## Rabi shots/Heart Worm by Cindy Tarquinio

There are two issues that I have been asked about, so after researching combined with whatever basic knowledge I have on the subjects (which is not saying too much ?? ) this is what I have found.

The Rabies vaccine has Mercury "Thermersole" in it which is making 50% of our dogs ill. Why are we not informed of this and why is this a continued practice?? The 64 Million dollar question of the day, and that it should be. What really infuriates me is that our vets know this information yet you have to be a researcher to find out the information that I'm finding out. Something is wrong with this picture. First I was blaming the Pharmaceutical Companies, and I still do for putting out this poison but I also very much blame the Veterinarians! I was always under the assumption they are our Liaisons in helping us keep our fur babies healthly. If this is the case, why have we not been told that the Rabies shot contains a preservative called Thimerosal?

Thimerosal is 50% Mercury and a very inflammatory toxin as well as a Genetic Mutator. Pittman Moore Pharmaceutical Company warned about the dangers of this preservative back in 1935......

REVOLUTION® (selamectin), Topical Parasiticide For Dogs and Cats: pre-approval reactions of vomiting, loose stool or diarrhea with or without blood, anorexia, lethargy, salivation, tachypnea, and muscle tremors. Post-approval experience included the above plus pruritis, urticaria, erythema, ataxia, fever, and rare reports of death and seizures in dogs.

Proheart 6 : severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis): facial swelling, itching, difficulty breathing, collapse; lethargy (sluggishness); not eating or losing interest in food; any change in activity level; seizures; vomiting and/or diarrhea (with and without blood); weight loss; pale gums, increased thirst or urination, weakness, bleeding, bruising; rare instances of death. This product was voluntarily withdrawn from the market in 2004 because of deaths but has been reintroduced.

For any other brand, research the product or its active ingredient before even thinking of administering it. Also, never give any meds without first learning if any vitamins, minerals, herbal products or drugs interact negatively with the medication. Note age restrictions. Most importantly, learn what symptoms alert you to a reaction.

Important note: Collies, Australian Shepards and related breeds have a sensitivity to ivermectin (Heartgard and others) detect if your dog has Heart Worm. An Antibody test will not work for Heart Worm bec! ause it will tell you if Mitzy had been exposed at sometime in her life but it can not tell you that the worms might have died. If you chose not to give preventative drugs like myself, have Gina tested twice a year. This way if Cookie had the very unlikely misfortune to contract Heart Worm, it will be detected early enough.

If the Antigen test comes back positive, before you put Roman on dangerous drugs, have them do a Cardiac ultrasound to determine the degree of infestation. HW can live in the host without ever causing damage. Unless HW is re-introduced by another infected mosquito, the adult and babies will die off. There are animals that live with HW their whole life without a problem. If every dog that got heart worm died than there would be no more hosts for the mosquito.

The best way to keep the possibilities of Heart Worm from infecting Gina is to keep her as healthy as you can. The healthier Rover's immune system is the less likely the larvae can mature. Also a healthy diet, no vaccines, not medicated, not subjected to environmental hazards or otherwise diseases. However a risk that is difficult to overcome is immune system problems due to selective breeding of dogs. (that is another article I'll do when I run out of things to write! LOL A dog with a healthy immune system makes it very difficult for the larvae to survive long enough to infect. A dog would have to be bit several times by an infected mosquito having the infected larvae to actually get enough adult HW to infect the healthy dog.

So, as I see it, the real fear and panic is not caused by the Heart Worm, it is cause by all the pharmaceutical Manufacturers, the Veterinarian community, the pet stores and anyone else that profits off Heart Worm prevention drugs. They are willing to put our loved ones at risk by spreading their misinformation and causing

panic for the mighty old dollar. If you are one of those, either please educate yourself (cause I hope it is just lack of knowledge) or SHAME ON YOU!