

Paraplegia treated with homeopathy drug

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Paraplegia is referred to as a sequel to injury to the spinal cord. It is caused due to fracture or dislocation of spinal cord (J.J.O'Connor 1985).

Case history and observation

A crossed breed dog {German-shepherd X Local}, aged about 5 yrs, weighing 30 kg was brought to "Teaching Veterinary clinical Service Complex, Nagpur." With history of unable to stand from last 2 months and was treated with private clinician. Clinical investigation revealed that the body temp was 103.40 f, and loss of sensation of hind limb which was assessed by pricking the needle on both the hind limb.

Treatment:- Inj.oxytetracycline @ 10-20mg/kg bw.was given intravenously for 4 days, inj Neurobion 1ml intramuscularly for 7 days and inj. Prednisolone @ 0.25-0.5 mg/kg b.wt intramuscularly on alternate days.

The dog showed slight improved but could not bear the weight, due to which the treatment was changed and shifted towards homeopathy treatment. The scheduled of which was as under.

Arnica 30x. 5 to 8 globules twice in a day for 4 days. Followed by Lathyrus 30x. 5 to 8 globules daily for a period of one month. Weekly examination of dog was carried out. On 1st week, the dog showed slightly improved.

On 2nd week, the dog was able to bear weight with support. After 3rd week, the dog was able to stand without support. After 5th week, the dog was able to walk with support, and 6th week, the dog was able to walk without support.

Discussion

Arnica is especially suited to cases when any injury, however remote, seems to have caused the presence of trouble. After traumatic injuries, overuse of any organ, stains. Arnica is disposed to cerebral congestion. Arnica act best in plethoric, fleebly in debilitated with impoverished blood, cardiac dropsy with dyspnoea. Limbs and body aches as if beaten, joints as if sprained. Neuralgias originating in disturbances of pneumo-gastric. Rheumatism of muscular and tendinous tissue, especially of back and shoulders. (William Boericke 1998).

Lathyrus affect the lateral and anterior column of the cord. Reflexes always increased. Paralysis affection of lower extremities, spasticparalysis, lateral sclerosis, Beri-Beri, Athetosis, Infantile paralysis. Wasting, heaviness, slow recovery of nervous power. Sleepy, worse cold and cold feed. Cannot extend or cross leg when sitting. Mylites, with marked spastic symptoms. Rheumaticparalysis(WilliamBoericke 1998).

In this case of paraplegia with arnica first and then lathyrus for one month showed preciable result.

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