## BRAVECTO Adverse reactions The personal story of "Duncan" (Bearded Collie) and "Trey" (Treeing Walker Coonhound) (006)

\*Facebook Group: "Is Bravecto Safe" / Website: www.isbravectosafe.com





"Duncan" (left) en "Trey"

## **Patti Winter**

Many of the newer people in the group are not aware of my story as it was one of the first ones. Just a quick bit of history before I do my update on my one pup who did survive.

I took my 3 year old Treeing Walker Coonhound and my 4 year old Bearded Collie to the vet for fleas on 6/3/15. At the time I was prescribed a new flea and tick medicine for both. Against my inner self screaming "no", I trusted what I was being told about this new pesticide Bravecto.

Less than 24 hours after their first and only dose, my Bearded Collie Duncan let out a piercing scream, collapsed and stopped breathing. My father in law quickly called the vet and drove Duncan to our vet with our adult Autistic son attempting CPR on him per the vets instructions only for it to be in vain. He was pronounced DOA less than 2 minutes after arrival and resuscitation attempts by the vet.

Within 30 hours of both being given their first dose, Trey the Treeing Walker Coonhound let out the same piercing scream twice that Duncan did and after the 2nd piercing scream became limp, unresponsive, extremely shallow breathing and barely had a heartbeat. This all happened around 3 am and we were still in such shock from losing Duncan less than 7 hours before, that we sat there with Trey the rest of the night expecting the worse.

Around 7 he moved a little and we were able to get him up and outside to go to the bathroom before going back to the vet. He shot out diarrhea, and was walking in circles. Some of the other adverse reactions that he suffered through were drinking excessively, lethargic, unresponsive at times and started having general seizures, beginning of blindness/eye changes started about 8 months after dosage and there were many other reactions that occurred with him as well. The vet prescribed prednisone and put him on an

anti diarrheal along with Cephalexin which he was already on. The seizures were minor enough that there was no need for medication.

Both dogs were perfectly healthy and had no major health issues other than fleas prior to their vet visit and being prescribed this pesticide. One dead and one still suffering ill effects a little over a year later. Here are pics of Trey before and after. As you can see his eyes were fine and looked forward in the 1st pic, now his eyes are all askew, pop out and get worse as time goes on as seen in the 2nd pic. He is also going blind and still suffers seizures occasionally which he never had prior... he just turned 4.





I will include a link later to the original post that went viral for those who want to read and share it in an effort to keep this post as short as possible. You can also search Trey in the search bar and see videos of how sick he was, one even showed him right after a seizure. There are 3 videos total of him for those who are interested.

By sharing this link below, it will help to continue to raise awareness and show our solidarity in helping to inform other pet owners. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you during your sadness and grief and for those that continue to be affected. My heartfelt sympathies, as I know only too well.....

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=10153281793905709&id=1298902557 08&comment\_id=10153283684690709&notif\_t=like

Another great way to help increase awareness is to share the heartbreaking video Does Bravecto Kill Dogs?: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ1IPMMoZ6U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ1IPMMoZ6U</a>

And please sign all the petitions and share those as well (links below). Thank you!

https://www.change.org/p/bravecto-flea-tick-treatment-should-be-removed-from-the-market-without-delay

https://www.change.org/p/msd-merck-netherlands-petitie-neem-onmiddellijk-het-giftige-anti-teken-vlooienmiddel-bravecto-uit-de-

handel?recruiter=514282967&utm\_source=share\_petition&utm\_medium=copylink

https://www.change.org/p/msd-merck-co-intervet-international-giftige-anti-zecken-flohmittel-bravecto-sollte-sofort-aus-dem-handel-genommen-werden?recruiter=514282967&utm\_source=share\_for\_starters&utm\_medium=copyLink

All these links from the original viral story, the video, the petitions and of course sharing this group and the stories here are powerful messages. Thank you Susan Wolfe for this group! So SHARE SHARE!

## This was the original post on Facebook group "DOES BRAVECTO KILL DOGS":

**Pet Helpers Inc.** is incredibly saddened to learn of the recent death of one of our adopted dogs. This post is in loving memory of Duncan who was taken to his heavenly home last Thursday. This is from his family........

**Patti Winter** June 3rd, 2015 - My dog "Duncan (Bearded Collie) died almost immediately" after he got the Flea and Tick "medication", and my other dog "Trey" (3 years old) got very sick after he had the same first dose of Bravecto on June 3rd, 2015.

It has been too painful for us to post on his passing. We are still grieving deeply and miss him terribly. He was only 4 years old and died after a visit to the vet. He was put on a new flea chewable that took his life less than 24 hours after taking it.

Our other dog who went to the vet at the same time and was prescribed the same flea chewable almost died on Friday from the same medicine. At this time we are not sure he will still make it as there is no antidote for it and <u>our research has shown that several dogs have</u> died within 30 days due to liver and kidney failure after taking this medication.

Wish we had known this beforehand! Would have never allowed this to be prescribed, let alone given it to our dogs. Never again will we use a chewable flea & tick med! Please Keep Patti Winter and Todd Michael in your prayers. I fostered Duncan 3 yrs ago and he was such a joy.

Please avoid this drug called Bravecto. I know many vets are pushing it and it just isn't safe and there isn't enough info out there yet.

So many people cried and grieved with us over the loss of Pet Helpers alumni Duncan several months ago when he died after taking his first dose of Bravecto. We have been asked many times for updates on the other dog Trey who became seriously ill but we had left it up to the family of Duncan and Trey to share updates as they felt like it. Patti, Duncan and Trey's owner emailed with this update. Unfortunately we have heard of many others that have lost their beloved pets like Hunter who is pictured with Duncan.

Here it is almost 3 months later and Trey is still having problems. The other day he was asleep on the couch and woke up crying out, he then got down started walking funny, was having trouble standing and kept crying out again, then he went outside, was walking like his back legs were weak and was crying out outside as well. This is only one of a number of issues he continues to have and develop after taking Bravecto. We are looking for a new vet that is more open minded and unbiased about drug reactions. I have not spoken to the manufacturer any more as there just doesn't seem to be a point since all they want to do is try to sugar coat, blow smoke and point fingers in every direction except their own.

Unfortunately it has come to light that yet more animals have passed since Duncan's death. We were notified of an awareness group concerning Bravecto that was started after another dog named Hunter passed away earlier this month. His owner has started an awareness page that has a ton of information on it from a veterinarian who talks of the dangers of this drug, actual stories from others who furry family members have died recently and a myriad

of information including links on how to report adverse reactions and deaths. Thanks again for sharing this awareness group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/411371212394679/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/411371212394679/</a>

For all those still interested in Bravecto, I implore you to please check it out. For those of you who have already used it and suspect your dog has had adverse side effects, contracted cancer, had liver and kidney issues or in the worst case your dog died, it is of utmost importance to go to the FB group Does Bravecto Kill Dogs (link above), not only to share your story, but to know that you are not alone and have an avenue for detailed and informative information as well as a support group for those of us who have lost our animals after taking a vet prescribed drug.

If we can save other people's animals, then Duncan and Hunter didn't die in vain. Please share and help make others aware. Thank you again everyone for all the comforting words, support and companionship during this heartbreaking time.



1.Duncan (4 years old, Bearded Collie, male dog)
2.Trey (3 years old, Treeing Walker Coonhound, male dog)

Dose of Bravecto that was given: 1000 mg. 44 - 88 lbs (20 - 40 kg)

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