

# **BRAVECTO Adverse reactions**

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#### **Barbara Mandy: I want to tell the story of my Callie:**

This is what happened in my own words, describing exactly how she reacted and suffered. I am not a vet, nor am I a pharmaceutical specialist. I am only an owner still grieving the loss of my beautiful pup. I will try to be as politically correct as possible.

Let me say right off that I have no medical proof that Bravecto played a role in the death of my girl. I only have anecdotal evidence, but that evidence is enough to convince me.

My Callie was a healthy Australian Labradoodle, 8 months old at the time of dosing. She did not have a vaccination that day or the weeks leading up to it. She had absolutely NO medical problems whatsoever. She was healthy, happy, smart as can be, soft and loving, and had a joy of life..... until I gave her the chew tablet. Almost immediately she began to exhibit symptoms of a bad reaction.

10 minutes after dosing she became disoriented, with the whites of eyes turning a deep red. 20 minutes after that she collapsed, unresponsive for about 10-15 minutes.

I was frantic and called the emergency vet. They had to look the medication up, and I was told they couldn't find much information about Bravecto on the Merck website. The vet said unless her condition worsened, I was to call my own vet and Merck in the morning.

I called Merck while waiting to get in to see my vet. I was handed to a Merck vet who gave me a case number. After I explained what had happened, he said that it appeared to be a reaction to the Bravecto, given the timeline.

My own vet agreed. Tests were done on her and she was put on IV fluids. All tests came back negative. There was no medical explanation for her symptoms of the night before, nor for the weakness and confusion that continued that day. She was very wobbly as we left the vet that day.

That began the 7 week and 2 day battle for her life. She experienced diarrhea, vomiting, refusal to eat, excessive thirst and urination, confusion, lethargy, another episode of unresponsiveness, sores on her skin, itchiness, coughing, blood/mucus filled stools and bloody vomit. She was bleeding internally.

She exhibited neurologic symptoms as well. She would suddenly get up and start growling and barking at nothing. She stared at the walls and would walk very tentatively up to a wall, acting very scared, and snap at it, as if she was seeing something there. (I have videos of that)

Her excessive thirst and lack of appetite worsened over the weeks, Her incontinence became so bad, I had to eventually put diapers on my formerly healthy, vibrant girl, who was now so very thin and lethargic.

We had a Bile Acids test done. It was negative. She had more blood tests, and more medications were given to help ease her symptoms. Nothing helped. (she had a liver cleanse too) I also took her to a specialist who tested for Addison's. Negative. We were to have an ultrasound and neurological testing that day but the specialist had no time, so it was scheduled for the following Monday. (she never lived to have those tests done)

I did everything in my power to keep that beautiful, incredibly sweet, smart girl alive. But I failed her. And I failed her because I should have done more research. I trusted that it was safe because that is what I was told at my vet's.

I begged her to stay with me, to stay strong and keep fighting this. And I promised her I would not let her hurt.

At the end, after she had lost so much weight, was so very weak she couldn't walk up two steps, began to whimper and cry, and the bloody vomiting and diarrhea increased, we went to the vet for the last time.

After more last-minute tests were done, I gave my vet the go ahead to end her suffering. She was not quite 10 months old and she had to be euthanized.

That's all the evidence I have for anyone. There were no underlying medical conditions, she had been in for a well puppy check up, and the vet deemed her very healthy.

I can't prove medically that what happened to Callie had a direct link to that chew. All I know is that one minute I had a healthy dog, and the next, one whose life began to slip away.

No one can possibly imagine what those 7 weeks were like unless they lived it. Watching a dog you love, suffer and fight for her life is unbearable. I miss her more than I can possibly say and I feel such terrible guilt for what happened, knowing I was helpless to save her.

I hope someday someone will find enough medical proof, because then all these dogs who have died will at least be acknowledged as dogs that helped make a difference in this world. I know Callie made a difference in mine.

Name of my dog: Callie

Age : 8 months

Breed of the dog: Australian Labradoodle

Male / female: Female

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