

ALTERNATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE CENTRE

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CANINE TRACHEOBRONCHITIS (KENNEL COUGH)

In 1985, there was a severe outbreak of Kennel Cough, in a full-to-capacity boarding kennel. The data from the outbreak are recorded in table 1.

Nosode, made by the AVMC, was then introduced to the drinking water of all new arrivals into the boarding kennel, with full owner consent. The data from these dogs (214 during the summer) are recorded in tables 2a & 2b.

In each table, overall data from the total number of dogs are recorded, followed by separate analysis of the data from dogs with prior kennel cough vaccination (vaccinates) and from those without (non-vaccinates).

Results

Table 1: Before Nosode treatment:

	Total	Vaccinates	Non-Vaccinates
No. in kennel	40	18	22
No. dogs affected	37	18	19
% affected	92.5 %	100 %	86 %

Table 2: After Nosode treatment:

2a) Frank disease:

	Total	Vaccinates	Non-Vaccinates
No. in kennel	214	64	150
No. dogs affected	4	3	1
% affected	1.9 %	4.7 %	0.7 %

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2b) Minor symptoms only:

(i.e. mild & transient signs e.g. one cough on exercise or a pool of mucus in the kennel one morning)

	Total	Vaccinates	Non-Vaccinates
No. in kennel	214	64	150
No. dogs affected	91	51	1
% affected	42.5 %	59.7 %	26.7 %

Discussion

The above data appear to show:

- a) a remarkable response to nosode preventive therapy.
- b) a positive response even though the preventive dosage was 'post-exposive'.
- c) a negative effect from prior vaccination with kennel cough vaccine*, on all parameters measured.
- d) a continuing infective presence, as witnessed by the appearance of mild and transient symptoms in some of the dogs throughout the trial period. This means that the good results cannot be attributed to a coincidental disappearance of the infective agents, concurrent with homeopathic input.

*vaccines recorded were 'Enduracell 7' and 'Intrac'.

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