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<p><u>ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC</u> August 1, 2019</p> <p>6:00 Dave & Helen Criswells home at: 6104 Caballo Rd Kennewick, WA 99337</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>August 22, 2019</p> <p>7:30</p>	<p><u>NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS</u> Want to Help With Handling Class Wednesday evenings at 7:00. It is a great way to help your Club, and give our current volunteers a little break. People right now are only having to do a class every 2-3 months. A few more people and it could be once every 4-5 months Contact Cheryl at Draymia@gmail.com</p>
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Need someone to take over Newsletter duties

MOST ARE SENT VIA EMAIL AND WITH ONLY A FEW BY SNAIL MAIL. PLAN ON 2-3 HOURS A MONTH. CHERYL—DRAYMIA@GMAIL.COM

Handling Class
Wednesdays 7:30
Howard Amon Park

Aug 7th - Bonnie & Chuck
Aug 14th - Stacey Davis
Aug 21 – Mark Eby
Aug 28 – Candee Foss

We have lost a few volunteers and need a few new people to join our list. Right now folks do class about every three months. A few new people would sure help!

Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Raffle Items

For 2019 Shows!

Poop Bags First Aid Kits
Travel Packs or boxes of Kleenex
Shower Gel Paper Towels Dog Toys
Granola Bars
Hand Sterilizer Lint Rollers
MICROWAVE POPCORN

**See something of interest?
See something fun?
Bring them**

Want to suggest a Judge?

Contact Linda Riedel at

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RKC July 2019 Board Meeting

The July Board Meeting was called to order by President Bill Murray, at the Panera's Restaurant near Vintner Square in Richland, Washington at 7:30 pm on July 16, 2019.

Attendees included President Bill Murray, Vice President Chuck Ames, Treasurer Michele Murray, Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Ames, Board Members Cheryl Stevens and Mark Eby, Conformation Show Chairman Stacy Davis, Judges Selection Chair Linda Riedel, and club members Jane Beyer and Nancy Eby.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Bonnie Ames motioned and Cheryl Stevens seconded to accept the minutes for the June board meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Report of the Secretary:

The secretary reported the receipt of AKC confirmation for the RKC 2020 dog shows.

Report of the Treasurer:

The Club financial statements, including checking, money market, and certificate of deposit were provided at the meeting. Anyone wishing to obtain the amounts provided should contact the club treasurer.

Committee Reports:

• Membership:

There was no membership report.

• Handling Class:

There has not been a handling class during the month of July with the anticipation of hot weather, which has held off. Handling class will resume at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday in August outside and behind the Richland Community Center.

• **Show Committee:**

2019 Show: The premium list information was provided to BaRay Event Services with the first draft expected back this month. A BBQ has been arranged to be provided to exhibitors and participants on Saturday evening after Best In Show (around 6:00pm). Tickets will go on sale for \$5.00 starting Friday. Logos are being collected to be made into banners for local businesses which have purchased a show ring for the weekend. Radio station 106.5 (the Eagle) is to be contracted to set up advertising and an on-site setup for Saturday. Finally, rescue masks for animals have been purchased to be provided to fire departments in West Richland, Richland, and Benton City. Additional masks will be purchased for the Pasco and Kennewick fire departments.

2020 Show: The event dates have been approved by AKC and Walla Walla is planning to hold conformation shows on Thursday and Friday next year. It is anticipated that the shows will offer Fast Kat and Barnhunt events.

• **Judges Selection:**

Judges have been finalized and hired for 2019 with hiring in progress for 2020. There was a need to adjust one of the 2019 judging assignments due to conflicts with other shows judging schedules.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

No new business was identified during the meeting.

Motion made by Chuck Ames, and seconded by Cheryl Stevens to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charles Ames

Five things that we want pet owners to know about successful dog ownership:

-Crate train. Even if you leave your dog out when mature, crate train. Most issues ...with destruction, eating things dogs shouldn't, and many other issues are solved by crate training. And consider transporting your dog safely, stay overs at a boarding facility or the vet's, or needing to leave them in a room with a raw steak on the counter. Crates are the answer for that too!

-Socialization isn't about meeting other dogs and people. Really. It isn't. It's about exposing your dog to the daily world and teaching them to focus on you. Would you believe me if I told you my dogs have never been to puppy play groups, they never ever say hi to other dogs on walks, and they certainly don't

say hi to people either unless permission is asked and given? That's actually normal! Let your dog have one or two friends and that's seriously good enough.

-Dog parks- we don't use them, but if you must, use extreme caution. Seriously. Go ask a long time breeder, sport handler, or working handler what they think of dog parks. If you absolutely can't imagine life without them, take precautions!

-Keep your dogs away from other dogs out and about. We don't care if they are friendly, and we don't care if they won't hurt anything. You and your dog don't have the right to interact with others, and you never know when a dog is sick, injured, training, working, or reactive. Use the leash, and don't come within 30 feet without asking first.

-All dog owners should learn the basics of body language. In my opinion, this is far more important than teaching a dog to sit. You need to know how your dog feels about things and you need to be able to read a situation.

-Bonus: Don't let your dog stare at other dogs. Bad plan. Even with the little ones. People always wonder why my dogs hackle at the little ones yapping and pulling at the end of the leash- those little ones are being confrontational. Help other dog owners by making sure your own dog is acting appropriately and focused on YOU.

FDA Approves Potentially Deadly ProHeart 12

By: Julia Henriques

The FDA just [announced the approval](#) of a ProHeart 12, a **brand new heartworm preventive for dogs**.

Yippee! New must mean *better*, right? Well ... no.

The FDA thinks this drug is safe to use on your dog. But frankly ... **we're baffled that they've approved it**. And so are several holistic veterinarians. Scroll down to read their comments.

ProHeart 12 is made by Zoetis, Inc. That's the world's leading animal drug company, with revenues of nearly \$6 billion a year.

What Is ProHeart 12?

It's an extended release injectable drug designed to [prevent heartworm in dogs for 12 months](#). It also prevents and treats hookworm infections.

But before you think "oh, that's super-convenient – I'll ask my vet about it" ... Hold your horses! You need to know more about it before you run to your vet for a prescription.

This drug is a stronger version of ProHeart 6. That's a drug that came out in 2000, offering 6 months' [heartworm prevention](#). But it was taken off the market in 2004 after **many reports of**

adverse events (including deaths).

Since ProHeart 12 is new, there's not much information about its specific side effects yet. But it uses moxidectin ... the same active ingredient as ProHeart 6 ... and in a higher dose. So let's look at the history of that drug.

ProHeart 6 Adverse Reactions

It's no wonder they had to withdraw ProHeart 6 from the market.

The FDA received more than **5,500 reports of severe adverse reactions** in a 4-year period. These included **more than 600 deaths**. Other side effects were:

- Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) Seizures Elevated liver enzymes
- Immune-related blood problems Cardiovascular disease [Mast cell tumors](#)
- Lymphosarcomas Histiocytomas
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And it gets even worse.

[The FDA Doctor](#) who realized the dangers of ProHeart 6 was taken off the case and criminally prosecuted. Scandals abound with this drug! ProHeart came back in 2008. And when that happened, a Congressional committee wrote to the FDA asking them to explain their findings related to the product's safety.

ProHeart 6 Relaunch

The FDA at that time decided to allow ProHeart 6 back on the market. The manufacturer, Fort Dodge Animal Health (later bought by Zoetis), worked on a [Risk Minimization Action Plan \(RiskMAP\)](#).

They agreed to implement a few safety measures:

- Restricting the drug to veterinarians trained and certified in its use
- Requiring informed consent by dog owners before treatment
- Adding more safety and risk information to the product label
- Setting criteria for dogs to qualify for treatment
- Eliminating residual solvents in the product that may have contributed to the adverse effects

The FDA says that when ProHeart 6 returned to the market, **reports of death from the product decreased**. **But** ... when you look at that list of safety measures, **there's only one item that changes the product** ... and that's removing the residual solvents!

So the rest of their safety plan was just educating vets and dog owners ... **to be more cautious about using it**.

Meanwhile, in Canada, the ProHeart 6 label stated that the drug should **only be used in dogs who couldn't have other heartworm preventives**:

“Because Of Its Potential For Serious Adverse Drug Reactions And The Absence Of Identifiable Risk Factors Associated With Those Reactions, ProHeart 6 Is Only Indicated For Those Dogs In Which Alternative Preventatives Cannot Be Effectively Administered.”

So with that background, the FDA has now approved ProHeart 12. And we can't help wondering why.

And Now ... ProHeart 12

Here's what's especially shocking. This new product, ProHeart 12, is almost the same as ProHeart 6. **But it contains three times the concentration of moxidectin.** So let me ask this?

If ProHeart 6 isn't safe ... why would you want to inject your dog with ProHeart 12 ... that has three times as much of the active ingredient, moxidectin?

And, like other heartworm drugs ... it's not really a preventative. It doesn't *prevent* anything. Because it works by paralyzing and killing the worms ... once your dog already has them.

And what if your dog has an adverse reaction?

The drug is **already in your dog ... for 12 months** (or probably longer). **You can't just stop using it** once it's injected.

What's Moxidectin? The active ingredient, moxidectin, is used in tablet form to treat onchocerciasis (river blindness) in humans. The label for that drug says the drug doesn't kill the adult worms that cause the disease ... *Onchocerca volvulus*. It just stops them from releasing microfilariae. It also says "the safety and efficacy of repeat administration of Moxidectin Tablets in patients with *O. volvulus* has not been studied."

Zoetis knows moxidectin can be harmful to dogs.

The [product label](#) for ProHeart 12 cites an **alarmingly long list of adverse events** of ProHeart 6.

(And, in case you missed it ... **there's 3 times as much moxidectin in ProHeart 12 as Proheart 6 ... so side effects are likely to be greater.**)

This is the exact list of adverse events on the label ...

Immune: anaphylaxis and/or anaphylactoid reactions, urticaria, head/facial edema, pruritus, pale mucous membranes, collapse, cardiovascular shock, erythema, immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia (signs reflected in other system categories could be related to allergic reactions, i.e. gastrointestinal, dermatologic and hematologic)

Gastrointestinal: vomiting (with or without blood), diarrhea with or without blood, hypersalivation

General: depression, lethargy, anorexia, fever, weight loss, weakness

Dermatological: injection site pruritus/swelling, erythema multiforme

Neurological: seizures, ataxia, trembling, hind limb paresis

Hematological: leukocytosis, anemia, thrombocytopenia

Respiratory: dyspnea, tachypnea, coughing

Hepatic: elevated liver enzymes, hypoproteinemia, hyperbilirubinemia, hepatopathy

Urinary: elevated BUN, elevated creatinine, hematuria, polydipsia, polyuria and cardiopulmonary signs such as coughing and dyspnea may occur in heartworm-positive dogs

In some cases, death has been reported as an outcome of the adverse events listed above.

Even if you're really scared of your dog getting heartworm ... **do you really want to trade the risk of heartworm for that frighteningly long list of serious side effects?**

Let's talk about the reaction from some holistic vets who understand the risks.

What Veterinarians Are Saying

We've already seen some horrified reactions from holistic vets we know:

Josie Beug DVM said: *"I cannot believe this was approved. When Fort Dodge originally made ProHeart 6 we were seeing auto-immune hemolytic anemia cases from it: the dogs' immune systems began destroying their own red blood cells. I saw several cases myself. The product was taken off the market. Please do not allow your veterinarian to inject your dog with this!"*

Judy Morgan DVM commented: *"I cannot believe this got approved. Dogs died with the 6 month injection, resulting in it being pulled from the market. It was then re-released with no changes. If the six month concentration was dangerous, why in the world would they make it three times more concentrated????? This infuriates me!!*

Patricia Jordan DVM reminded us: *"When ProHeart 6 was pulled and then reintroduced, Canada said it was the **heartworm prevention of last resort**.*

"When it was reintroduced, all the doctors had to go through a webinar before they could prescribe it. They taught the product was not to be given anywhere around vaccines. Even the FDA found ProHeart 6 caused cancer. Here's a picture of a victim of cancer from ProHeart injections ...

"The FDA Vet that pulled ProHeart 6 said that the company was aware of the risk of cancer. She said there were more adverse events with just ProHeart than every one of the heartworm preventions put together." But not all vets will tell you this ...

There are lots of safer ways to prevent heartworm.



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