly, tabulated form, the ABCD's current vaccination recommendations for four broad categories of cats: outdoor cats (ie, those with access outdoors that come into contact with other cats outdoors); indoor cats (ie, those with no contact with other cats from outdoors); rescue shelter cats; and cats in breeding catteries. Note that it is not always possible to make a clear distinction between these various categories and the definition in any individual case is left up to the veterinary surgeon conducting the vaccination interview.

Introduction

It was evident during the preparation of the complete ABCD vaccination guidelines that no single vaccination protocol would be appropriate for all cats across Europe. Rather, it is important to conduct a vaccination interview in order to devise a vaccination strategy appropriate to the lifestyle, geographical location and disease risks relevant to each feline patient. These matrix vaccination guidelines were compiled to assist veterinary surgeons during the vaccination interview, summarising the ABCD's vaccine recommendations. The 'core' vaccines should be administered to all cats, whereas 'circumstantial' vaccines are required under specific circumstances (for example, for cats travelling to areas where rabies is endemic, or cats with outdoor access and therefore at risk of infection with FeLV), and 'non-core' vaccines are recommended only for cats at risk of specific infections.



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The guidelines were prepared by a task force of experts convened by the American Animal Hospital Association. The information in this website is intended as a guideline only, not an AAHA standard of care. These guidelines and recommendations should not be construed as dictating an exclusive protocol, course of treatment, or procedure. Variations in practice may be warranted based on the needs of the individual patient, resources, and limitations unique to each individual practice setting. Evidence-based support for specific recommendations is cited whenever possible and appropriate. Other recommendations are based on established immunological principles, practical clinical experience, and expert consensus. Further research is needed to document some of these recommendations. Because each case is different, veterinarians must base their decisions on the available scientific evidence in conjunction with their own knowledge and experience.

Variance between manufacturer recommendations as they are published in the product Package Insert and Task Force recommendations occasionally occur. In each case, Task Force recommendations have been reviewed with the appropriate manufacturer(s).

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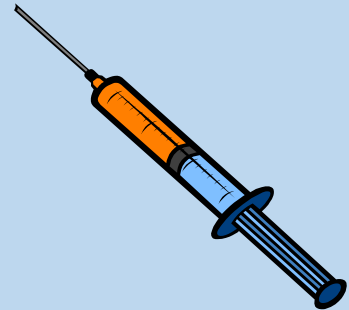
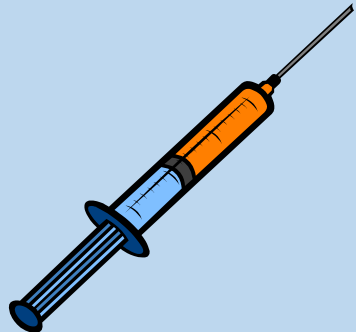
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Abstract

The guidelines are a consensus report on current recommendations for vaccination of *cats of any origin*, authored by a Task Force of experts. The guidelines are published simultaneously in the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery* (volume 22, issue 9, pages 813–830, DOI: 10.1177/1098612X20941784) and the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association* (volume 56, issue 4, pages 249–265, DOI: 10.5326/JAAHA-MS-7123). The guidelines assign approved feline vaccines to core (recommended for all cats) and non-core (recommended based on an individualized risk-benefit assessment) categories. Practitioners can develop *individualized vaccination protocols* consisting of *core vaccines* and *noncore vaccines* based on exposure and susceptibility risk as defined by the *patient's* life stage, lifestyle, and place of origin and by environmental and epidemiologic factors. An update on *feline injection-site sarcomas* indicates that occurrence of this sequela remains infrequent and idiosyncratic. *Staff education* initiatives should enable the veterinary practice team to be proficient in

Outline of this talk

- Core and non-core vaccines
- List the key take-home points
- Background: how did we get here?
- More scrutiny of those key points
- Q & A



Core and non-core vaccines



Core vaccines protect against...

- Canine distemper virus
- Canine adenovirus (1 & 2)
- Canine parvovirus-2 variants
- Rabies virus (where it is endemic)

All puppies should receive core vaccines, if at all possible, and all adult dogs should be managed in a way that maintains robust immunity against these infectious agents for life



Non-core vaccines (optional)

- Canine parainfluenzavirus
- Canine influenzavirus(es) (North America)
- *Bordetella bronchiseptica*
- *Leptospira* serovars (contents vary by region)

Not recommended

- Canine enteric coronavirus



Core vaccines protect against...

- Feline parvovirus (FPV)
- Feline herpesvirus-1 (FHV-1)
- Feline calicivirus (FCV)
- Rabies virus (where it is endemic)

All kittens should receive core vaccines, if at all possible, and all adult cats should be managed in a way that maintains robust immunity against these infectious agents for life



Non-core vaccines (optional)

- Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV)
- *Chlamydia felis*
- *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (some markets)
- Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV)

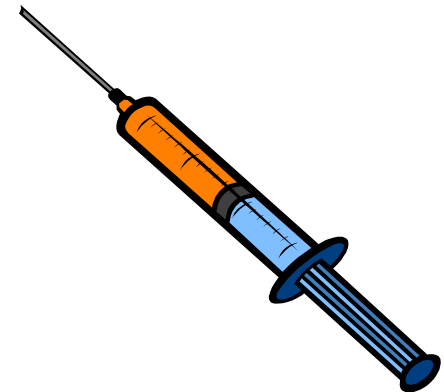
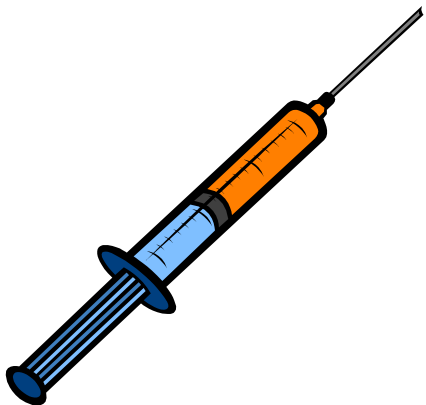
Not recommended

- Feline infectious peritonitis
- Giardia

List of key take-home points
about canine and feline vaccines
and vaccinations

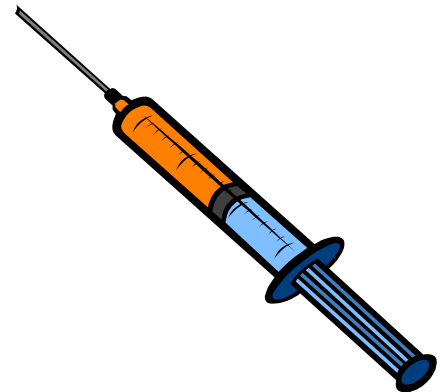
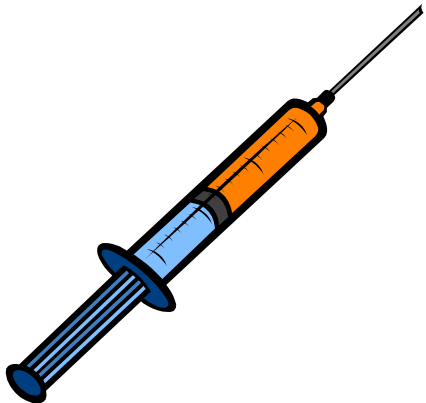
What are the key points?

1. Good quality, well kept canine core vaccines and FPV vaccine provide very long-lasting protection. Non-core vaccines, much less so
2. The last of the “primary” kitten and puppy vaccines should be given ***no earlier than*** 16 weeks of age.
3. The “first annual booster” (so-called) should be reconsidered. It should be delivered at 26 - 52 weeks of age



What are the key points?

4. “Low risk” and “high risk” lifestyles of cats need to be considered. This is especially relevant to the core feline respiratory virus vaccines, FHV-1 and FCV.
5. Anatomical sites for injection of vaccines into cats need to be reconsidered with safety in mind



Background:

how did we get to this point?

Vaccine hesitancy is not new

Editorial

From The Lancet, May 2019

Vaccine hesitancy: a generation at risk

Vaccine hesitancy, which is defined by WHO as a “delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services”, has been reported in more than 90% of countries in the world. In many areas, immunisation for measles, a vaccine-preventable disease that was largely eliminated following widespread use of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, has decreased to less than the 95% threshold set by WHO as that required for herd immunity.

In the UK, for example, coverage of the MMR vaccine decreased to 91.2%, the fourth annual decline in a row and to its lowest level since 2011–12. In the USA, the percentage of children aged 19–35 months who received the MMR vaccine slightly decreased from 91.6%

general public, and implementing policies that reduce the public health risks associated with vaccine hesitancy. WHO/Europe created the Guide to Tailoring Immunization Programmes that considers the need to tailor any intervention to account for the diverse reasons that make parents reluctant to vaccinate their children. Some countries have implemented specific sanctions for such families, and school entry requirements including specific vaccinations have been normal public health practice for many years. France has made vaccination with 11 vaccines mandatory for children—unvaccinated children cannot be enrolled at nurseries or schools. In Australia, parents of children who are not vaccinated are denied the universal Family Allowance welfare payments.



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For WHO tools to address vaccine hesitancy see https://www.who.int/immunization/programmes_systems/vaccine_hesitancy/en/

Vet jabs kill our pets, say dog lovers

by JO KNOWSLEY

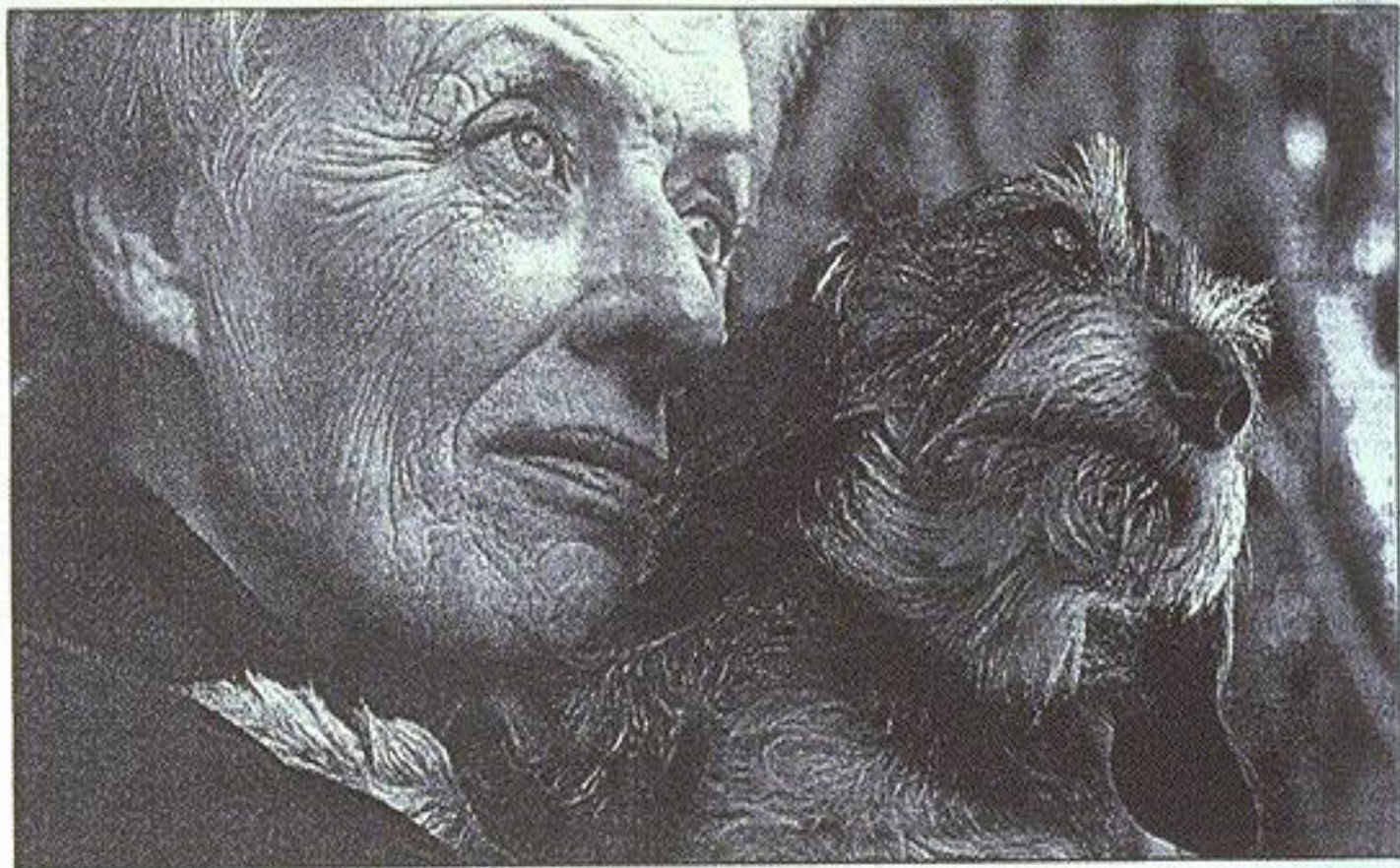
DOGS are being crippled and even killed by the annual veterinary jabs intended to protect them from disease, a study says.

The Canine Health Census, which conducted the survey of 2,700 dogs, claims the animals are up to 13 times more likely to succumb to a range of illnesses and disease if they are given annual vaccinations. In some cases the reaction is so severe that they die, or must be put down.

The main vaccines are against diseases such as hepatitis, leptospirosis, distemper and parvovirus. But the side-effects can range from vomiting and diarrhoea to serious illnesses such as epilepsy, arthritis and brain damage, the report claims.

It found that of dogs which had become sick, 55 per cent had done so within three months of being vaccinated, 41.75 per cent within 30 days, and 24.56 per cent within a week. The results are to be published this month in a book, *Who Killed the Darling Buds of May? What Vets Don't Tell You About Vaccines*.

Catherine O'Driscoll, who set up the Canine Health Census after her dogs died



Vaccine damage: Hylda Reynolds with her dachshund Hannah, who she believes was left crippled following booster jabs

of illnesses she believes were vaccine-related, said: "Vets and vaccine manufacturers advise us to vaccinate our pets year after year and insist adverse reactions occur in only a 'tiny minority' of dogs. But we found they are much more common than that — about one

in a hundred animals has some kind of reaction."

Hylda Reynolds, of Hawkhurst, Kent, says she nursed her miniature dachshunds for 13 months after they had a traumatic reaction to vaccines to prevent parvovirus, distemper and leptospirosis. Jamie, three, had to be put

down because he was in so much pain while Hannah, seven, is crippled.

British veterinary authorities admit that some dogs have reactions to, and sometimes die from, the vaccines but say this is rare.

Simon Orr, president of the British Small Animal

Veterinary Association, said: "These vaccines have been rigorously tested for safety and effectiveness and have dramatically reduced the outbreaks of diseases."

□ Canine Health Census can be contacted at PO Box 1, Longnor, Derbyshire, SK17 0JD (enr/losing SAE)

**Vets – all rip-offs
great and small**



...would be kept in the surgery overnight and operated on the next morning. The mother vet said she made in the tens of a thousand, but that she had no problem in operating on a dog for 120 hours, and she had no intention of stopping, although she had been warned to do so. The vet concerned charged an extra 100 for the dog.

Mr C.A. Driver, Heterfield, West Hampton.

ONE of my rough collies has an eye problem which is treated by operations every few days. This keeps the price under control.

Pets' jabs are a fraud, say

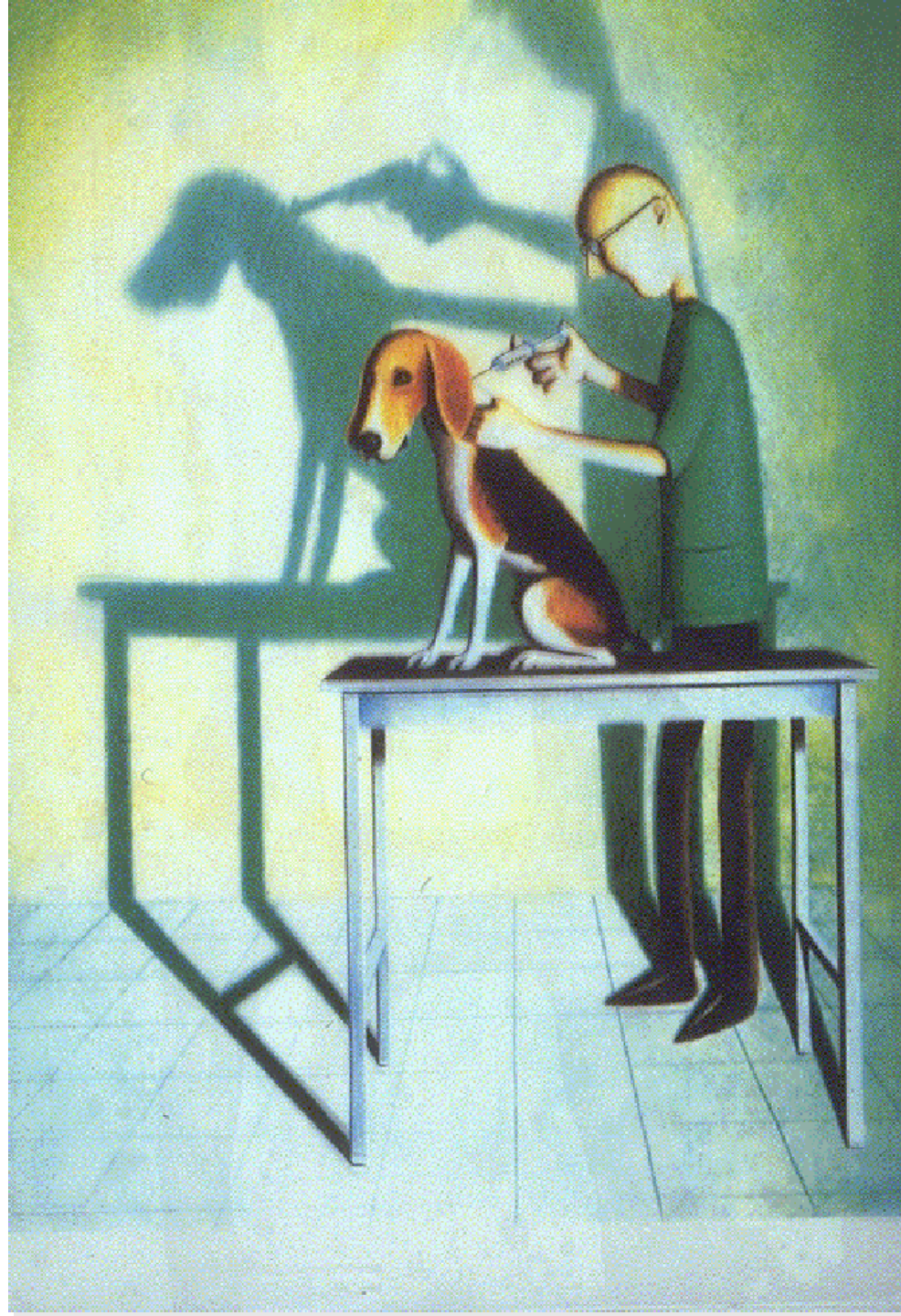
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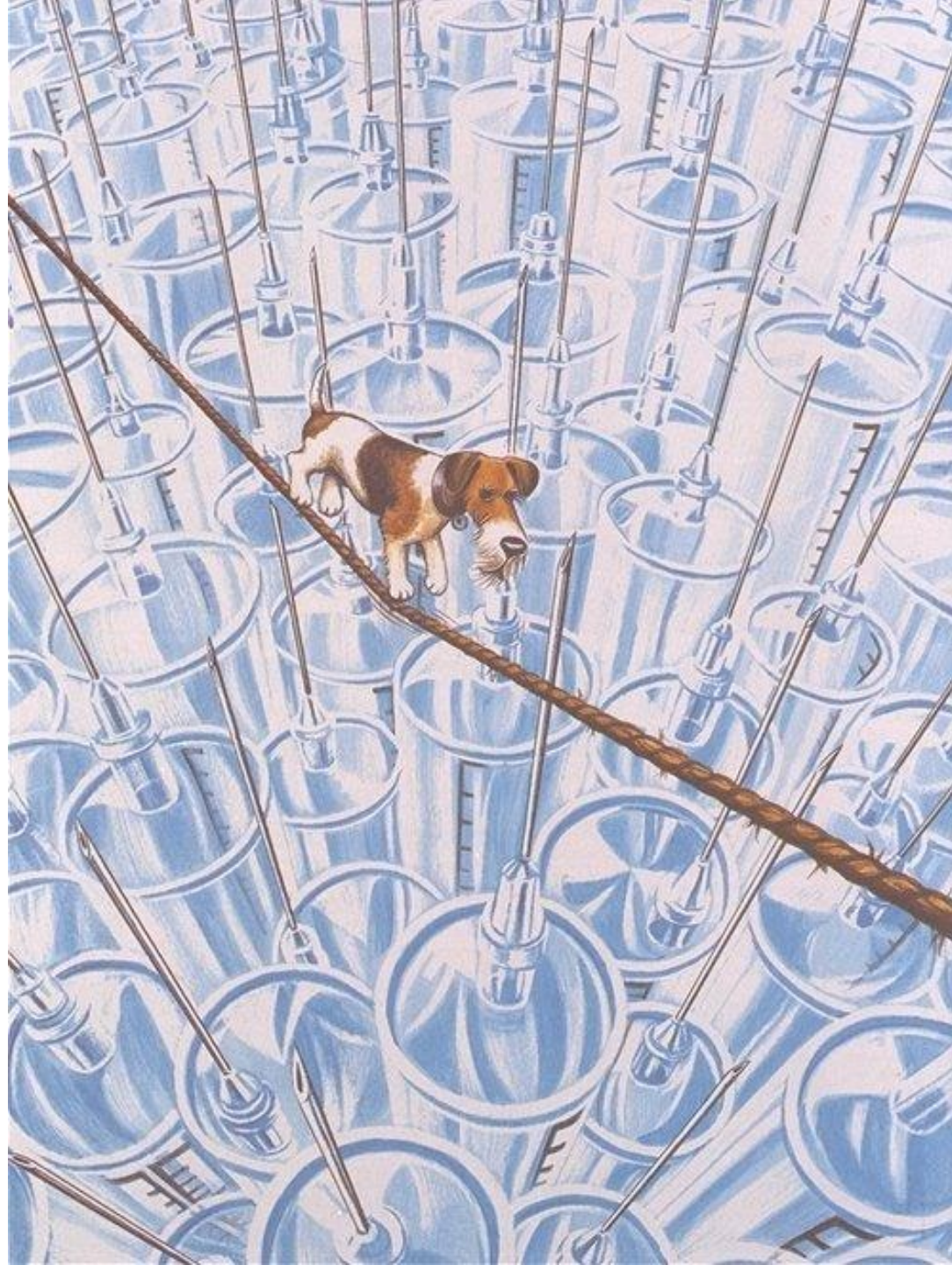
Pets

Booster jabs 'waste of money'

Owners 'wasting millions on pet jabs'

Booster jabs 'unnecessary' say vets





Declining “authority” of professions

More sophisticated clients

Why the hesitancy?

Free Medline

World Wide Web

Autoimmune diseases

Increasing interest in “alternative” remedies

Long-ignored views of some vet immunologists

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Feline injection site sarcomas (FISS)

Dol data

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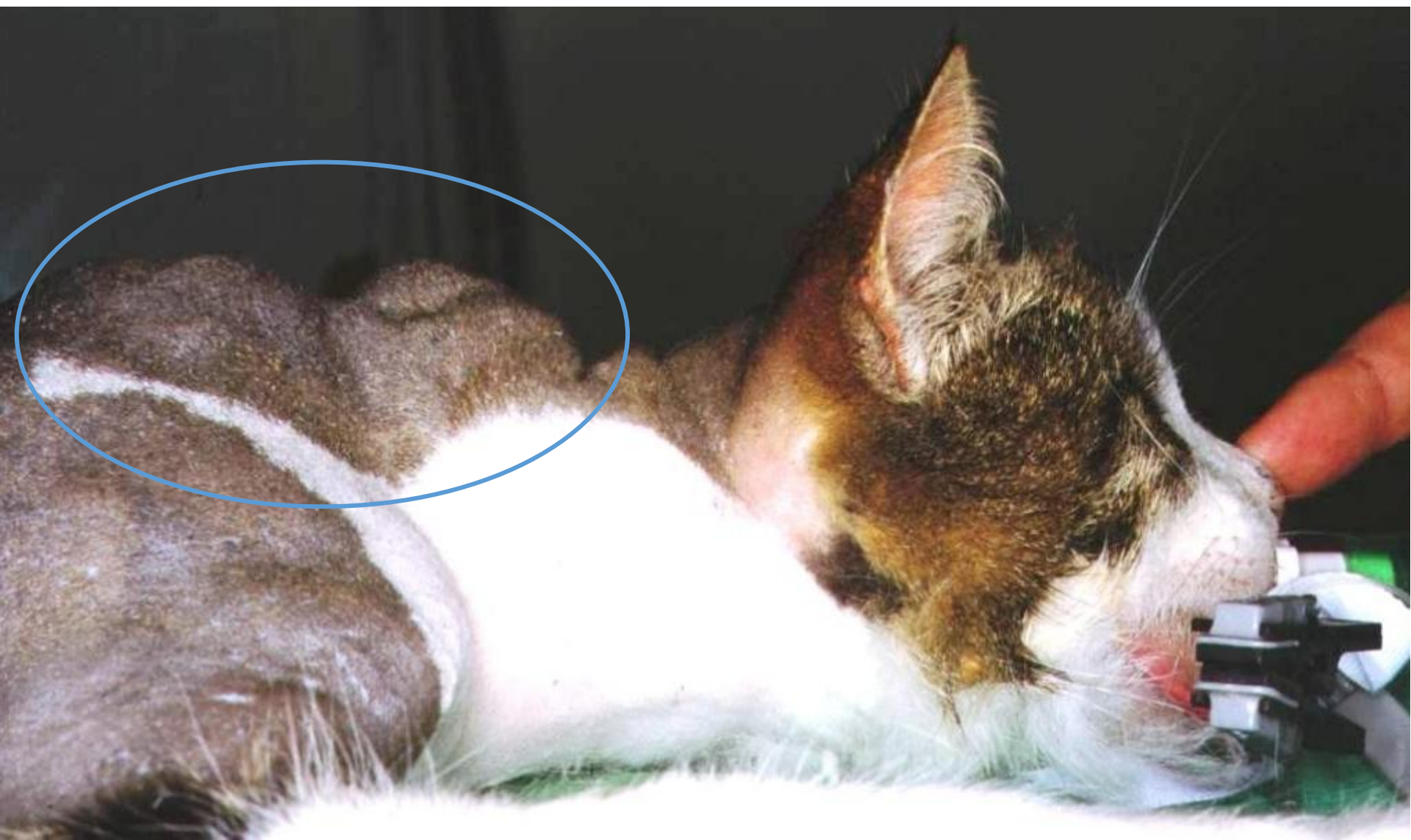
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Evidence of harm



Injections occasionally induce fibrosarcomas in cats

Hendrick MJ, Goldschmidt MH. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* (1991) 15;199(8):968. Hendrick MJ Goldschmidt M



Epidemiologic evidence for a causal relation between vaccination and fibrosarcoma tumorigenesis in cats

Kass PH, Barnes WG, Spangler WL, *et al.*

*Journal of the American Veterinary
Medical Association* (1993) **203**: 396-405.

Kass *et al.* 1993

- FeLV vaccine recipients were **2.78 - 5.49 times more likely** to get a sarcoma at an injection site rather than elsewhere on their body
- Rabies vaccine recipients were **1.2 - 1.99 times more likely** to get a sarcoma at an injection site rather than elsewhere on their body
- The more vaccines injected simultaneously, the greater the risk

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Prevention of Feline Injection-Site Sarcomas Is There a Scientific Foundation for Vaccine Recommendations at This Time?

March 2018

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KEYWORDS

- Injection-site sarcoma • Vaccines • Adverse reactions • Cat

KEY POINTS

- Authority figures have made vaccine recommendations to reduce the incidence of feline injection-site sarcomas.
- The evidence supporting these vaccine recommendations is surprisingly weak.
- Until additional research is performed, there is little evidence supporting the recommendation that use of certain vaccines will prevent sarcoma formation.

Inflammation



Adjuvant



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Other safety issues

Hydranencephaly and cerebellar hypoplasia in two kittens attributed to intrauterine parvovirus infection

Sharp NJ, Davis BJ, Guy JS, *et al.*

Journal of Comparative Pathology

121: 39-53 (1999)

“an in-utero parvovirus infection,
possibly due to vaccination” [italics mine]

Other safety issues

Outbreak of fatal salmonellosis in cats following use of a high-titer modified-live panleukopenia virus vaccine

Foley JE, Orgad U, Hirsh DC, *et al*

Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association

(1999) **214**: 67-70.

Other safety issues

Abortion and death in pregnant bitches associated with a canine vaccine contaminated with bluetongue virus

Levings RL, Wilbur LA, Evermann JF
et al.

Developments in Biological Standardization
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Other safety issues

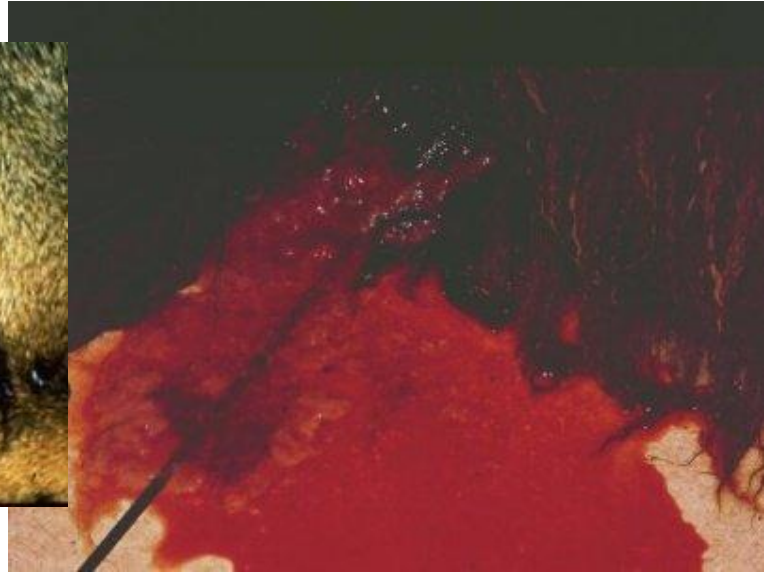
Vaccine-associated immune-mediated hemolytic anaemia in the dog

Duval D, Giger U.

Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
10: 290-295. (1996)

The risks of adverse
consequences are
real but *small*

On the other side of the coin...



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Vaccination and ill-health in dogs: a lack of temporal association and evidence of equivalence

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“Results demonstrated that recent vaccination (<3 months) does not increase signs of ill-health by more than 0.5% and may actually decrease it by as much as 5%.”

Continuing to revaccinate with core vaccines frequently

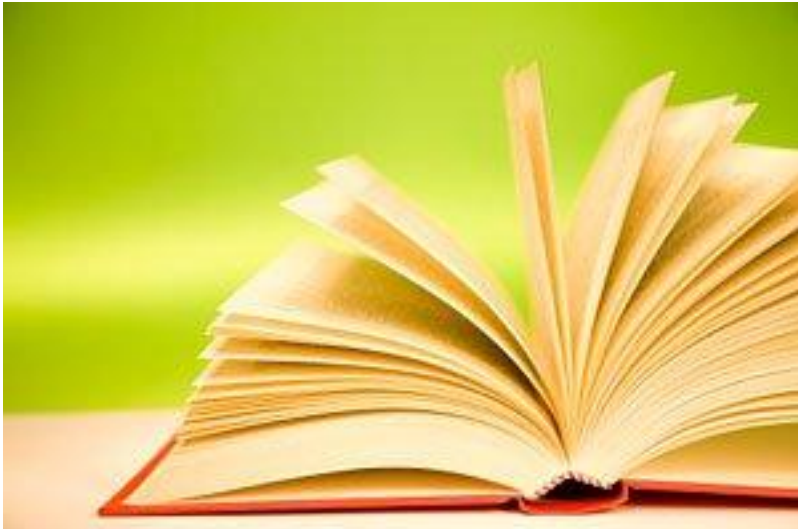
Is it safe?

Is it efficacious?

Is it scientifically justifiable?

i.e. does the necessity for frequent core vaccine boosters
stand up to scientific scrutiny?

Dol Evidence



DoI – Dogs

- ♦ Studied 30 dogs imported to Iceland, where there is no canine distemper
- ♦ Last vaccine given at 6 to 16 weeks of age, 10 of 30 only ever received one shot
- ♦ Median time since last vaccine: 5.5 years
- ♦ At least 73.3% still had 'protective' titres $\geq 1:16$
- ♦ That % compares favourably with dogs vaccinated annually

- ♦ Old study, done well, but now largely irrelevant except that it was misquoted repeatedly in the vaccination debate
- ♦ Only 5/32 had SN Abs $> 1:80$ at 36 months
- ♦ They used an inactivated vaccine too early to break through maternal immunity.
- ♦ In the discussion: "...when a modified-live CPV vaccine is used... Protection is also markedly longer, at least 3 years."

- ♦ Serological study of 122 dogs brought to Missouri Vet School for revaccination 271-1665 days after their last vaccination
 - 27% had "less than protective" CPV HI titres
 - 21% had "less than protective" CDV SN titres
 - Breed, sex and weight had no influence
 - Older dogs had significantly lower CPV titres
 - "Protective" titre cut-off values were extremely unconventional and were not explained

Duration of serologic response to five viral antigens in dogs

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144 adult dogs that had not been vaccinated in the last 3 to 15 years.

Pfizer. Four years...

Results—The percentage of dogs that had titers at or greater than the threshold values or responded to revaccination with a ≥ 4 -fold increase in titer was 98.1% for CDV, 98.4% for CAV-1, 99.0% for CAV-2, 100% for CPiV, and 98.1% for CPV.

Antibody titres to canine distemper (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV) and canine adenovirus (CAV) were measured in 144 adult dogs that had not been vaccinated for between three and 15 years. Protective antibodies to any of the three disease studied. Revaccination increased the dogs' titers. For comparative purposes, 180 puppies were sampled at the time of their first and second vaccinations. In the case of CPV and CAV a significantly higher proportion of the adult dogs were protected than of the puppies immediately after they were vaccinated. Natural CPV boosting was strongly suspected because the dogs had significantly higher titres three years after their primary vaccination than two weeks after it and three unvaccinated dogs had acquired protective antibody levels successfully. There was no evidence of natural exposure to CAV.

Veterinary Record (2004)
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FPV, FHV, FCV

- ♦ Scott FW, Geissinger CM. (1997) Duration of immunity in cats vaccinated with an inactivated feline panleukopenia, herpesvirus and calicivirus vaccine. *Feline Practice* 25: 12-19.
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Duration of Immunity data

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Antibody titres to canine distemper (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV) and canine adenovirus (CAV) were measured in 144 adult dogs that had not been vaccinated for between three and 15 years. Protective antibodies to CPV were present in 95 per cent of the population, to CDV in 71.5 per cent and to CAV in 82 per cent. The prevalence of protective titres did not decrease with increasing time interval from the last vaccination for any of the three diseases studied. Booster vaccination increased the dogs CAV titres. For comparative purposes, 199 puppies were sampled at the time of their first and second vaccination. In the case of CPV and CAV a significantly higher proportion of the adult dogs were protected than of the puppies immediately after they were vaccinated. Natural CPV boosting was strongly suspected because the dogs had significantly higher titres three years after their primary vaccination than two weeks after it and three unvaccinated dogs had acquired protective antibody levels uneventfully. There was no evidence of natural exposure to CDV.

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Duration of serologic response to five viral antigens in dogs

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Pfizer. Four years...

Results—The percentage of dogs that had titers at or greater than the threshold values or responded to revaccination with a \geq 4-fold increase in titer was 98.1% for CDV, 98.4% for CAV-1, 99.0% for CAV-2, 100% for CPIV, and 98.1% for CPV.

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Revaccination of individual adult cats and dogs – why 3 years?



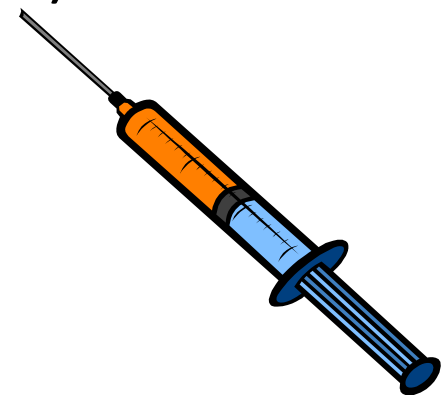
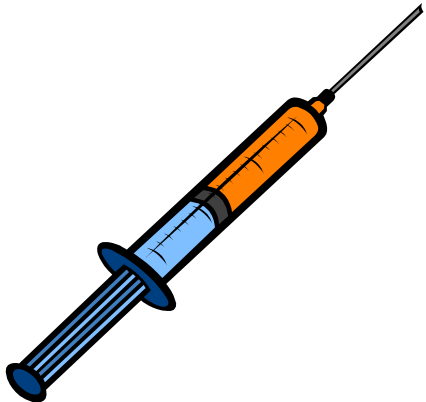
Every 4 Years?
Every Year?

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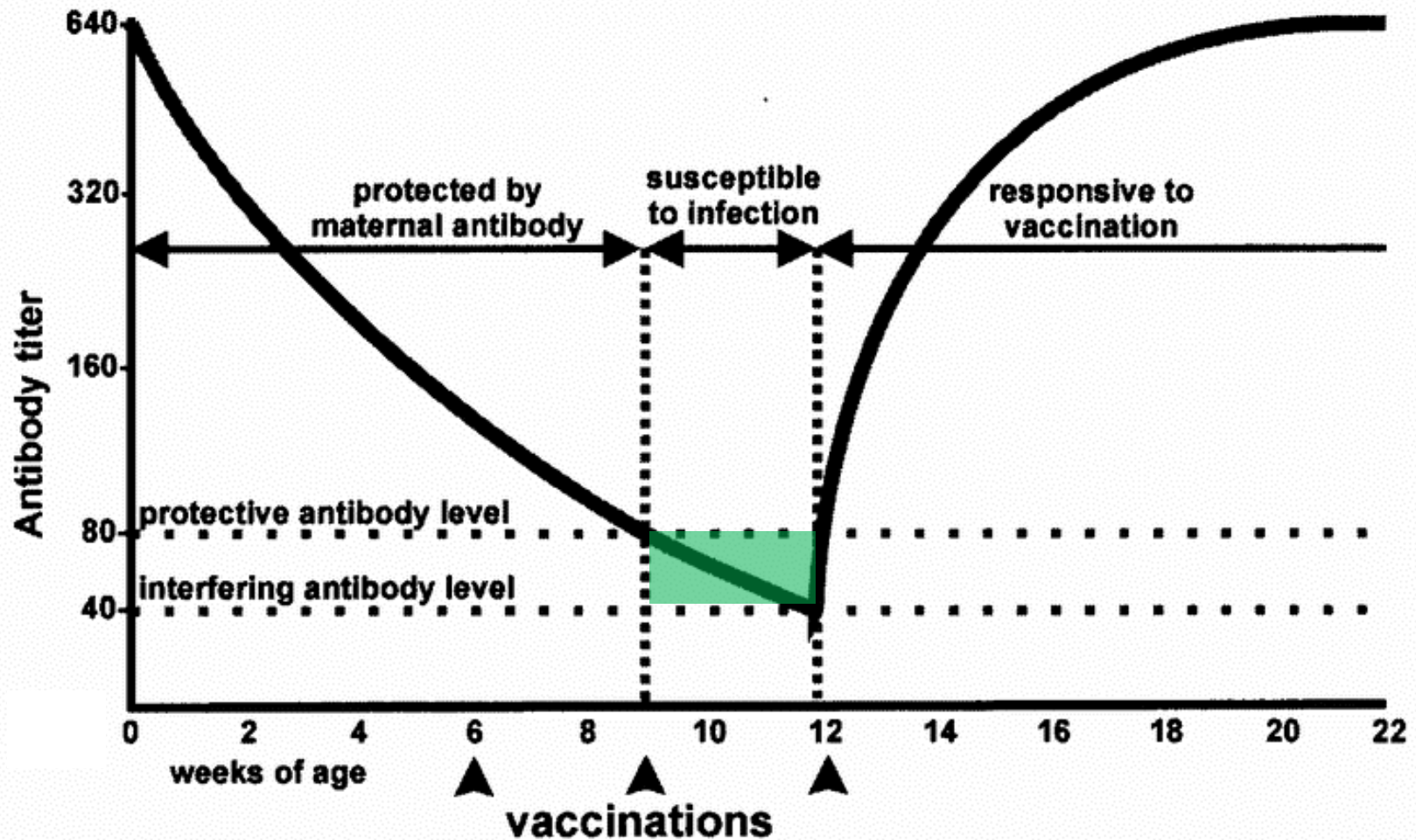
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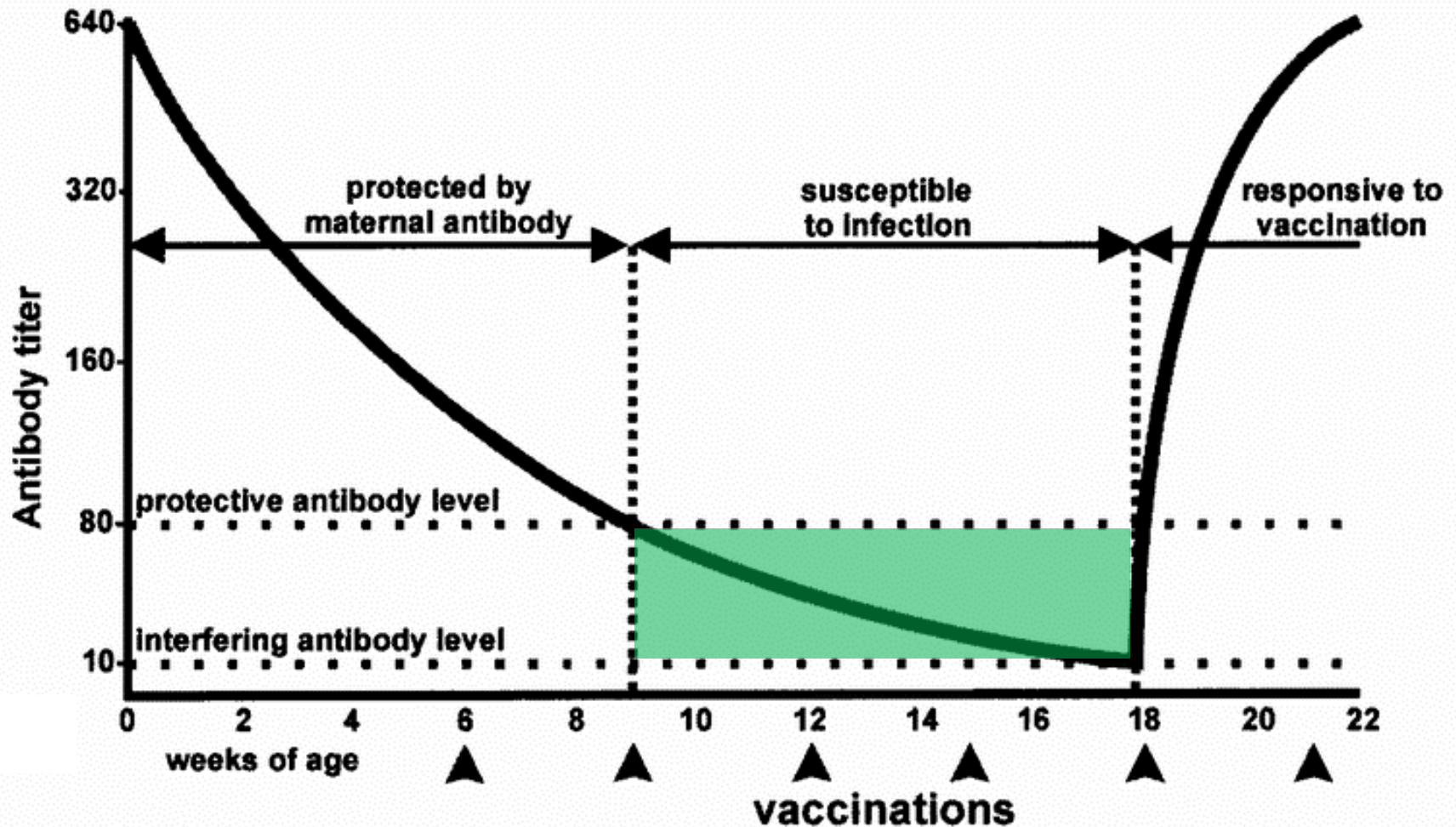


Effect of interfering maternal antibody

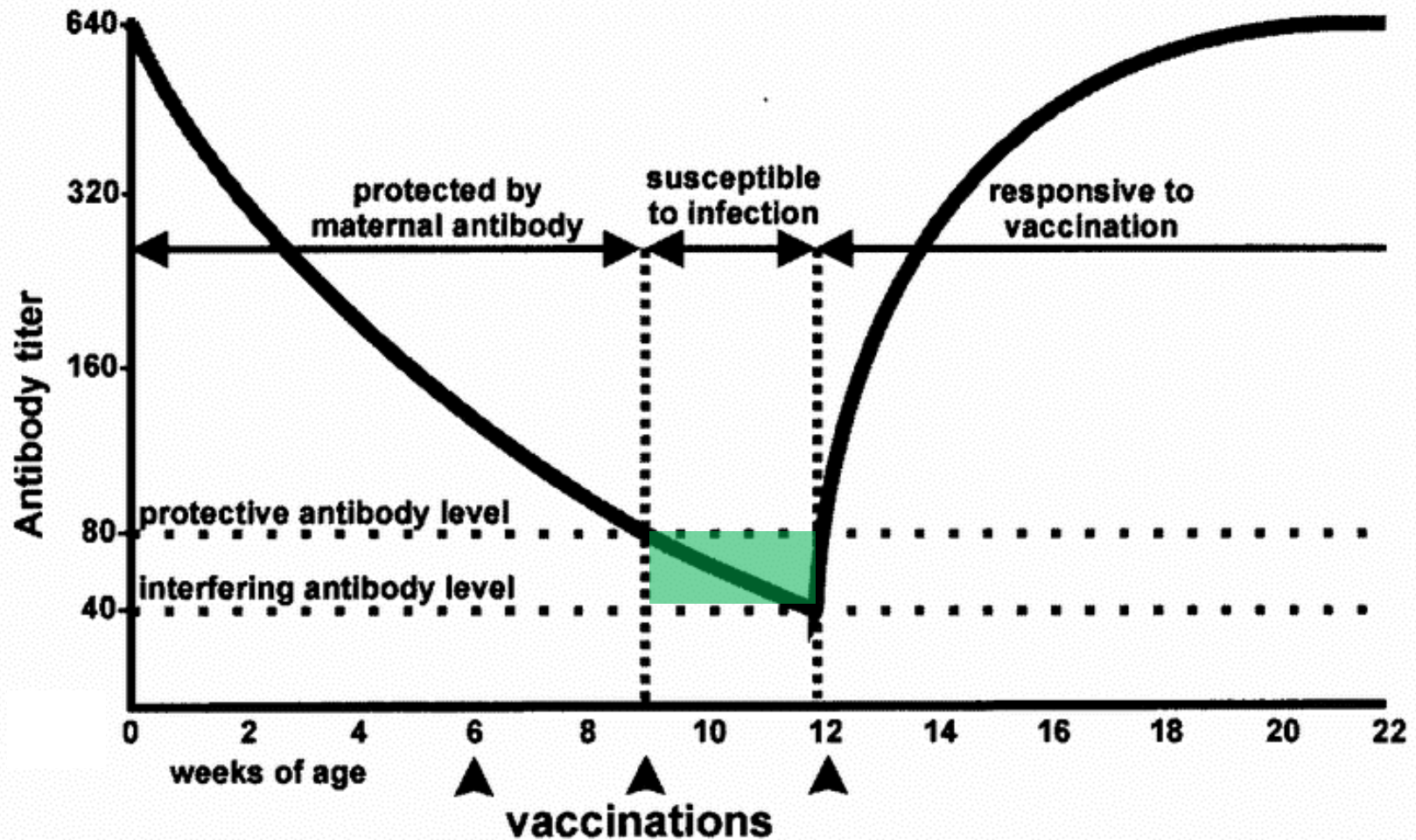


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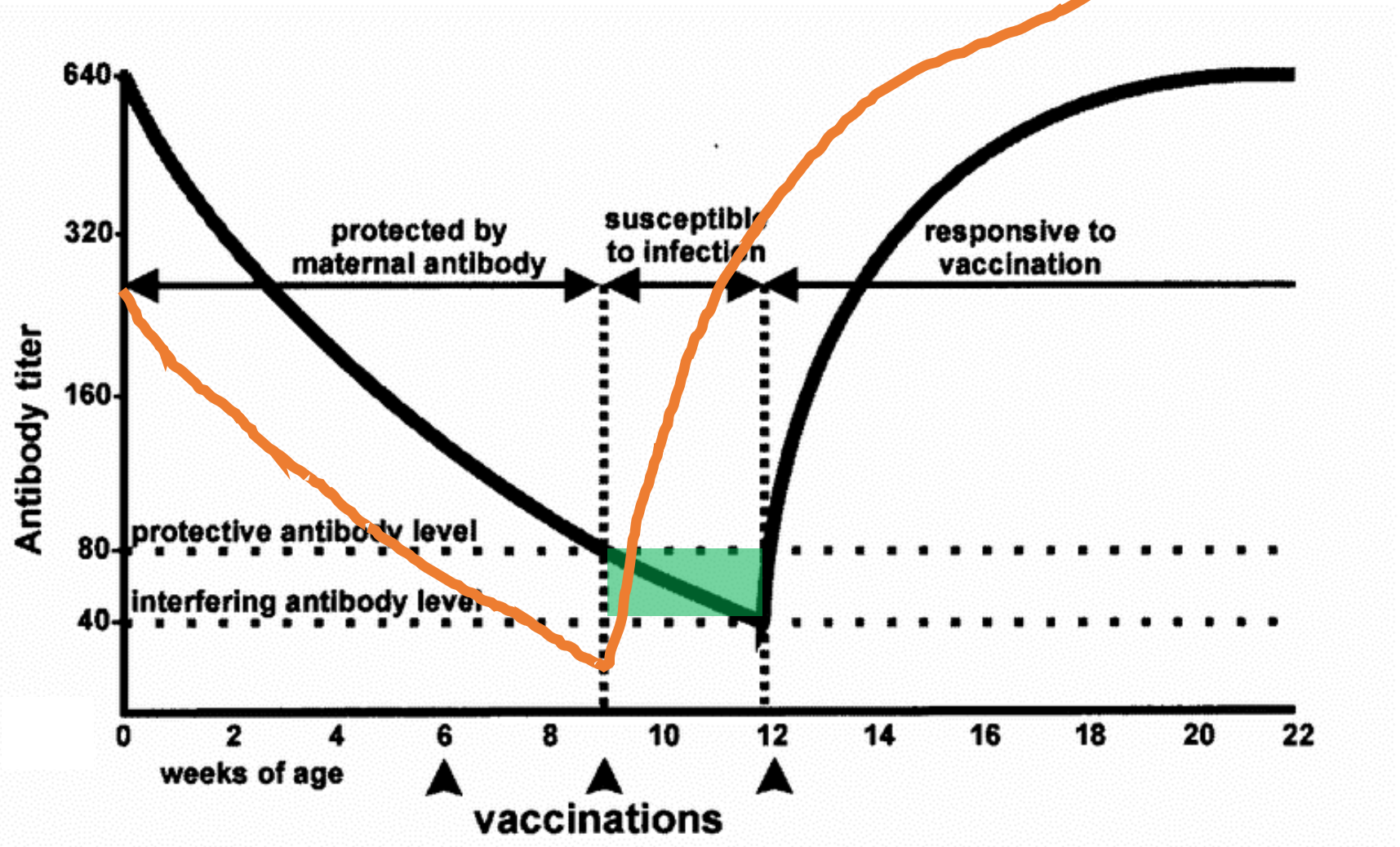
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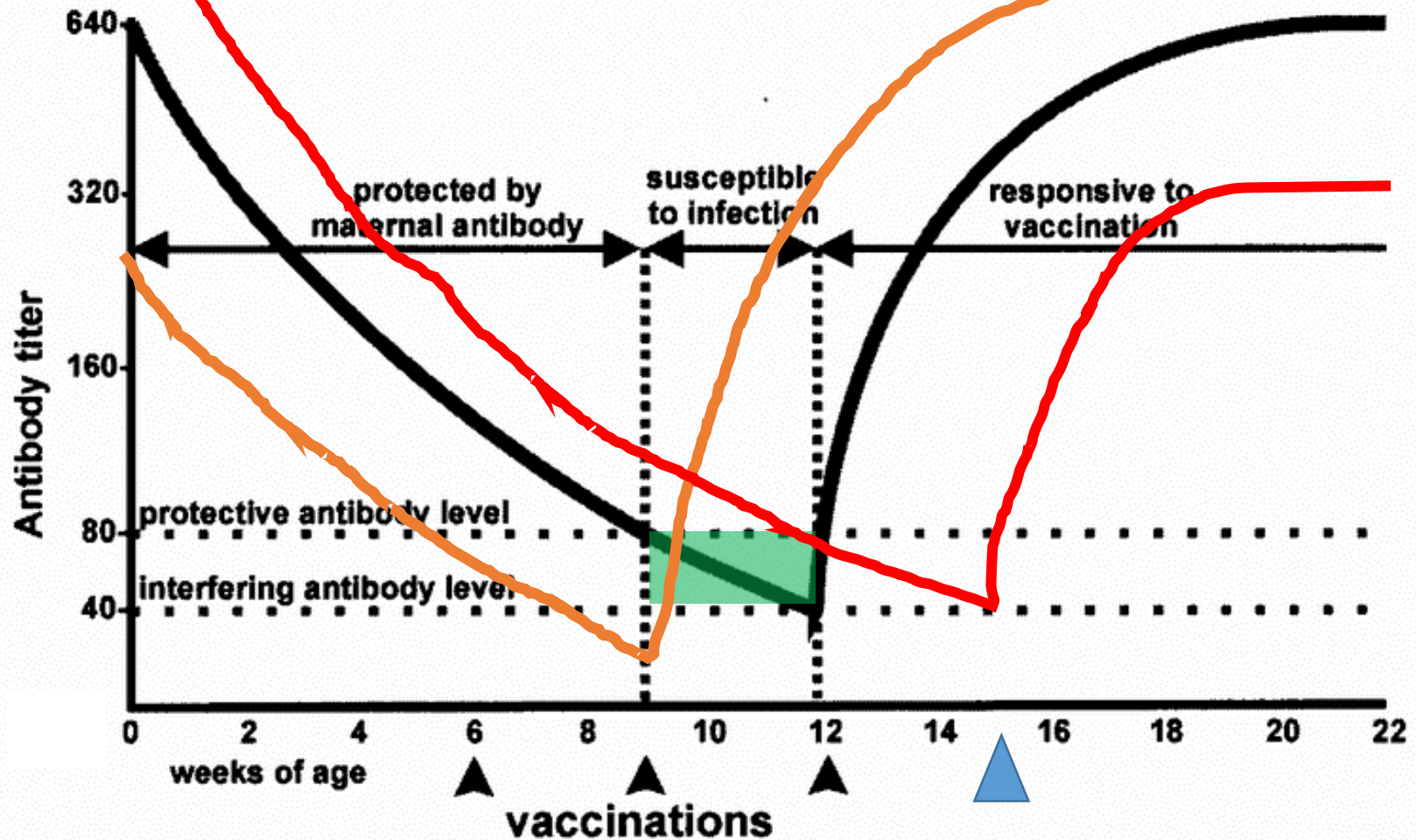
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Abstract

The optimal vaccination protocol to induce immunity in kittens with maternal antibodies is unknown. The objective of this study was to determine the effects of maternally-derived antibody (MDA) on serologic responses to vaccination in kittens. Vaccination with a modified live virus (MLV) product was more effective than an inactivated (IA) product at inducing protective antibody titers (PAT) against feline panleukopenia virus (FPV). IA vaccination against feline herpesvirus-1 (FHV) and feline calicivirus (FCV) was more effective in the presence of low MDA than high MDA. Among kittens with low MDA, MLV vaccination against FCV was more effective than IA vaccination. A total of 15%, 44% and 4% of kittens had insufficient titers against FPV, FHV and FCV, respectively, at 17 weeks of age. Serologic response to vaccination of kittens varies based on vaccination type and MDA level. In most situations, MLV vaccination should be utilized and protocols continued beyond 14 weeks of age to optimize response by all kittens.

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Vaccination against Feline Panleukopenia: implications from a field study in kittens

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Abstract

Background: Feline Panleukopenia (FPL) is a serious disease of cats that can be prevented by vaccination. Kittens are routinely vaccinated repeatedly during their first months of life. By this time maternally derived antibodies (MDA) can interfere with vaccination and inhibit the development of active immunity. The efficacy of primary vaccination under field conditions was questioned by frequent reports to the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut on outbreaks of FPL in vaccinated breeding catteries. We therefore initiated a field study to investigate the development of immunity in kittens during primary vaccination against FPL.

64 kittens from 16 litters were vaccinated against FPL at the age of 8, 12 and 16 weeks using three commercial polyvalent vaccines. Blood samples were taken before each vaccination and at the age of 20 weeks. Sera were tested for antibodies against Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV) by hemagglutination inhibition test and serum neutralisation assay in two independent diagnostic laboratories.

Results: There was a good correlation between the results obtained in different laboratories and with different methods. Despite triple vaccination 36.7% of the kittens did not seroconvert. Even very low titres of MDA apparently inhibited the development of active immunity. The majority of kittens displayed significant titres of MDA at 8 and 12 weeks of age; in some animals MDA were still detected at 20 weeks of age. Interestingly, the vaccines tested differed significantly in their ability to overcome low levels of maternal immunity.

Conclusions: In the given situation it is recommended to quantify antibodies against FPV in the serum of the queen or kittens before primary vaccination of kittens. The beginning of primary vaccination should be delayed until MDA titres have declined. Unprotected kittens that have been identified serologically should be revaccinated.

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Untersuchung der Wirksamkeit von Parvovirusimpfstoffen und der Effektivität zweier Impfschemata

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ZUSAMMENFASSUNG: In dieser Feldstudie wurde an 388 Welpen aus insgesamt 58 Würfen verschiedener Hunderassen die Wirksamkeit verschiedener in Deutschland zugelassener Impfstoffe auf ihre Fähigkeit zur Induktion von Antikörpern gegen das canine Parvovirus untersucht. Dabei wurden zwei Impfschemata verglichen, die entweder nur Kombinationsvakzinen oder zusätzlich eine Impfung mit einer Parvovirus-Monovakzine beinhalteten. Nach korrekter Grundimmunisierung mit insgesamt zwei beziehungsweise drei Immunisierungen gegen CPV wiesen 92 Prozent der Hunde protektive Antikörperspiegel auf, 8 Prozent blieben ungeschützt. Nach einmaliger Immunisierung mit einer Lebendvakzine in der 6. Woche waren bereits 63 Prozent der Welpen geschützt. Die Ergebnisse dieser Studie implizieren, dass die Grundimmunisierung gegen die Parvovirose in der 6. Lebenswoche der Welpen beginnen sollte, damit der Großteil der Welpen in der kritischen Phase geschützt ist. Sie zeigen aber auch, dass zu einer abschließenden Impfung in der 15. bis 16. Lebenswoche zu raten ist. Die Nutzung des Muttertiters als Basis zur Berechnung des günstigsten Zeitpunkt-

Einleitung

Die Parvovirose des Hundes wird durch das canine Parvovirus (CPV) hervorgerufen und ist heute die wichtigste Infektionskrankheit des Hundes. Neben seiner großen veterinärmedizinischen Bedeutung besitzt das CPV auch Modellcharakter für das Studium der viralen Evolution, da es sich um ein Virus handelt, das erst vor relativ kurzer Zeit (1978) erstmals in den Hundepopulationen nachgewiesen wurde. Nach seinem plötzlichen Auftreten breitete es sich innerhalb weniger Monate in einer von einer hohen Mortalität gezeichneten Pandemie weltweit aus. Während seiner Adaption an den Wirt Hund kam es 1979 und 1984 zum Auftreten unterschiedlicher Mutationen im Strukturproteinen des Virus, die antigenetische Unterschiede bewirkten (Truyen 1994). Diese Unterschiede ließen sich durch monoklonale Antikörper nachweisen, und die betreffenden Isolate wurden daher als neue „antigene Typen“ CPV-2 a und CPV-2 b bezeichnet. Zwischen den antigenen Typen des CPV besteht eine vollständige Kreuzprotektion, obwohl Unterschiede im Neutralisationsverhalten beobachtet werden. Als wichtige biologische Eigenschaft der neuen antigenen Typen ist die Erweiterung des Wirtsspektrums um den Wirt Katze festzustellen (Truyen 1996).

...92.2% seroconverted to CPV after the 12-week vaccination. Possible reasons for the non-responsiveness of nearly 10% of the puppies are discussed.

388 dogs

58 litters

4 manufacturers

2006

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PAPERS & ARTICLES

Comparative trial of the canine parvovirus, canine distemper virus and canine adenovirus type 2 fractions of two commercially available modified live vaccines

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The results of vaccinating two groups of puppies with commercial vaccines, both of which claimed to provide adequate protection with a final vaccination at 10 weeks of age, were compared. Groups of 19 and 20 puppies with similar titres of maternally derived antibodies against canine parvovirus (CPV), canine distemper virus (CDV) and canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2) at four weeks of age were vaccinated at six and 10 weeks of age and their responses to each vaccination were measured by comparing the titres against CPV, CDV and CAV-2 in the serum samples taken immediately before the vaccination and four weeks later. After the vaccination at six weeks of age, all 19 of the puppies in group 1 had responded to CPV and CDV, and 14 had responded to CAV-2; in group 2, 17 of the 20 had responded to CPV, 19 to CDV and 15 to CAV-2. In both groups the puppies that did not respond to the first vaccination had responded serologically to CPV, CDV and CAV-2 at 10 weeks of age.

39 dogs

2 vaccines

**1:320 highest puppy
titre**



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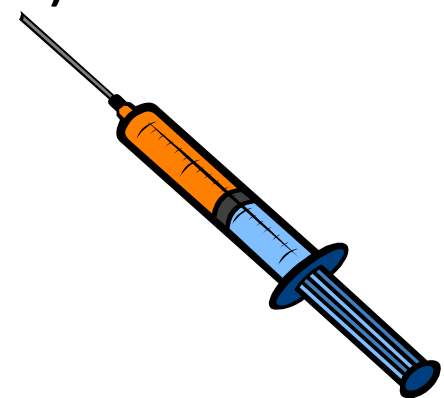
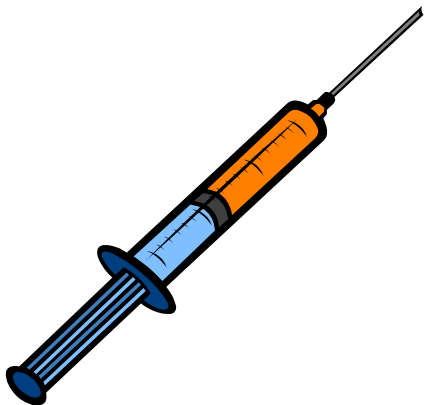


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What does this 16 + week finish mean for the number of required primary puppy / kitten vaccinations?

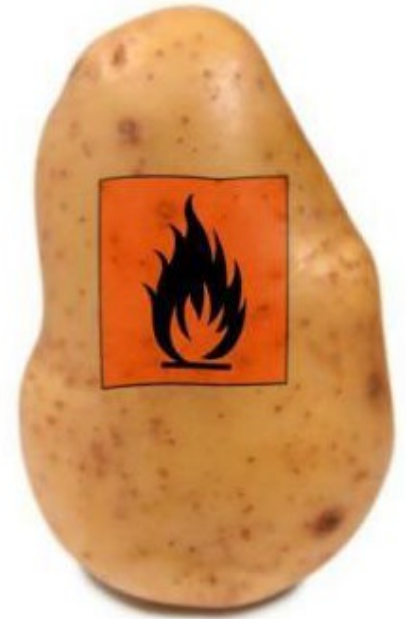
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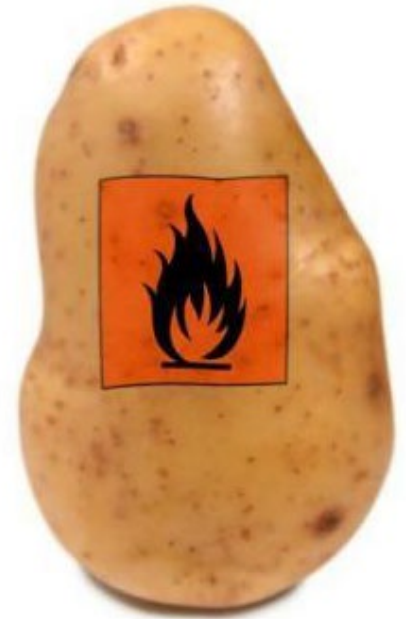


“First annual booster”

- Change to 26 – 52 weeks of age
- The only immunological rationale for the 12-16 month “booster” (when using modern MLV core vaccines) has been to catch the small percentage of puppies and kittens that fail to respond immunologically at 16 weeks.
- *So why leave them open to infection until they are 12 – 16 months of age?*
- Absolutely does not preclude a first annual health check



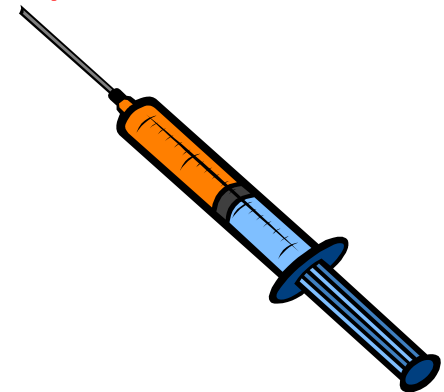
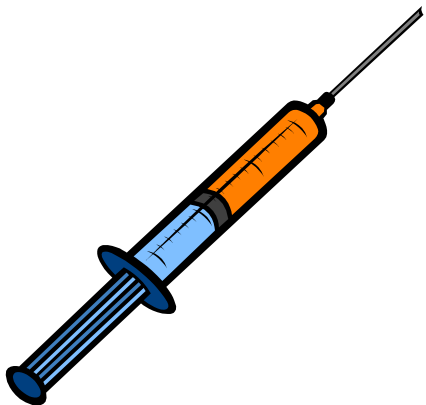
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- The “first annual booster” needs a much better name, because...
 1. It is not really a booster;
 2. It is not the first in a series of annual revaccinations;
 3. VGG & AAHA/AAFP recommend it should not be delayed until the animal is 12 – 16 months of age; and
 4. After it is given, revaccination against “core” agents needs to be done no more often than every 3 years in typical low risk situations

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What is a “high risk” lifestyle for a cat?

- Cats that go into boarding catteries should be vaccinated against FCV / FHV-1 annually, with the injection preferably in the weeks or months leading up to boarding





Duration of Immunity (DoI) induced
by feline respiratory virus vaccines

FPV, FHV-1, FCV

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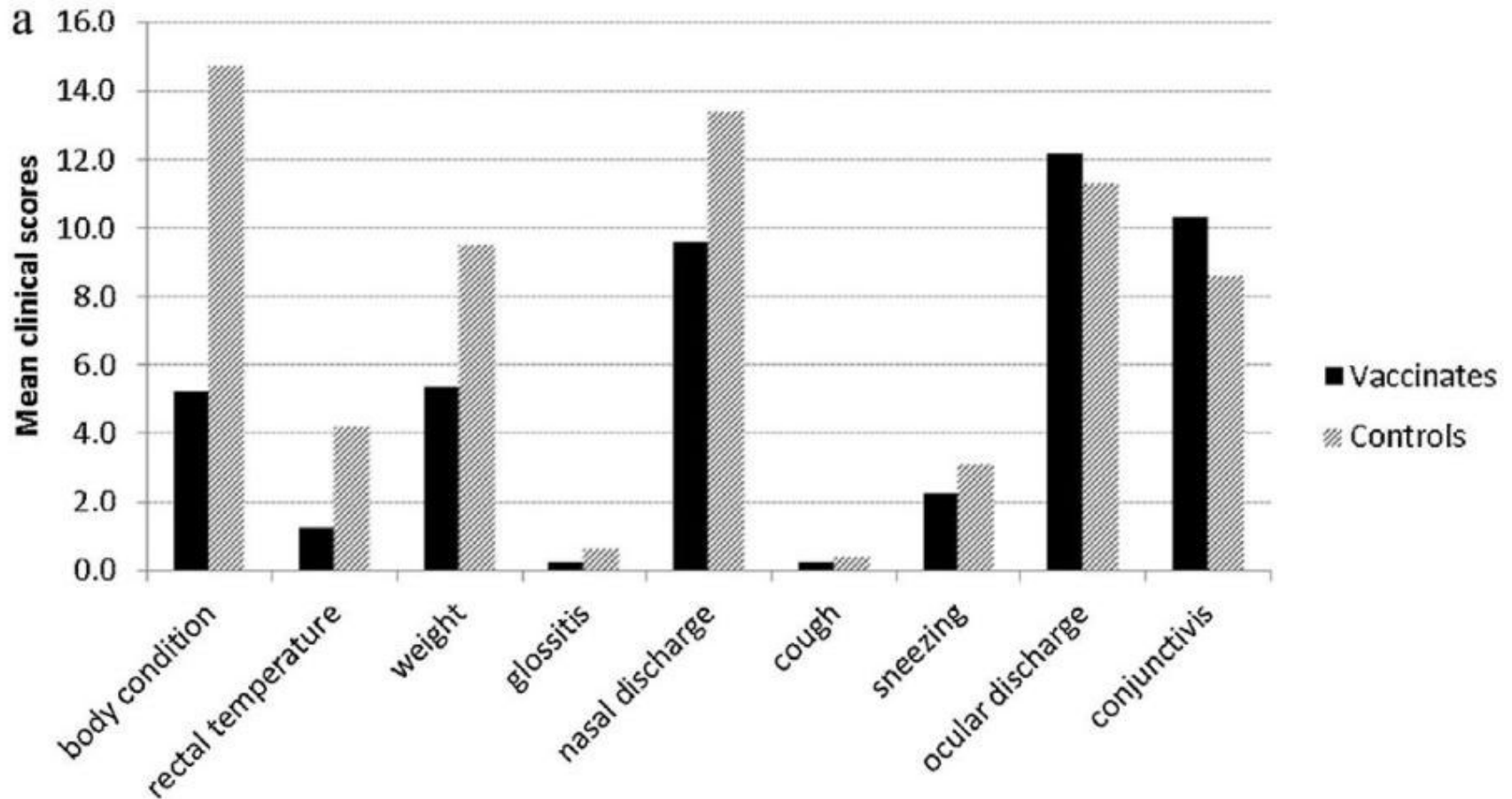
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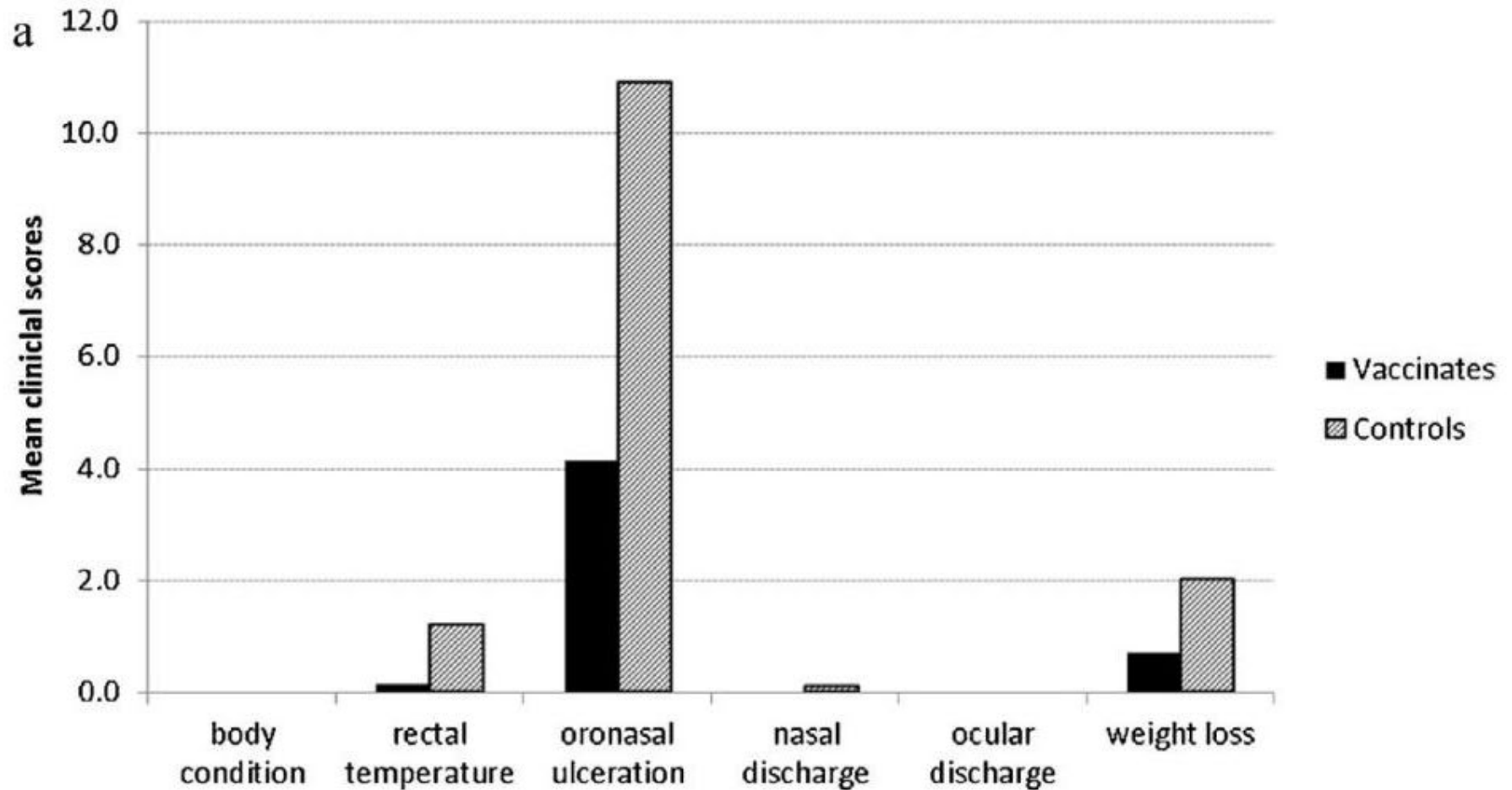
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Feline herpesvirus

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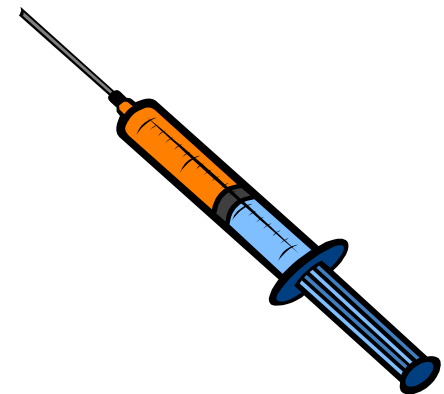
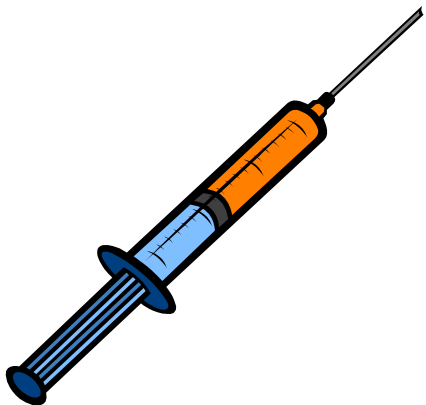
“After primary FeHV-1 infection, cats are largely resistant to disease following further challenge but after six months or more, protection may only be partial.”

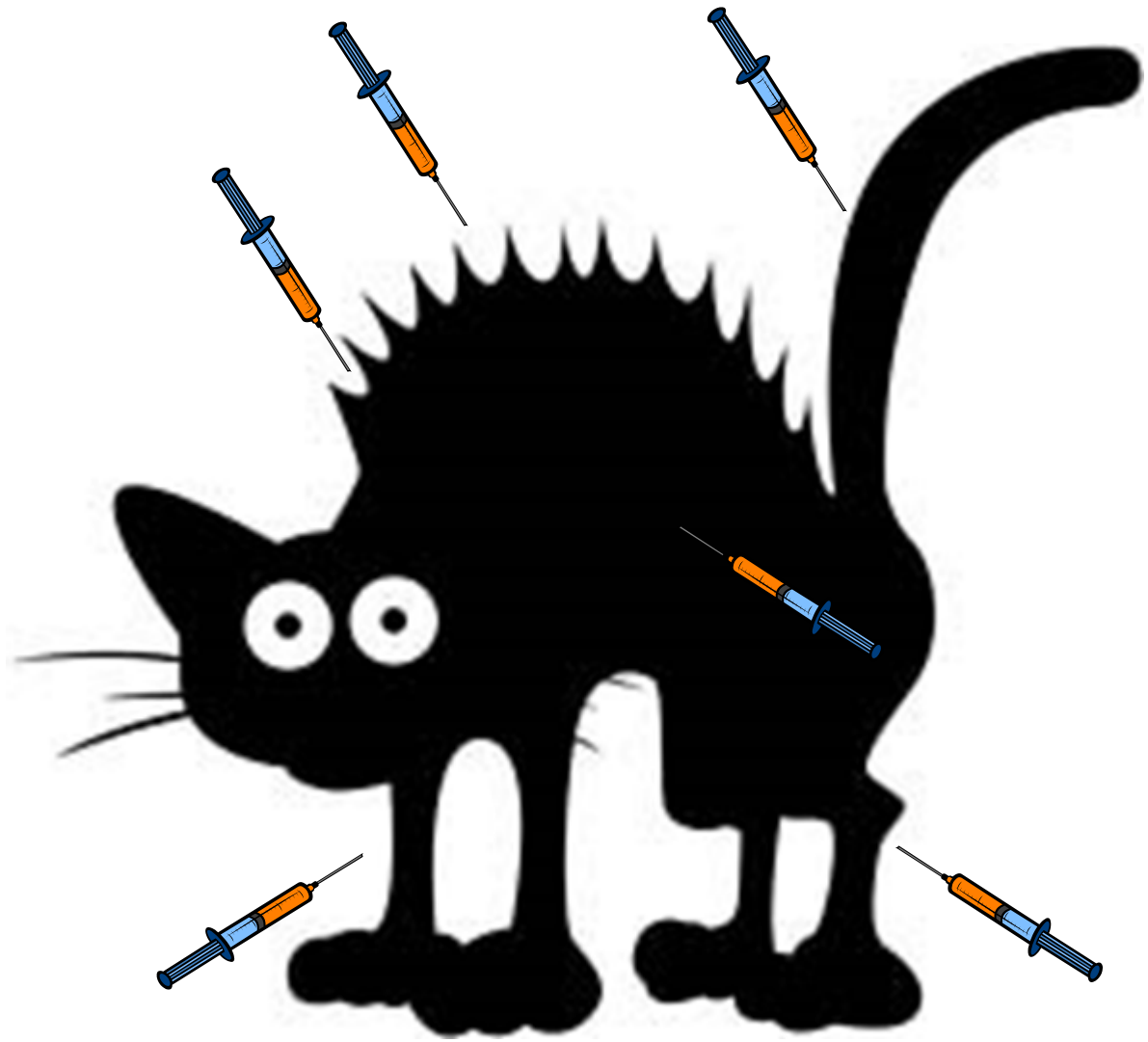
“Thus in cats with a previously low risk of exposure going into a high risk situation such as a boarding or rescue shelter for example, annual vaccination might still be considered appropriate.”

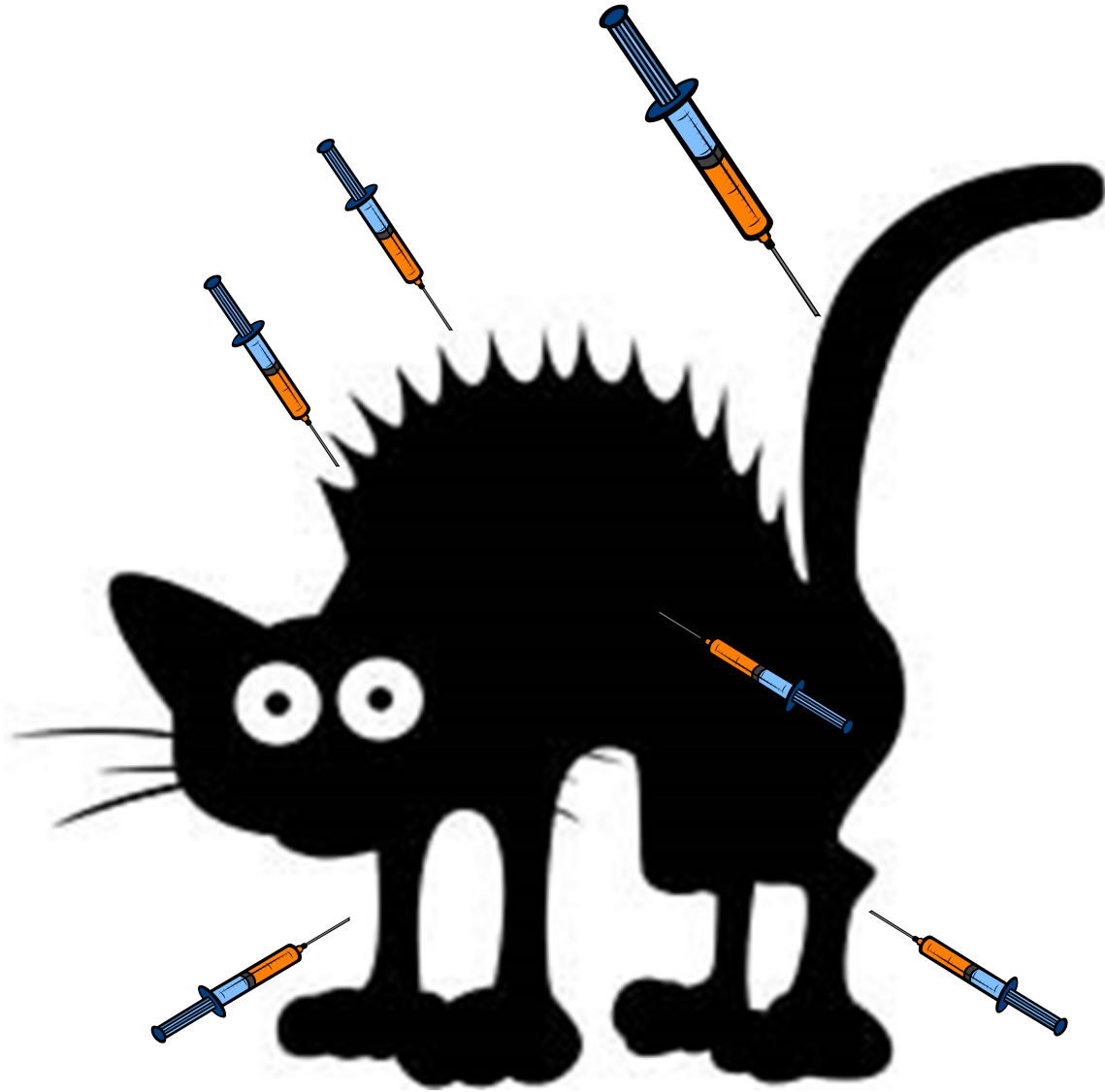
“...the relative efficacy was shown to decrease from 95% shortly after primary vaccination, to 52% after 7.5 years”.

Explaining the key points

4. Updated consideration of anatomical sites for injection of vaccines in cats









Tail vaccination in cats: a pilot study

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Abstract

Feline injection site sarcomas affect 1–10 cats per every 10,000 vaccinated and are associated with high mortality. Radical resection may be curative, but is often associated with prolonged recovery, disfigurement and loss of function when tumors occur at currently recommended injection sites. The objective of this study was to assess alternatives to currently recommended vaccination sites in terms of preference by oncology practitioners, ease of injection and serological responses. Surgical, radiation and medical oncology practitioners were surveyed regarding their preference for vaccination sites based on the ease of tumor resection. A six-point Likert scale was used to measure each cat's behavioral reaction to vaccination when injected subcutaneously in the distal hind limb or the distal tail. Serum collected before and 1–2 months after vaccination was tested for antibody titers against feline panleukopenia virus (FPV) and rabies virus (RV). The preferred sites for vaccination by 94 oncology practitioners were below the stifle (41%) and the tail (30%). There were no significant differences in the cats' behavioral reaction to vaccination below the stifle ($n = 31$) and in the distal tail ($n = 29$). Of the cats seronegative for FPV at the time of vaccination, 100% developed protective antibody titers (≥ 40) against FPV 1–2 months following vaccination. For cats seronegative for RV, all but one cat (tail vaccine) developed acceptable antibody titers (≥ 0.5 IU/ml) against RV. Tail vaccination was well tolerated and elicited similar serological responses to vaccination in the distal limbs.

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Surprisingly good tolerance reported in this study

Vaccination of animals in shelters

- Shelters are highly variable, no one-size-fits-all
- Generally high infectious disease risk
- Start core vaccines on admission, as early as 4 – 6 weeks. Revaccinate every 2 weeks until 20 weeks of age
- Can give an intranasal or oral *Bordetella* vaccine as early as 3 weeks of age

Antibody testing as an alternative to “automatic” revaccination or to provide guidance when making decisions



Antibody testing

- Antibody testing has been used to assess the risk of individuals becoming infected in outbreak situations in shelters
- Breeding bitches and queens have been tested >1 week before or after parturition with the aim of guiding vaccination decisions relating to their puppies / kittens
- Individual adults can be tested to determine whether revaccination is needed
- Most relevant to canine core vax + FPV

Summary

- The most important vaccines that most dogs and cats ever receive are the core vaccines that they receive as puppies and kittens, especially the last in the primary series.
- Modern canine core vaccines and FPV vaccines are safe, effective and provide long-lasting protection
- Feline core respiratory virus vaccines do not provide such impressive protection as the other canine and feline core vaccines
- Non-core vaccines have not been shown to provide such strong or long-lasting protection and generally need to be given annually.

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