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## Re the Virbac Disease WatchDog - Urgent request for information

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To: mark.kelman@virbac

Dr Kelman

Re your response below....

I have some further questions.

In your article published in *The Veterinarian* in August 2010, you note that 803 cases of Canine Parvovirus were reported since January 2010. **Question: *What was the actual reporting period for these cases, i.e. from January 2010 to when precisely?***

Your article didn't mention any outcomes for the puppies/dogs. **Question: *Are you able to give me figures on recoveries, death from disease / euthanasia for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated puppies/dogs?*** (Given the seriousness of this matter as it pertains to prevalent/current vaccination practice, it is important that this information is available now, rather than years down the track after publication. Likewise, it is important to know if it was verified that the animals were infected with parvovirus, and the means of verification.)

**Question: *In the case of the vaccinated puppies/dogs, was the commercial brand of the vaccines used recorded in the Disease WatchDog database?***

As you know, I attended the ASAVA conference in Hobart last year, specifically for the sessions on vaccination held on Friday 20 August.

While I remember Michael Day making a fleeting reference to the Virbac Disease WatchDog, I do not recall data from the Disease WatchDog being discussed in any detail during the conference sessions that day. **Question: *Am I correct in that recollection?***

**Question: *Was the data you discuss in your article in The Veterinarian (August 2010) raised with people such as Michael Day, Allen Bryce of the APVMA, representatives of the AVA / ASAVA etc, during the conference or subsequently? (I presume the August issue of The Veterinarian had actually been published by the time of the conference?)***

**I would appreciate your urgent response to these questions.**

Yours sincerely  
Elizabeth Hart

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