

We are a “Natural Rearing Breeder” – all our dogs are fed a natural diet and are vaccine and chemical free (no flea treatments or heartworm meds)

Our litters of pups are raised on a raw meat and bone diet from their first meal and go to their new homes vaccine-free. We hope they will continue to be raised naturally throughout their lives.

Many owners who take a Cat’s Cradle pup, have plans of rearing their pups vaccine-free but are put under pressure by vets when they take pups in for their first health and wellness visit. Vets will often times “scare” owners into having their new pup vaccinated – telling owners how dangerous it is for a pup to be out in the world with no protection at all between them and all those nasty and life-threatening viruses.

Remember that your pup has already been building its own healthy immune system!!

From 4 weeks of age to the time they leave us, we have already been taking steps to boost your pup’s immune system the way nature intended, by “gently” exposing them to germs from an early age while they still have their dam’s antibodies to protect them. This is the way that nature works without interference.....it helps them to develop their own natural immunity through mild exposure.

Natural exposure produces the strongest and safest immunity response.

We have been doing this with our own dogs for many years – our own dogs are out in the world by 7 weeks of age, to pet stores, to dog shows, roaming the woods, walking in areas where many other dogs walk – etc. Many of the pups we have sold are raised this same way – we have never had a problem with dogs becoming ill – if we can do it – if other owners can do it – so can you!

Your vet or other people will also tell you that it is the law that your pup be vaccinated by a certain age. It is correct that most places in North America have a by-law regarding a pup being vaccinated by either 12 or 16 weeks of age, depending on where you live. But it is not the vet’s place to enforce that by-law, a vet can not mandate any vaccine for your pup/dog. If you are having trouble finding a vet who will support your wishes, please contact me – remember that your vet works for you!!

You have a choice in the health care of your dog.

We would prefer your Cat’s Cradle pup was kept vaccine-free but if an owner feels the need to vaccinate we advocate a minimal vaccine schedule:

Minimal Vaccination

Core Shots Only -

Parvo

Distemper

Given once at an age when maternal antibodies have waned, after 4 months of age. A titers blood test done 3 weeks later to assess if the dog has antibodies to the agents given. Another titers test at 2 years old - if any titers show at all, then the dog is considered immune for life.

No further vaccines or titers testing required.

First rabies shot given after 9 months of age.

We recommend the IMRAB® 3 TF shot

It is free from thimersol - which is 49% mercury.

Homeopathic rabies nosode should be used if you are planning on a rabies vaccine for your dog – Lyssin (Lyssinum) to be given one hour before and one hr after and another dose that evening or next day. We will provide you with the pellets needed.

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Over-vaccinating can cause many health problems for animals, mainly associated with the immune system being compromised.

Autoimmune diseases such as lupus, red cell aplasia, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, cardiomyopathies; neoplasias such as fibrosarcomas, mast cell tumors, thyroid tumors, inflammatory bowel disease, eczematous ears, dermatological conditions, warts, lipomas, poor hair coats, stomatitis, periodontal disease, thyroid disease, and the list goes on.

This is a list of possible damaging effects of specific vaccines:

From distemper vaccines is often seen:

Watery fluid dripping from the nose

Conjunctivitis, eye discharge

Chronic gastritis, hepatitis, pancreatitis, appetite disorders

Recurrent diarrhea

Sensitivity to food with resultant diarrhea

Epilepsy, rear leg paralysis, spondylitis

Lip fold dermatitis

Excessive licking of feet, eruptions between the toes, allergies

Kennel cough, chronic bronchitis

Chronic skin eruptions, especially lower half of body

Failure to thrive, abnormally thin

From rabies vaccine is often seen:

Restless nature, suspicion of others, aggression to animals and people

Changes in behavior: aloofness, unaffectionate, desire to roam,

OR clingy, separation anxiety, velcro dog.

Restraining can lead to violent behavior and self-injury

Self-mutilation, tail chewing

Voice changes, hoarseness, excessive barking

Chronic poor appetite, very finicky

Paralysis of throat or tongue, sloppy eaters, drooling

Dry eye, loss of sight, cataract

Eating wood, stones, earth, stool

Destructive behavior, shredding bedding

Seizures, epilepsy, twitching

Increased sexual desire, sexual aggression

Irregular pulse, heart failure

Reverse sneezing

Kidney damage

These side-effects are very real, especially the first one listed for the rabies vaccine - *Restless nature, suspicion of others, aggression to animals and people. Changes in behavior: aloofness, unaffectionate, desire to roam.*

I have seen many times owners talking about how their well-adjusted puppy or dog “changed” and all of a sudden went after another dog or snapped at a person. My first question to them is always, “Has your dog been given a rabies vaccine in the past 2 months?”.

“If you imprint the immune system incorrectly, it will never work correctly again.”

Dr Ronald D. Schultz.