

KENNEL REPORT

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I arrived at the 34th IPSD on the 16 of December 1967. It was about three weeks after a crisis due to a Malathion dip toxicity. There were twelve dogs which needed immediate prolonged intensive treatment. On the 18th Rusty-6A97 came into the kennels from the field with symptoms which the already sick dogs displayed at the onset of the crisis.

Treatment consisted primarily of 3 mg Atrophine (bid) and 625 mg 2-PAM (bid) for each dog during the rest of the month, with slight variances in the Atrophine levels to various dogs on different days or successive days depending on their daily state of health, which showed a decline from their previous days' condition or improvement from the previous days' condition.

Also, the administration of fluids (IP) was another factor which was balanced on the day to day condition or health or state of improvement of the individual dog. The fluids used are Dextrose and Sodium Chloride injection or Ringers injection, Lactated. The type of fluid given was affected by the availability, type on hand, and the type of condition being treated. Generally speaking Lactated Ringers Solution was given to act as a buffer for dogs which consistently vomitted and Dextrose-Saline Solution given when it was felt that a dog did not eat enough or drink enough for maintainance of the body systems or as an alternate for Lactated Ringers solution when the latter was used on consecutive days in succession.

At the begining the dogs were in rather poor shape. Quite a few showed extreme signs of anorexia and also dyspnea along with a liquid type dark tarry colored stool if any stool at all.

To date there has been considerable improvement in all dogs. This does not mean that they will not relapse at any time, But progress is being made and in some instances during the coming month a lower level of atrophine will be initiated in several of the better looking and more healthy dogs.

Along with the Atrophine, 2-PAM, and fluids which have been given persistant-ly to the weaker dogs other steps have been taken. Several dogs in the poorer condition on various occassions have been given Vitamin B complex, Pen-Strep, and Azium. These extra treatments were dependant on the daily visible signs of improvement or in most cases return to a retarded condition. With daily improvement these treatments were suspended until required again.

In the cases of the dogs requiring these extra treatments, it can not be said that they showed progress immediately and did not relapse. On the contrary, these treatments helped but didn't prevent relapse entirely. Some treatments are cut off for a few days and then started again at a later date because it is felt that a continual use may lead to other disturbances of body functions if over done. However the essential Atrophine and 2-PAM injections have not been interrupted and we hope at this time that there is no toxicity building up due to their prolonged use.

As of the end of the month all of the dogs have shown great improvement from the condition in which I first viewed them.

There is a great increase in appetite in all dogs, so that they all are getting at least 2 good meals per day except for isolated cases of particular individuals in the poorer condition. There appears to be a weight gain in all dogs. Also all dogs are passing normal or next to normal stools at least once a day and in most cases more.

For further information on treatment and levels of treatment I refer you to daily records in the dog's own Form DD 722.

As far as the rest of the dogs in the kennel¹ go, there have been a few cases of minor importance to report. These minor injuries or illnesses can also be accounted for in the particular dogs' own Form DD 722.

During the month eleven fecal samples were sent to Siagon. Three results proved positive for hookworms and were treated accordingly. Also a total of 19 Blood samples were sent, 17 of which were reported as negative to microfilaria. The other two samples were clotted upon their arrival at the laboratory. Thus no result could be determined.

I have made several improvements, mostly in the treatment room, several of which may have some importance. Three more shelves were added to increase storage space. I have started to paint and repaint the inside of the treatment room. Also of note is the bulletin board which will facilitate record keeping and allow anyone to know when the latest and next fecal and blood samples were and are to be taken, along with a section on the vaccination date of each dog.

When completed it will be a big asset to myself and will provide a great deal of information to others concerned with the health and welfare of our dogs.

I also have set up , what I feel an improved ration and cleaning system for utensils.

There have also been other improvements made, some of them of minor importance and some which have, at present, Been forgotten.

However, I would like to thank all concerned for their full hearted cooperation in the care and understanding of these sickly dogs and also those who have contributed their own extra time in trying to help these dogs get in the state of improvement they are in today. I am very appreciative of the headquarters staff for their help to me in my first month here and hope that all will continue in the same manner.

That about sizes it up for the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,

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