

VACCINES....DANGERS IN SMALL DOGS by Cindy Tarquinio

This is a subject very near and dear to my heart and I will not miss one opportunity to speak my mind and try to educate as many people as I can.

Unfortunately, my experience on the subject is due to almost losing Bella, my Maltese rescue, to a vaccine overdose causing Bella to contract spinal meningitis. One of the most important thing you need to know is that they give the same dose of vaccine to our small beautiful fur babies as they give to a Saint Bernard!

Before you give your fur baby one more vaccine, you insist to your Veterinarian that you want to have Fido "Titer Tested". Do not let them talk you out of it. You are your Pets advocate! They depend on us to keep them safe and healthy!

There is a very good chance that your fur baby has enough antibodies in him/her to protect themselves for years, possibly a lifetime, and does not need many of the vaccines that they get. As long as your Brady has their mothers' antibodies and all their puppy shots, they have a 95% chance of being protected for their lifetime!

The other thing you should make sure of is, NEVER let your vet give Fido a COMBO shot! It will show up on your bill in many ways. DHLPP, DHLPPC or DA2LPPC, 5-way, 6-way, 7-way. This is giving little "Snowball" 5-9 shots in one!! If you are going to get your dog vaccinated, wait at least a month in between vaccinations! Not only is it mega doses of vaccine if you don't, but if they have a reaction it will be difficult if not impossible to tell which vaccine is the culprit.

Cats don't have problems like this because they are all more or less the same size. Dogs aren't. Dogs come in many sizes so there is no vaccine that is one-size-fits-all.

Be like me and don't stop talking about this!! There needs to be a stop to this and better regulating. To many of our fur babies are getting sick and/or dying from vaccines. They depend on us to protect them and it is our responsibility to do so!