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PUBLIC HEALTH

Relation Seen Between Dog Distemper, Measles

HUMANS may be responsible for some outbreaks of distemper, a serious disease of dogs, and the canines may be equally responsible for some measles epidemics.

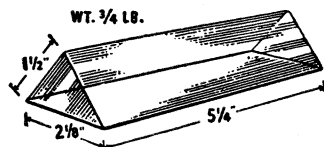
This is suggested by veterinarian Dr. J. W. Skaggs of the Kentucky State Department of Health. Both diseases cause similar symptoms: fever, cough, eye inflammation and, less frequently in dogs, a skin rash. In addition, the viruses that cause measles and distemper are closely related antigenically, Dr. Skaggs reports. in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* (Vol 136, No. 1, Jan. 1).

It has already been shown that injecting a dog with the measles virus results in the animal's coming down with a "typical" case of distemper. There have been no reports that canine distemper virus will infect man, however.

There is some evidence, Dr. Skaggs said, that weakened canine distemper vaccine is an effective immunizing agent against human measles. Carefully controlled laboratory and field investigations are needed to determine whether chicken embryo-attenuated distemper vaccine is really effective and practical.

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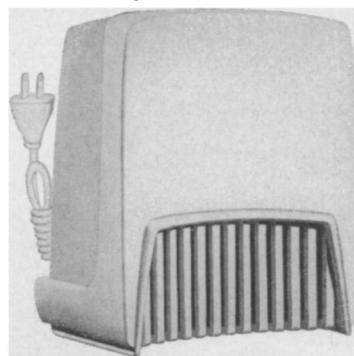
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