

Prevention of Rabies Much Safer Than Cure, Health Officials Say

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Rabies is now prevalent among the animal population in the southern part of Los Angeles County, and within this area 122 dogs have contracted the disease during the past few months.

This represents a tragic amount of animal suffering that could have been avoided, for rabies is a disease that can, and must, be prevented by vaccination. There is no cure for it either in dog or man.

Rabies is an animal disease usually transmitted by dogs to other domestic animals, and man. It is generally the dog rather than the cat that spreads the infection since it is the dog that most often comes in contact with the wild animals that are the reservoirs of the disease. Once a dog becomes infected the disorder quickly spreads to others of its kind, and the disease becomes endemic in the entire population as it is among wild animals.

Human Danger Less

The wholesale vaccination of dogs would prevent further spread of canine rabies, and the danger of human rabies would then be lessened to the vanishing point. Since cats have never yet been included in a program of compulsory vaccination and since wild animals cannot be controlled, the disease could never be 100 per cent possible. But, as in those parts of the world where compulsory vaccination has been the practice for some time, cases of either canine or human rabies would be exceedingly rare.

Such a program provides for the impounding of stray, unvaccinated dogs and their destruction or vaccination before release. This procedure also holds true for those dogs whose owners, for some reason or other, do not have them vaccinated. But, for the safety of the more fortunate may suffer the final misfortune of death. Although many of these pitiful creatures are no doubt leading a dog's life in the full sense of the expression, their destruction nevertheless seems a very great pity. Only by compulsory vaccination, however, can rab-

ies in dogs and humans be controlled.

Vaccine Is Safe

Many individuals genuinely fond of their pets, are opposed to vaccination against rabies because of the fear that the vaccine might actually cause the disease rather than prevent it. However, modern scientific research through the years has resulted in a vaccine that is considered as safe as such a product can ever be, and only two cases of rabies have occurred in the approximately three million doses that have been given. In both of these instances, the vaccine was given contrary to the standards established for its safe administration.

One case occurred in a puppy under three months of age, although the vaccine was given when the animal is at so tender an age. The other case occurred in a kitten.

Peculiarly enough, there is some question of the safety of the vaccine when used in cats. There is a decided difference in response to such prophylaxis in these two household pets just as there is in susceptibility to disease. Nor are remedies advised for dogs necessarily recommended for cats and vice versa.

Pasture Shots Dangerous

The truth of the matter is that dog vaccination against rabies is a lot safer than the Pasteur treatment that must be given to the human animal following the bite of an unidentified or rabid dog. In every course of 14 injections that constitutes the standard Pasteur treatment, there is a certain degree of hazard from postvaccinal encephalitis, a disorder that affects the brain and spinal cord causing either disability or death.

In recent weeks a number of health officials in Los Angeles County have passed compulsory dog vaccination laws. These include Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Hawthorne, Covina, West Covina, Claremont, Glendale, South Pasadena, and El Monte have all had such a law for a number of years. Whittier has a modified form of the law that extends only to stray dogs. These must be vaccinated before they are released from the animal shelter.

Shots Recommended

All health authorities recommend that compulsory anti-rabies vaccination of dogs be done for the good of both dogs and man. People have little hesitancy in protecting themselves from many serious illness by vaccination, and it seems no more than ordinarily humane that this form of disease prevention be extended to the animals who serve as their intimate household pets.

Pharmlets describing rabies and its prevention in greater detail will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Hospital Log

(San Pedro Community Hospital)

- PATIENTS ADMITTED AUG. 29**
June M. O'Donnell, 1830 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED AUG. 30**
Sylvester B. Halsey, 6701 Greenwood, Torrance.
Constance Higgins, 1406 246th St., Harbor City.
- BABIES BORN AUG. 30**
To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Higgins, 1406 246th St., Harbor City. Baby girl, 8 lbs. 11 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 2**
Emma T. Longtin, 1305 Helberta Ave., Redondo Beach.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 3**
Edy E. Combs, 1454 W. 21st St., Torrance.
Shirley J. Falco, 2119 Budlong St., Torrance.
Virgil G. Neuberger, 1027 Portola Ave., Torrance.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 3**
To Mr. and Mrs. James J. Pascoe, 2119 Budlong St., Torrance. Baby boy, 9 lbs. 10 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 5**
Gilbert W. Kellaway, 1304 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach.
John Drayton, 212 N. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach.
Juanita McKinnon, 21919 So. Harvard Blvd., Torrance.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 5**
To Mr. and Mrs. Neal E. McKinney, 21919 So. Harvard Blvd., Torrance. Baby girl, 7 lbs. 3 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 6**
Imogene M. Orrill, 438 Sherman Ave., Lomita.
Claira M. Hale, 1864 25th St., Torrance.
Martha E. Munn, 3208 Danah St., Torrance.
Barbara A. Gillette, 2322 Marshall Field, Santa Monica Beach.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 7**
Karen M. Fleetwood, 2637 W. 192nd St., Torrance.
William A. Scanlan, 23116 Doris Way, Torrance.
Wilma N. Thorson, 1529 W. 215th St., Torrance.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 7**
To Mr. and Mrs. E. Gillette, 2322 Marshall Field, Santa Monica Beach. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 5 1/2 oz.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 7**
To Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hale, 1864 25th St., Torrance. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 7**
To Mr. and Mrs. G. Orrell, 2452 Asherman Ave., Lomita. Baby girl, 8 lbs. 10 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 8**
Alan R. Harvey, 1024 W. 227th St., Torrance.
Jacqueline Patrick, 4522 W. 167th St., Torrance.
Stephen Bilski, 25015 Woodward Ave., Lomita.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 8**
To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Patrick, 4522 W. 167th St., Torrance. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 9**
Patrick R. Kester, 694 Asherman Ave., Redondo Beach.
Antonio M. Passerino, 26421 Zephyr St., Harbor City.
Dorothy J. Unmacht, 2741 Grandnery Ave., Torrance.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 11**
Tom Haffner, 2438 S. Ramerco Ave., Torrance.
Bertha H. Graham, 1271 W. Anaheim, Harbor City.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 11**
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Jefferson, 2438 S. Ramerco Ave., Torrance. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 11 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 12**
Vincent C. Strudinskas, 24241 Governor Ave., Harbor City.
Brigida Anaya, 927 W. 256th St., Harbor City.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 12**
To Mr. and Mrs. Luis Anaya, 927 W. 256th St., Harbor City. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.
- PATIENTS ADMITTED SEPT. 13**
Eunice H. Wetts, 1719 W. 247th St., Torrance.
Phyllis L. Kieannan, 813 Calle Miramar.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 13**
To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kieannan, 813 Calle Miramar. Baby boy, 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 13**
To Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Mottolo, 2165 W. 25th St., Lomita. Baby girl, 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.
- BABIES BORN SEPT. 13**
To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Luse, 2245 W. 27th St., Lomita. Baby girl, 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.

Carl Benner Gets Steel Foremanship

Carl C. Benner, of 1421 Post Ave., has been named foreman for electrical maintenance at the Torrance works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division, according to an announcement made by General Superintendent C. C. Morgan.

An employee at the steel firm since July, 1929, Benner has spent the majority of his service in the electrical shop. He is a brother of Fire Chief J. J. Benner.

Benner replaces H. W. Kosoff, who will become foreman of the machine shop. Kosoff will replace A. J. Maskrey, who is retiring, as machine shop foreman. Maskrey has been with the firm for more than 28 years.

Sniper Hits Windshield

A Torrance motorist, Harold Allen Hopper, of 4915 Cadison St., was the victim of a sniper last week as he was driving down Inglewood Ave., near 104th St. He told sheriff's deputies that he was driving down the street when a pellet of some kind hit his windshield, cracking it.

Moose Will Repair Hall

Torrance Lodge 785, Loyal Order of Moose, is planning to refurbish the local hall, 1744 Carson, Sunday in a special "paint" session at 9 a.m. Governor Stanley Heiman asks all members to be present for the re-decorating session. Moscovitan made plans for the California Convention, being held this week in Richmond, and for a bowling team at their Monday night meeting.

Members interested in participating on the bowling team are asked to contact Gordon Lane.



JOHN EBBINGHOUSE
Ebbinghouse Heads City Chest Group

Appointment of John A. Ebbinghouse, plant manager of American Rock Wool Corp., as Community Chest campaigner, division chairman for commerce and industry in Torrance, was announced this week by Mervin Schwab, commerce and industry chairman for the harbor area Red Feather appeal.

Aided by a committee of 12 Torrance businessmen, Ebbinghouse will solicit all industries in the city employing more than 10 and less than 200 people. Red Feather commerce and industry picketer is slated for Sept. 21, with an orientation meeting for all commerce and industry volunteer leadership in the harbor area at 2:30 p.m. at the Pacific Telephone Company, San Pedro. Host will be George Bradbeer, manager of Pacific Telephone in San Pedro and chairman of the Harbor Area Welfare Federation Board, and Dick Pyle, area vice-chairman for the Chest committee and industry appeal, will preside. Speaker will be Frank Lord of the personnel department of Pacific Telephone.

Ebbinghouse, who lives at 4334 Ranch View Road, Rolling Hills, has aided in commerce and industry solicitation during four previous Chest campaigns, serving as a section chairman for the 1954-55 appeal. A director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, he is also a member of the Torrance Rotary Club and served as its president last year.

Mill to Address Accountants

Fred W. Mill, division controller and assistant secretary of National Supply Co., will be the principal speaker at the first dinner meeting tonight of the newly formed Pomona Chapter of National Association of Cost Accountants.

Mill, president of the Long Beach Chapter of NACA, will speak on "Cost Accounting Systems and Objectives," and was instrumental in forming the Pomona group, the 125th such chapter of the national organization to be chartered.

A highly qualified speaker and authority on accounting subjects, Mill has lectured extensively before accounting organizations and civic groups in the Southland. For several years he was general plant controller at the headquarters of National Supply Co. in Pittsburgh. He is immediate past president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Controllers Institute of America.

Larson Due For Hearing

Gerald J. Larson, 22 of Gardena, has been returned to the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail and will face hearing Sept. 30 in Superior Court, Long Beach on charges of cashing bad checks.

He will face a charge brought against him by Compton officials at Long Beach. He started his check cashing spree by purchasing a used car in Compton with a worthless document, Police said.

Larson also cashed bad checks in a number of Southland cities, including Torrance. He was booked recently at the Torrance Police Station when local authorities said he had cashed more than \$5000 in bad checks in the area.

Woman Beats Check Rap

A Hermosa woman, who was charged with passing bad checks in Torrance recently, received dismissal of her case Monday in South Bay Municipal Court, while her accomplice pleaded guilty to one count forgery.

Charges against Carol Ann McGlynn, 21, were dismissed by Judge Otto B. Willett. She had been accused of cashing two stolen checks here on Aug. 16.

POLIO RECOGNIZED

It is believed that poliomyelitis was first described by a Londond physician in 1784.

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Census Bureau Reports 900,000 New Households Started in Year

The Census Bureau has just reported that 900,000 new households were formed in the United States in the 12 months ended last April 30. But, as the Bureau itself hastened to add in the release that carried the news, the number of really new households wasn't that large. The figure was inflated by the fact that a lot of old households were just sorting themselves out.

The new-household figure was 50 per cent larger than the previous year's reported rise, and nearly 100,000 greater than the average for the first four years of this decade. Yet it is far below the 1,525,000-a-year average of the "undoubling" years right after World War II ended.

The significance of the report must be found in economics, rather than in population figures. A household, to the Census Bureau, is a set of related people who occupy one dwelling unit. One third of last year's 900,000 new households, for example, are recorded as headed by women. Those, in

most cases, are simply families headed by widows or divorcees who had been living with relatives to save expenses. Now they have better jobs—or the children find jobs, in these full-employment days—and they move out and set up their own households.

Married couples living with relatives have also dipped to a record low of 3.5 per cent. This figure has been falling steadily since 1947.

All in all, it looks as if worry over the vast supply of new housing were premature, as long as incomes hold up at present levels.

TOYS AS TOOLS—A team of experts who play in a huge, secret toy room speed production of some of America's top fighting planes.

At Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., problems of machine location and the flow of airplane parts and sub-assemblies are worked out in the plant layout department, a \$80,000 three-dimensional miniature of the 550-acre plant.

Fifty thousand tiny models of everything from X-ray equipment in company hospitals to 65-foot-long milling machines represent the 1,250,000 square feet of plant space. A quarter-inch represents one foot. The 43-foot-4 inch Funderburk, holder of the transcontinental speed record of 652 miles an hour, scales down to 10 1/4 inches in length.

The models are planning tools. George B. Estes, chief industrial engineer at Republic and past president of the Society for the Advancement of Management, says 20 per cent of maintenance costs in aviation manufacturing stem from rearrangement accompanying necessary changes in engineering and production. It's cheaper to pre-check rearrangement with the toys.

THINGS TO COME—A purse consisting of a plastic pocket and a permanent magnet holds coins for the motorist passing through a series of toll stations... A do-it-yourself captain's stool can be had for five dollars less than the same piece of furniture assembled as a toy tool kit, suggested... A premium, has six tools made of plastic and steel... Back-up lights, provided on many automobiles, may now be reinforced by back-up buzzers which make an angry noise when the car reverses direction.

PROGRESS IN PIGS—Wilson and Co., one of the Big Four packers, announces it will stop hog laughter in Chicago, and abandon 28 acres of its 42-acre plant on that city's South Side. The unfortunate porkers will meet their fate closer to their home pastures hereafter. This is a major visible step in a revolution that has been going on unseen for several years. Advances in refrigerated transport, the motor age on the farm which gave local plants expanded gathering areas for live-stock, and the lessened disparity between spring and fall pig crops, all called for dispersed processing. Chicago, of necessity, will remain the chief gathering and storage place for cuts of pork and beef after initial handling.

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