Dear Dr Robb

I have been appalled to hear of your experiences after refusing to give a full dose of unnecessary vaccines to pets whilst in practice at a Banfield franchise.

Through Canine Health Concern, I have been campaigning to end unnecessary pet vaccination for the last 20 years. It was known in 1978, when Drs Ronald D Schultz and Tom R Philips were published in Kirks Veterinary Therapy, that once immune, dogs remain immune to viral disease for years or life. Fraud is defined in the UK as ‘obtaining a pecuniary advantage through deception’ and the veterinary vaccine industry has been obtaining a pecuniary advantage through deception for over 35 years. There is absolutely no scientific evidence to say that pets need annual shots and, as you have stated, over-vaccination can be harmful.

From the early 2000s, veterinary bodies in America (namely the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Australian Veterinary Association, and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association) have been stating that we should stop over-vaccinating our pets, and that vaccination can be harmful. Further, they have advocated titer testing to ascertain whether circulating antibodies are present. If so, revaccination is neither required nor beneficial. If antibodies are present, they simply cancel out the booster vaccine and no more immunity is provided.

Published scientific literature shows that vaccines can cause encephalitis (brain inflammation), epilepsy, behavioural changes, atopy and other allergies, autoimmune diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, autoimmune haemolytic anaemia, and even cancer and leukaemia. How bitter a loss when our beloved pets are killed by vaccines they didn’t even need.

My prayer is that your dreadful experiences, and your willingness to speak out, will contribute to the abolition of annual vaccination. You have our full support.

With kind regards

Catherine O’Driscoll