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Our Head Butt Hotel Vaccination Protocol

Vaccinations and proper breed specific nutrition are the two most important factors affecting the health of all pets. We have been sadly, been faced with countless losses of pets having suffered the effects that irresponsibly and blindly administered vaccinations have taken on their health, resulting in their untimely deaths.

Nine-year-old Maine Coon Leo was our most recent loss, after his second Pure-Vax administered in 2015 by a Columbia South Carolina vet to do a potty trim prior to joining our rescue. This resulted in his untimely death in 2017, not long after arrival to his forever home with litter mate Callie. Her titer reflected continued protection, and Leo's untimely death due to Hemolytic Anemia, was caused by a vaccination overdose. Our 5-year-old Persian, also faced her untimely passing, after a NC vet refused to honor her Kansas State titer and administered a third unnecessary rabies vaccination when she was taken in for an exam for her upper respiratory; yes, he vaccinated an unhealthy pet with a current titer while ILL! Additionally, our nine-year old Husky Sanford, was euthanized by his adopter, after his 3rd or possibly 4th rabies vaccination, resulted in uncontrollable seizures, a common occurrence with vaccination overdoses. We were distraught at learning of this situation after his untimely passing, not having been given the opportunity to take him back under our care, to detox him and try to restore his health. He had never been tittered, nor to our knowledge did the vet offer any diagnostic results, let alone the opportunity for a necropsy to confirm his obvious and definitive death due to multiple vaccination overdoses thru the years.

For this reason, and because healthy lifestyle choices enable and support healthy immune systems required for all sentient beings to live out natural full quality lives, we are committed to educating vets and pet owners alike, what it means to practice responsible vaccination protocols, without compromising public safety.

Kittens are not administered a Pure Vax Rabies vaccination prior to reaching a minimum weight of 5 lbs. and are given separately from the time of their sterilization. This is at the discretion of our designated vet and based on each individual case. After their first rabies vaccination, we follow up with affordable titer testing through Kansas State Veterinary Lab, via the Protect the Pets website (www.Protectthepets.com) at 3 year intervals: 3 years, 6 years, and lastly at 9 years after the original date of their first rabies vax administered. Contrary to what most vets would like pet owners to believe, one rabies vaccination in many cases, provides lifetime protection; confirm 7 – 10 years of continuous immunity by challenge. Furthermore, there is no difference between the 1- and 3-year vaccines other than the number printed on the labels. Vets themselves are required to receive a rabies vaccination at the time they receive their license, and they never take a subsequent vaccination in the absence of being titer tested. This clearly reveals that the health and their oath to “Do No Harm” is not the priority over financial gain. It is highly hypocritical and morally unethical, that any should ever inflict this grossly irresponsible negligence, on anyone’s furry family member. And sadly, this is one of the major factors, contributing to the skyrocketing cancer rates in companion animals nationwide. Especially when it comes to small breed dogs; vaccinations are NOT dose appropriate by weight, so the 10 lbs. and even smaller breeds, are given the same dosage as their 110 lbs., counterparts, which accounts for their untimely deaths more frequently.

All cats who arrive to the Head Butt Hotel are automatically titer tested upon arrival, especially when veterinary records do not accompany them. We do NOT consent nor allow any vet to administer vaccines, according to what we refer to as the “Magic 8-Ball” methodology of calendar due dates, in the absence of laboratory bloodwork; NOR should any pet owner do so, in the absence of a titer. Furthermore, vaccinations are NEVER to be administered to any unhealthy pet, that includes Fiv and Felv positive cats. They should be automatically exempted, although as part of our ongoing study here at the Head Butt Hotel, we maintain the same titer testing schedule for our Fiv + cats, without ever vaccinating them subsequently. Vaccination have disclaimer labels, stating that they only to be administered to healthy animals, which release and absolve the manufacturers from liability, injury, illnesses, or death caused by these unnecessary overdoses regularly administered by vets in the absence of blood work (mal-practice).

Again, to be clear, it is against the law, for any veterinarian to vaccinate a pet, WITHOUT OWNER CONSENT, and we expect the cats who leave our care, to have their health safe guarded no differently, then if they were here under our own roof. We invest great time emotionally and financially, treating each one as if they were our only pet, and we do not do this, for them to be placed in a situation which would endanger their welfare. Sadly, many times, these harsh lessons are only learned by pet owners, only after suffering the untimely losses of pets. Through education, advocacy, and support of the Protect the Pets Movement, we will continue our mission striving to create a healthier world for pets lucky enough to join knowledgeable and savvy Protect the Pets families.