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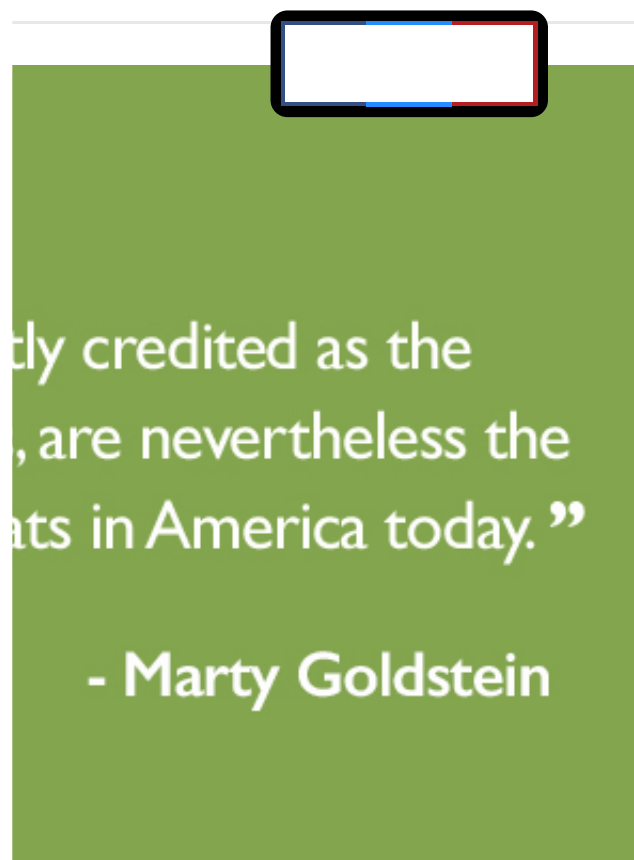


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things you might not know about vaccines, in the words of vets, doctors, immunologists and pet owners.

## Vaccines are effective

In the research lab, vaccines appear to be very effective. Unvaccinated puppies die of rabies in research labs while vaccinated puppies live. This seems like pretty indisputable evidence.

Vaccinated populations do not live in a sterile lab however. In the field, vaccines are much less predictable. Dr. Michael Fox offers the following observations on vaccine efficacy in the field.

“Wildlife biologist Dr Roger Burrows noted that ‘Lions in Serengeti National Park (SNP), followed by those in the Masai Mara of Kenya, died like flies in 1994 from a new strain of canine distemper (CD). This followed a period 1992-94 when domestic dogs of agropastoralist/farmers to the west, and Maasai pastoralists dogs to the east of the SNP boundaries were being experimentally vaccinated against rabies during a vaccination trial. The same new strain of CD in the rabies vaccinated domestic dogs was subsequently found in the lions and was then found to have caused the death from CD of most of a captive pack of wild dogs in Mkomzai Game Reserve in Tanzania in 2000-2001 – these wild dogs had been vaccinated against CD (using an inactivated strain developed for North Sea Seals!).”

“Following this, in 2007 the same new CD strain was for the first time identified in free living African wild dogs in Maasai areas to the east of SNP where mass vaccinations of local domestic dogs were being carried out against CD, CPV (parvovirus) and rabies. The outbreak confirmed in one large wild dog pack was associated with high mortality of this endangered canid species’.”

“When local breeds of domestic dogs around Serengeti National Park (SNP) and the Masai Mara of Kenya were vaccinated against rabies, and then soon after succumb to a virulent outbreak of CD, it would seem to indicate that the rabies vaccinations caused some immunosuppression and thus increased susceptibility to CD.”

“Similar observations were made about the hyena dog, which was in 1989 threatened with extinction. Scientists vaccinated individual animals to protect them against rabies but more than a dozen packs then died within a year – of rabies.” says Dr. Vernon Coleman MB. This happened even in areas where rabies had never been seen before. When researchers started using a non-infectious form of the pathogen (to prevent the deaths of the remaining animals) all members of seven packs of dogs disappeared. And yet the rabies vaccine is now compulsory in many parts of the world. Is it not possible that it is the vaccine which is keeping this disease alive?”

“Canine parvovirus is closely related to feline viral enteritis virus.” says Catherine O’Driscoll. “The sudden widespread appearance of the disease in 1979 has led to the suggestion that it originated from an attenuated feline enteritis vaccine strain.. ..Read that sentence again and you might think you thought that a vaccine caused parvovirus.” (What Vets Don’t Tell you about Vaccination 129)

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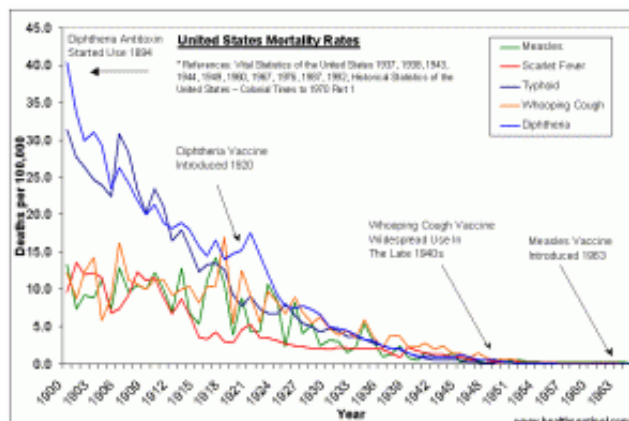
## **If we didn't vaccinate, diseases like parvo and distemper would be rampant**

“Information given to doctors about the 200-year history of vaccination is limited to carefully selected sound-bites that pre-empt any concerns.” says Suzanne Humphries MD. “We have been led to believe that vaccines are solely responsible for the eradication of infectious diseases such as smallpox. Most accepted, without question or personal study, that vaccines greatly reduced illnesses and are a benefit to overall human health. Few know that the mortality of “vaccine preventable diseases” had massively declined before the vaccine campaigns began. But it is painfully obvious (see chart below) that the mortality for the major infectious diseases, including those for which no vaccines were ever created, had regressed to nearly undetectable levels in the population – long before vaccines were introduced.”

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According to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, childhood disease decreased 90% between 1850 and 1940, paralleling improved sanitation and hygienic practices, well before mandatory vaccination programs. Infectious disease deaths in the and England declined steadily by an average of about 80% during this century (measles mortality declined over 97%) prior to vaccinations.

## Vaccination is based on sound science

“There have never been any safety studies done for any vaccine in use today that would meet the criteria of scientific proof” says Harold Buttram MD. “All we have are epidemiologic

studies, which are indicators but not proof in and of themselves.”

Epidemiological studies may not be legitimate sources from which to draw conclusions about vaccine effectiveness. For example, if 100 people are vaccinated and 5 contract the disease, the vaccine is declared to be 95% effective. But if only 10 of the 100 were actually exposed to the disease, then the vaccine was really only 50% effective. Since no one is willing to deliberately expose an entire population to disease—even a fully vaccinatable one—vaccine effectiveness rates may not indicate a vaccine’s true effectiveness.

Another component of immunization theory is “herd immunity,” which states that when enough people or dogs in a community are immunized, all are protected. There are many documented instances showing just the opposite—fully vaccinated dogs and people do contract disease. In the case of parvovirus, 28% of affected puppies are vaccinated and 11% of adult dogs with parvovirus are vaccinated. In people, the incidence of measles actually seems to be the result of high vaccination rates. A Minnesota state epidemiologist concluded that the Hib vaccine increases the risk of illness when a study revealed that vaccinated children were 3 times more likely to contract meningitis than unvaccinated children.

“if the vaccines are as effective as being touted by the public-health officials, then why should one fear the unvaccinated?” says Russel Blaylock MD. “Obviously the vaccinated would have at least 95% protection. This question puts them in a very difficult position. Their usual response is that a “small” percentage of the vaccinated will not have sufficient protection and would still be at risk. Now, if they admit what the literature shows, that vaccine failure rates are much higher than the 5% they claim, they must face the next obvious question – then why should anyone take the vaccine if there is a significant chance it will not protect?”

## Vaccines are completely safe

If you refer to “Vaccines are effective” above, you will see that the dangers of vaccination are difficult to measure. Dogs who are vaccinated and subsequently get parvovirus do not get reported as a vaccine adverse event. Dogs that are vaccinated and develop diseases or illnesses that do not pop up within a day or two of vaccination do not get reported as a vaccine adverse event. Dogs that do develop disease within a day or two of vaccination

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It is impossible to determine the safety of vaccines because vets are not required to report adverse events. Many vets might also fail to connect the dots between vaccination and disease because veterinary schools do not adequately supply them with this information.

There are numerous articles in our magazine pages and our website detailing the potential dangers of vaccination. Clearly, more research needs to be done in this area, but who is going to do it? Even if it is done, who is going to listen? Dr. Ronald Schultz effectively reports that vaccines last for at least seven years and likely for the life of the dog over thirty years, but the veterinary associations still recommend revaccinating every three years. Clearly, there is a strong bias toward vaccination and it will take a great deal to convince the associations otherwise.

For now, dog owners have to rely on common sense and not let fear guide their decision making. If you are looking for evidence that vaccines cause harm, don't neglect the fact that we need evidence that vaccines are, in fact, safe and effective.

“The links are invisible and so far, unproven. Even to suggest they exist is to be heaped with scorn from the U.S. medical establishment” says Dr. Martin Goldstein. “Yet a growing number of holistic and now even conventional veterinarians are convinced, from sad experience, that vaccines as they are administered in this country to pets are doing more harm than good. I myself think that's a conservative view. I think that vaccines, justly created as the tapers of disease epidemics, are nevertheless the leading killers of dogs and cats in America today.”

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