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- BOS ...CH BLYTHEWOOD BILLY THE KID. / Huber.
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## 12 Signs Your Pet Is Too Hot: Can You Recognize Them All?

By Dr. Becker

Sunday, June 21st is the first day of summer this year, and after a particularly long cold winter in many parts of the US, I know we're all looking forward to sunshine, warmer temperatures, and getting outdoors. As enjoyable as this time of year is though, it's important to play it safe when it comes to fun in the sun for furry family members.

Our dogs have a higher body temp than we do, and less ability to cool down. Humans are covered with sweat glands, but a dog's are confined to her nose and the pads of her feet.

An overheating dog can only regulate her body temperature through panting, which isn't terribly efficient in hot weather. In a very short period of time, an overheated dog can suffer critical damage to her brain, heart, liver and nervous system.

Recognizing the Signs of Overheating in Your Pet

Heatstroke -- the ultimate and often deadly result of overheating -- is caused by a dangerous elevation in an animal's body temperature. While it most often occurs in dogs left in cars during the summer months, it can also happen in late spring and the first weeks of summer if a pet is exposed to high temperatures before he or she has acclimated to the heat.

Symptoms of overheating include:

- Heavy panting or rapid breathing
  - Elevated body temperature
  - Excessive thirst
  - Weakness, collapse
  - Glazed eyes
  - Increased pulse and heartbeat
  - Vomiting, bloody diarrhea
  - Seizures
  - Bright or dark red tongue, gums
  - Excessive drooling
  - Staggering, stumbling
  - Unconsciousness
- In addition to hot vehicles, other contributors to pet overheating include humid conditions,

lack of drinking water, obesity, and overexertion.

Some pets are at higher risk for heat-related illness than others, including brachycephalic breeds (dogs and cats with flat faces and short noses), older pets, puppies and kittens, animals that are ill or have a chronic health condition, pets not used to warm weather, and any pet left outside in hot weather.

Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe in the Heat

Never, ever leave your pet alone in a parked car on a warm day. Not even for a minute. On a warm day, the temperature inside your vehicle can rise quickly into the danger zone. For example, on an 85-degree day it takes only 10 minutes for the temperature inside your parked car to climb to 102 degrees. In a half hour, it can hit 120 degrees. Leaving windows cracked doesn't drop the temperature inside the vehicle. Leaving your car running with the air conditioner on is dangerous for a whole host of reasons.

Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle in extreme heat or cold is a criminal act in several states and municipalities. Most statutes have rescue provisions that allow certain individuals -- for example police officers, firefighters, animal control officers, store employees -- to do whatever is necessary to rescue an animal trapped in a vehicle in extreme temperatures.

On summer days, it's best to leave your pet home where she can stay cool, hydrated, and safe.

Don't walk or exercise your pet on hot pavement. This can be a tricky one to remember (unless you're in the habit of walking your dog barefoot), but it's extremely important. Not only can pavement on a hot day burn your dog's paws, but the heat rising from concrete or asphalt can quickly overheat an animal that lives close to the ground. Also don't allow your pet to stand, walk or rest on hot outdoor surfaces like sidewalks or parking lots. Exercise your dog during the coolest parts of

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Donna Mullen has had Schnauzers for 45 years, first Giants and 15 years ago, Miniatures. She also had Standard Poodles for 25 years as well. She has 30 years of breeding, 10 years in Conformation, and 10 years in Obedience and now Agility. She says she has bred 2 litters in the past 5 years. she owns her own pet sitting business, and is an instructor of clicker training and puppy socialization. She also trains dogs for show and performance. Donna says she is interested in our Newsletter, public awareness, membership, Obedience and Agility.

**Beverly Barrone**  
**Sponsors: Joan L. Huber Florence Wallace**

Beverly states that she had several schnauzers purchased from Carol Somers many years ago. She went many years without dogs while she raised her family, but now that they have grown up, she decided it was time to get involved with schnauzers again. Since June of 2012, she has added 5 boys to her home, 2 are champions now, and the others are involved in agility and barn hunt. She states that she does not breed her dogs. Beverly is a member of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club and stewards at their shows. She says that she is a very organized person, and would love to be involved in any capacity the club needs.

## Bouquets & Biscuits

\***MACH4 Southcross Majority Vote UD BNGN GO XF MXS2 MJS2** (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) earned his Utility Dog title (UD) on May 28, 2015 at the Gateway Terrier Club Trial. He also earned his Graduate Open (GO) on March 27, 2014 at the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club specialty. Major was bred by Sonny Lelle, is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and trained by Nancy. He is an absolute joy to live with and to show!

## The Nominating Committee

will start meeting soon! If anyone is interested in serving on the AMSC Board, please let me or anyone on the committee know.

The committee consists of  
Amy Gordon, Chair  
Juanita Ainsworth  
Julie Cooper  
Terrie Houck  
Brooke Walker  
Thanks  
Amy Gordon

## Great Western

It's time to start thinking about the Great Western Terrier Association events –

Queen Mary Park – on the water in Long Beach, California:

Fri – June 19<sup>th</sup> – many Terrier specialties

Fri – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Terrier ONLY Obedience and Rally trials

Sat – June 20<sup>th</sup> – Terrier only conformation

Sun – June 21<sup>st</sup> – Terrier only conformation

Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, CA – just north of the 91 Freeway at Gypsum Canyon Road:

Mon – June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Earthdog Tests, possible racing, catered dinner

Tues – June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1 Earthdog Test

The Premium has been posted in the files section of the Earthdog\_fanciers list – or contact me direct and I'll be happy to send it to you. At this point, I only have the earthdog premium, not the conformation, obedience, or rally premiums.

We are contracted for sufficient rooms at the Homewood Suites of Valley Forge

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AMSC block of rooms

Back by popular demand the Saturday night get together will once again be held at the host hotel. More to follow

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the day. In most locations, this means early in the morning or after sunset. Try to stay in the shade during daylight hours, and no matter the time of day, don't overdo outdoor exercise or play sessions. Even on an overcast day or in the evening, a long period of physical exertion in hot weather can cause heatstroke in your dog.

A good rule of thumb is if outdoor temps hit 90 degrees, your pet should be indoors where it's cool.

Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water at all times. In addition to overheating, your pet can become dehydrated very rapidly in warm weather. A good general guideline is that a healthy dog should drink between ½ and 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day. And if she'll be outside for any length of time, she should have access to complete shade. Periodically encourage her to play in the sprinkler or gently hose her down with cool water to prevent overheating.

### **Is Your Dog Chronically Itchy or Smelly? Could Be This...**

Yeast infections, especially of the skin and ears, are quite common in dogs. A normal amount of yeast progresses to an infection when the organism begins reproducing uncontrollably, causing an overgrowth

Dogs with yeast infections often have an immune system imbalance, are on antibiotics or have recently taken them, are immunosuppressed, and/or have allergies

Symptoms of a yeast infection in dogs include itching and general discomfort, a distinct and unpleasant body odor, skin irritation, and changes in mood or behavior

Treatment of a yeasty dog starts with addressing the diet to remove all sources of sugar, including grains and carbs, and moving to species-appropriate nutrition supplemented with natural anti-fungal foods

Disinfecting protocols and natural anti-fungal baths and rinses are also critically important in resolving a yeast infection

## **Giving CPR to an older dog**

You could save your dog's life if you know cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In this article, we'll tell you how to perform this technique in an emergency.

The ABCs of CPR  
You must follow the ABCs: airway, breathing and circulation in that order.

It's dangerous to apply CPR to an animal if he's breathing normally and has a pulse, so you must check your dog's breathing and pulse before commencing. Check his breathing by looking to see if his chest is rising and falling (or you can place a mirror in front of his nose to check for condensation). To find his pulse, put your hand on the left side of his chest to feel if the heart is still beating.

A i r w a y  
If your dog has stopped breathing, lay him on his side and make sure that his throat and mouth are clear of any objects or mucous that may be preventing breathing. Be careful as your dog may bite down instinctively on any object placed in his mouth. If you find any blockage, remove it. Then pull your dog's tongue out of his mouth, so it doesn't block the airway.

B r e a t h i n g  
If your dog is breathing, allow him to assume the most comfortable position for him. If he isn't breathing, you can begin to perform artificial respiration. Do this by making sure that the dog's neck is not over-extended, then wrap one hand over his entire mouth, wrap your lips around his nose and breathe slow, even breaths into his nose until he starts breathing.

It's hard to remain calm and count accurately when you're trying to save your dog's life, but the rule of thumb is 20 breaths per minute for dogs over 30 pounds. And 20 - 30 breaths per minute for dogs weighing less than 30 pounds.

Circulation  
This is the final step of CPR and should only be attempted after the airway and breathing steps have been completed. If you can't feel a pulse, you can leave your dog on his side, provided he's on a hard surface. For a barrel-chested breed such as a bulldog, CPR is best done with the animal on his back. You then need to kneel down and place your hands

**CPR....con't on p. 4, col.3**

## **Breaking NEWS!!!!!!**

**The AMSC will be having a SPECIAL Anniversary at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show!!**

**It will be the AMSC's 200<sup>th</sup> Specialty!!!**

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## STAND FOR EXAM:

### CHANGES TO OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

Effective 12/1/15, some significant changes are being made to the AKC Obedience Regulations. New rule books will be available from the AKC sometime this Fall. Exhibitors can also find information about all the changes at <http://www.akc.org>.

This list is not all inclusive and exhibitors should be sure to get the new rule books or download information at the website.

Here are the changes made to the classes:

#### Novice

- Leashes will be left on the dogs during the group exercises. Exhibitors will still go to the opposite side of the ring, but the leash and armband will be placed at the side of the dog.
- Judges will have the option of deciding if the group exercise will be conducted after a certain number of dogs in the class or if all the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged.

#### Open

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#### Utility

- Scent Discrimination**
  - Allow handlers the option of supplying two different types of sets of articles from three different allowable types of articles: leather, metal or wood..
  - The judge will state when the handler may take an article to scent it. (After the article is taken the exhibitor may still talk to the dog but may not touch it.)
- Directed Retrieve**
  - Instead of an NQ, there will be a substantial penalty for exhibitors who do not give the direction simultaneously or immediately following the signal

2. Instead of an NQ, there will be a substantial penalty for lack of directness

#### Moving Stand for Exam

1. Judge will now perform the exam in one motion down the sides of the dog instead of examining the legs

#### Beginner Novice

- Only one stay command on the Sit/ Stay
- Clean up scoring language for clarity
- State what exhibitors should do with the leash on the recall
- Clarify Run Off procedure

#### Graduate Novice

- Add the dumbbell to the Recall over the High Jump
- Change the heeling exercise to all off leash
- Group Stay will be either a sit or down for 3 minutes at the judge's option

#### Graduate Open

- Exhibitors will be allowed the option of going farther than 10' on the Signal Exercise
- Handlers will state which TYPE of article to use instead of choosing the specific article
- For the Go Out, the exhibitor must stand no closer than the center of the ring but may choose any distance beyond that.
- The order of exercises will change to Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Go Out, Directed Jumping, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Retrieve.

There are also some changes to how starting times are listed, how long walk throughs will be for classes that require them. The "Pre" classes are now called "Preferred". The rules will contain all the information about how these classes will be set up and judged.

I urge all exhibitors to check out the new rules at the AKC website and spread the word among fellow exhibitors about the changes. Remember, they are effective 12/1/15

## Bev Verna

**We are all truly saddened to hear of the death of Bev Verna. She was a long time breeder and exhibitor of Regency Miniature Schnauzers. We will all miss her contagious smile.**



#### CPR....con't from p. 3, col.2

either side of your pet's chest (approximately the middle of the rib cage) and press down in even, steady beats. Stop after a minute and check for a pulse. If there isn't one, continue.

For dogs under 30 pounds, you should compress the chest about 1 inch at a rate of two times per second. Or 5 compressions for every breath.

For dogs 30 - 100 pounds, you need to compress the chest 2 - 3 inches at a rate of 1.5 - 2 times per second. Or 5 compressions for each breath.

For dogs over 100 pounds, perform CPR as for a large dog, but compress the chest about once per second. Or 10 compressions for every breath.

Try to perform CPR until you reach a vet, or a vet reaches you. If possible, you should call ahead and tell the vet that the animal is in respiratory arrest with a foreign body/airway obstruction and/or cardiac arrest.

## Don't Be Duped By the True Intent of This Media Blitz

According to dvm360, *"It's no secret that veterinary clients don't understand the value of preventive healthcare."*

This may be the case for clients of conventional vet practices, but the majority of pet owners in my proactive, integrative practice certainly understand the importance of regular wellness visits. In fact, my preference is to see younger, healthy animals twice a year, and older pets and those with chronic health conditions even more often.

### **'Partners for Healthy Pets' Campaigns to Promote More Frequent Vet Visits**

To encourage more vet visits, a group called Partners for Healthy Pets (PHP) is waging a \$5.5 million campaign to convince pet owners that visiting the vet regularly "is essential to responsible pet ownership" – and is "as important as food and love."

If you're wondering who is behind the campaign, this is from the [PHP website](#):

*"Partners for Healthy Pets is the face of the Partnership for Preventive Pet Healthcare™, a committee of the non-profit American Veterinary Medical Foundation that was created to ensure that pets receive the preventive healthcare they deserve through regular visits to a veterinarian. This alliance of more than 20 leading veterinary associations and animal health companies is committed to a vision of improved overall health for pets."*

The list of members/sponsors reads like a who's who of the veterinary drug industry and assorted pet healthcare companies. The campaign was rolled out to veterinarians at the AVMA annual meeting in July. According to dvm360, the pet owners being targeted are *"urban and suburban women ages 32 to 49 who already have a relationship with a veterinarian but who are not regularly seeking preventive care."* This demographic is being solicited for their \$75,000+ household income and a willingness to spend 20 to 25 percent more than average on their pets.

The campaign kicks off this month and will run through 2014, so I imagine many of you will begin to see PHP advertisements encouraging preventive vet visits. You might also hear directly from your DVM, since veterinary practices can enroll in the program and receive information from PHP on how to promote the campaign at their clinics and on websites.

According to Dr. Ron DeHaven, CEO of the AVMA and chairman of PHP

*"This is an unprecedented opportunity for the veterinary care community. It's a platform for all of us to communicate the importance of preventive care to pet owners, to enhance*

*the relationships we share with them, and ultimately to deliver even higher quality preventive care."*

As a proactive, holistically oriented veterinarian, I'm certainly a huge advocate of preventive care for animals. However, preventive care in a holistic context is very different from what the vast majority of traditional vets consider it to be.

It's clear from the Partners for Healthy Pets members/sponsors list where the conventional vet community focuses when it comes to preventive care for pets. It's primarily about vaccines and chemical pest preventives, in a one-size-fits-all approach.

### **Why Yearly Vaccinations Should Never Be a Reason for Regular Vet Visits**

Yearly re-vaccinations are unnecessary and dangerous and should never be used to promote annual veterinary visits. Even the latest [canine vaccination guidelines](#), now two years old, no longer call for annual re-vaccinations. Unfortunately, [veterinary compliance](#) with the guidelines is not what it should be. It seems the majority of vets are still promoting annual re-vaccinations.

It saddens me that so many pet owners have been led to believe their dog's or cat's health revolves around yearly re-vaccinations.

In my practice, I tailor vaccine protocols to minimize risk and maximize protection, taking into account the breed, background, nutritional status and overall vitality of the pet. With healthy puppies, for example, I generally follow the protocol set by [Dr. Ron Schultz](#). I give a single parvo and distemper vaccine at or before 12 weeks of age, and a second set after 14 weeks. I run a titer test two weeks after the last set and if the dog has been successfully immunized, she's protected *for life*.

If titer tests on any pet no matter the age indicate vaccine levels are low, I recommend a booster for only the specific virus or viruses that titered low, and only for those to which the animal has a real risk of exposure.

I do not use or recommend combination vaccines (six to eight viruses in one shot), which is the traditional yearly booster.

### **Veterinary Wellness Exams Should Be a Review of the Status of Your Pet's Health**

In my opinion, more veterinarians could help pet owners understand the value of regular vet visits by rejecting the traditional notion of preventive healthcare (vaccines and other drugs) in favor of adopting a proactive approach to keeping their pet patients healthy. Being proactive means being focused on initiating change rather than simply reacting

to events as they occur.

In my practice I use what I call the Three Pillars of Health as a proactive approach to wellness. These pillars form the foundation for your pet's health, quality of life, and longevity. Pillar #1 is [species-appropriate nutrition](#). The diet you feed your cat or dog should be balanced and biologically appropriate for a carnivore.

Pillar #2 is a sound, resilient frame. This aspect of your pet's health involves maintenance of the musculoskeletal system and organs.

Pillar #3 is a balanced, functional immune system. The goal here is to keep your pet's immune system in balance. It should protect against pathogens, but not be over-reactive to the point of creating allergies and other autoimmune conditions.

### **What Effective Preventive Healthcare Looks Like**

One of the primary ways proactive vets like me keep on top of a patient's health is by tracking blood work changes over time. Let's say your cat's kidney enzymes (BUN and creatinine) are climbing, but are still within normal reference ranges. A reactive vet will wait to see those enzyme levels climb above what's considered normal before taking action. My approach is to pay attention to any change in those enzyme levels, and long before your kitty is diagnosed with chronic kidney failure, I will suggest lifestyle changes that can prevent the disease from developing.

Another way proactive vets manage their patients' health is by regularly reviewing diet, supplement protocol, and exercise habits with pet parents. A dog's or cat's wellness and nutritional goals change yearly, and over the age of eight can require fine-tuning every four to six months. Cats, in particular, are very good at hiding illness and pain, so it's not a good idea to wait until there seems to be a problem.

Your vet's preventive healthcare goal should be to help your pet avoid preventable disease. Unnecessary vaccinations and other traditional chemical "preventions" will not ultimately achieve that goal, and can actually help create disease where none existed.

In addition, your vet shouldn't wait around until your pet is sick or debilitated and then attempt to fix the problem. He or she should use your regularly scheduled wellness visits as an opportunity to check the status of your pet's health and take proactive steps to prevent serious disease from taking hold. This is the true essence of preventive healthcare, and I hope you'll advocate for it with your own veterinarian.

## This Vaccine Can Impair Your Dog's Immune System

Earlier this year, a local ABC affiliate in Chicago, ABC7 Eyewitness News, decided to investigate dog owner claims (no mention of how many) that vaccine side effects had caused harm to their pets. 1

According to Julie Harding, owner of a 4-year-old Vizsla, her pet suddenly became violent and vicious, foamed at the mouth, thrashed about, and suffered unexplained seizures. The woman took her dog, Piper, to a veterinary neurologist who diagnosed her with autoimmune meningitis.

Meningitis is a life-threatening disease characterized by inflammation of the layers that protect the brain and spinal cord. In the autoimmune form of the disease, the body manufactures antibodies against its own tissues, producing a massive inflammatory response.

**Piper Had Recently Received the Leptospirosis Vaccine**

The veterinary neurologist asked Harding if her dog had been vaccinated recently, and learned that indeed, Piper had just received the leptospirosis vaccine. The neurologist noted in Piper's paperwork that her brain swelling could have been triggered by the vaccine and her predisposition to allergic conditions.

According to the ABC7 reporters (who apparently contacted other veterinary specialists for their story), "Veterinary neurologists say it was unusual to receive Piper's case and four others possibly linked to one vaccine within a month-and-a-half."

Predictably, when the reporters contacted the vaccine manufacturer they were told that "Each suspected adverse reaction was thoroughly reviewed and no causal association between the vaccine and the Chicago cases was found."

So if I understand this correctly within 6 weeks' time, 5 dogs in the Chicago area who received a recent vaccination against leptospirosis were taken to veterinary neurologists suffering symptoms consistent with autoimmune meningitis and the vaccine manufacturer would have us believe there is "no causal association."

Let's just say I'm not convinced. And apparently neither is Dr. Michael Podell, a Chicago-area veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon, who told ABC7, "In the last year to year-and-a-half, we have seen more cases in this practice related to dogs who have recently been vaccinated. We are trying to understand what the risks are."

Leading Vaccine Expert 'Very Disappointed' with

The ABC7 reporters also consulted my friend Dr. Ronald Schultz, a world-renowned expert in the field of veterinary vaccines and an immunologist at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Schultz is currently heading up the Rabies Challenge Fund to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines.

Dr. Schultz told ABC7 he questions the need to vaccinate so often. "It's very disappointing to me to still have distemper, parvo, and adno [adenovirus] given every year when we know it provides a life of immunity," he said.

This is especially true since the latest canine vaccination guidelines, updated four years ago, call for extending the time between core vaccines from one year to three years, while also acknowledging that immunity lasts at least 5 years for distemper and parvo, and at least 7 years for adenovirus. This is essentially an admission that even the new 3-year interval guideline is overkill.

Unfortunately, two full years after the new guidelines were published, over half of veterinarians were still doing unnecessary, potentially dangerous annual re-vaccinations. As Dr. Schultz explained to ABC7, vaccinating an already-immune animal may cause a hypersensitivity reaction.

**Many of This Holistic Vet's Patients Receive Only the Rabies Vaccine After Their First Year**

ABC7 also talked with my good friend Dr. Barbara Royal, who owns the Royal Treatment Veterinary Center in Chicago.

Dr. Royal, like most holistic veterinarians, opts to use antibody titer tests to measure a pet's immunity vs. automatic vaccinations. She says that aside from the required-by-law rabies vaccine, many of her patients no longer receive vaccinations past their puppy/kitten shots and boosters at one year. She believes those animals are now healthier.

"Someone makes a vaccine and we all have to give it, but the efficacy and the safety of those vaccines is not necessarily that well researched," Dr. Royal said.

During their investigation, the ABC7 reporters discovered that if a dog has an adverse reaction to a vaccine, veterinarians are not required to report it to the manufacturer or the government, although many do.

**The All-or-Nothing Vaccine Trap**  
ABC7 also received a statement from the American Veterinary Medical Association for their story:

"While adverse reactions can occur, they are

the risks. Vaccination is the primary reason why deadly diseases like rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and panleukopenia have become much less common in US pets. Pet owners should talk with their veterinarians about any concerns they have regarding vaccines, and to determine the best vaccination plan for each individual pet."

This statement reflects an all-or-nothing trap many people who should know better seem to fall into.

Those of us who refuse to give unnecessary vaccines understand the value of core vaccines for puppies and kittens. We aren't advocating a "do nothing and hope for the best" approach. We are advocates of giving the absolute minimum number of vaccines to protect young animals from life-threatening illness, and treating each animal as an individual in assessing what vaccines he or she needs, and how often, throughout their lives. In most cases, revaccination of adult animals is rarely indicated.

In my personal experience, adverse vaccine reactions aren't all that rare. Julie Harding, loving owner of a 4-year-old dog who now has autoimmune meningitis, probably doesn't think so either.

**Additional Information About the Leptospirosis Vaccine**

The leptospirosis vaccine is a bacterin -- a vaccine made from killed bacteria, which in and of itself won't prompt an immune response to make antibodies, so a powerful adjuvant (usually a heavy metal such as aluminum or mercury, aka thimerosal) is added that elicits a strong immune system response. Because of this, it also carries a significantly greater risk for adverse reactions.

I feel that because my profession is testing for leptospirosis -- an ancient endemic infection -- more frequently, we're finding more positive animals. As a result, we're fostering a tremendous amount of fear and anxiety in pet owners over a bacterium that is far from a "new risk" for dogs. In fact, it's been in the environment since the beginning of time.

Unfortunately, many vets are still promoting repeated vaccinations for all pets, despite the significant risks associated with unnecessary revaccination. Further, a leptospirosis infection is entirely treatable. So, my question is, why vaccinate for something that's one hundred percent treatable? I've handled about a dozen cases of leptospirosis in my career and have never had a dog experience any lingering problems from the infection. I recommend you skip the leptospirosis vaccine.

If you live in a leptospirosis-endemic area, make sure your dog's immune system is strong, and you can certainly go the extra mile by taking precautions to insure your pet doesn't have an opportunity to be exposed to the leptospirosis bacteria.

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