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My collie dog has a hard lump the size of a bowl in the skin of his right shoulder. Is there any danger of it causing death, and is it dangerous to have him around?

A. W.

Ans.—This is a tumor. It is not contagious or dangerous to people. It should be carefully dissected out, the wound stitched, and the dog muzzled to prevent him biting it, and it should be dressed three times daily until healed, with a five-per-cent. solution of creolin in water.

V.

MAMMITIS IN EWE.

There is a lump at the base of ewe's teat, and the half of the mammary was swollen. She had three lambs. I could get no milk out of the teat, so I forced a quill up through the lump. Then I could get blood, and sometimes a little milk mixed with blood.

C. S.

Ans.—This is a serious case, and will probably prove fatal. The introduction of quills, knitting-needles, etc., into teats, is usually followed by serious complications. An operation of this nature can be performed with reasonable safety only by a veterinarian who has the proper instruments and observes the necessary antiseptic precautions. Apply heat to the part, either by poulticing or frequent and long bathing with hot water. Rub the mammary well four or five times daily with camphorated oil, and draw the fluid out of the teat frequently. If the passage closes again, get your veterinarian to operate, or get a teat syphon; boil it, and then insert it.

V.

SWEENEY.

Colt, in jumping wire fence, got her foot caught, and went lame for a while, the foot being brought forward with a rotary motion. The lameness has disappeared, but the muscles of the shoulder are shrunken. Will it be wise to work her?

M. C. M.

Ans.—She is sweeneyed, and should not be worked, especially on soft or uneven ground, until the muscles of the shoulder have regained their normal size. Recovery is slow. Get a blister made of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts. Tie so that she cannot bite them. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third day apply sweet oil. Turn loose in a box stall now, and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, tie up and blister again, and, after this, blister once every month until cured.

V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Horse has been troubled with scratches for a few years. He now knuckles in hind fetlocks.

2. Horse had off fore coronet trampled on several times by his mate. There is now a ridge around the coronet, and he frequently goes lame, and points the foot when standing.

3. Mare is blind from cataract in one eye. Her yearling foal has discharged fluid from one eye several times during the fall and winter.

W. S. M.

Ans.—1. The knuckling is not due to the scratches. Some horses are predisposed to scratches, and require very careful feeding and regular exercise in order to prevent them. The knuckling is due to a weakness of the joint, and treatment consists in rest, and blistering all around the joint repeatedly. If he still has scratches, purge with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Apply hot linseed-meal poultices to the legs for three days and nights, and then keep dry and apply three times daily a lotion made of 1 ounce each sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead to a pint of water.

2. The growth and enlargement indicate ringbone. You had better get your veterinarian to fire and blister it.

3. The foal inherited the predisposition to ophthalmia from its dam, and it is probable it will also go blind from cataract. Nothing can be done to prevent the attacks. Treat each attack by keeping excluded from drafts and sunshine, bathing the eyes three times daily with hot water, and putting into each, after bathing, a lot of drops of 10 grains atropia to 2 ounces of distilled water.

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