

I've bred Dobermans for over 30 years; but I say 'smart' for 20. That was when I met Dr. Al Plechner; he was treating a friend's blue Doberman for an immune system deficiency.



While I did want to breed a quality show dog, I was more driven to improve the health of my line of Dobermans. I wanted to know more about developing a strong, solid, healthy dog, so I made my first appointment. Dr. Plechner was generous with his time in explaining the Endocrine Immune System blood panel he had developed, the reason for testing, and how dogs' and cats' health could be improved. I was excited to learn of the opportunity to make a difference!

I began a testing program on my breeding dogs, using his E.I. panel. Dr. Plechner was screening my dogs for the best test results to use for foundation breeding stock. Along with that, each dog was x-rayed for hip dysplasia and cervical vertebrae instability. Using a critical eye, a Radiologist in the office made sure dogs were clear of both conditions. Dogs that did not pass these first physical tests, were spayed or neutered and placed in pet homes. Prior to meeting Dr Plechner, each of my dogs had already been tested for von Willebrands to be sure they were not affected by the bleeding disorder.

After adults were tested, pairs for breeding were selected by Dr. Plechner based on their test results, from there I selected on their conformation compatibility. It was exciting to do the E.I. panel on a whole litter! Follow up tests were done on several pups in the litter as they matured, and they were good...things were looking up! These were large, healthy pups, and the E. I. panels done over several months showed great improvement over the first dogs we had tested.

Several health issues were eliminated quickly; such as demodectic mange, chronic ear infections and low response to vaccines. I was excited and confident in a positive outcome for my line.

Over the years with continued testing of every dog I bred, not only were my pups and adults more healthy, but their size increased as well. This was a plus I hadn't searched for, but which I attribute to breeding healthy dogs to healthy dogs! It was so very rewarding when people exclaimed how different my puppies were than those they had just seen! (In fact I learned to encourage people to see others first!)

I would occasionally become disenchanted because an owner would have a medical problem show up in a dog, I wanted perfection! Dr. Plechner would remind me

nothing is 100% in medicine...AND, that environment, food, treats, etc. can affect an animal's immune system, and I had no control over those things in a dog's life.

I am proud to say that because of this testing, the first Champion with perfect E.I. test results, a perfect neck, and hips, all in one package, was produced. He had no health problems during his life; but due to an inoperable growth on his spine had to be put down at 10 1/2 years of age, which is still a good age for a male Doberman.



Over the years, Dr. Plechner using his treatment protocol, has saved numerous Dobermans after their owner's own veterinarians were stumped or had given up on saving the dog.

Let me share some of their stories:

An owner called to tell me her precious pet had been stung by something. Her face had swollen to double its normal size, and her vet had put in a drain, he had her on antibiotics, but after three days, nothing was working, and she continued to fail. It looked like she would have to put her down. I told her she must call Dr. Plechner immediately, and to plan to take her into his office...which she did. When I called to check on her dog the next day, Dr. Plechner told me she had been at death's door, but was responding well and should be fine...she was.

Another owner called describing how sick his Dobie was, and that his vet said she was suffering from liver failure, a genetic problem. Because none of my dogs had ever experienced liver failure, and because of the testing I had done over the years, I was confident it was not genetic. I strongly suggested he take his dog to Dr. Plechner because I was sure he could help. He took her in and Dr. Plechner saved another precious pet with his 'unique' treatment protocol!

A few years later when the owner of a six-year old male called to say her dog had liver failure, and again that her veterinarian was unable to do anything more, I told her she should take him to Dr. Plechner, that he had previously saved a female with apparently the same condition. She did take him in, and again Dr. Plechner using his treatment protocol, turned him around. However, her vet then said, the dog just had a liver infection...so, he was taken

off the treatment protocol, and was again put on just antibiotics. Sadly, within a short time she called to say the dog had relapsed and died.



Last, but not least, my own story! I noticed one of my Dobies was starting to walk 'different'. I took her to my local veterinarian who x-rayed her neck and said it looked like an accordion, and that she must have run into something. I took her to my animal chiropractor and she did two major adjustments under sedation. But, my sweet 6 yr old Doberman continued to deteriorate, stumbling and falling, and approaching the point she would need to be euthanized, even though new x-rays showed her neck was now 100% in alignment! I finally decided to take her in for evaluation by Dr. Plechner. After all these years of exposure to his treatment, and I hadn't considered it an immune system issue, I just considered it an injury! He explained that her body was not healing itself, did an E.I. panel, and put her on his treatment protocol...in just under two weeks I saw improvement, and by the end of the third week, she was totally normal and running all over our property again!

On two occasions I have faxed copies of pertinent pages from Dr. Plechner's book "Pets at Risk" to the veterinarians who were attempting to treat owners' dogs. Not once, that I am aware of, did they even consider trying the protocol, and neither was saved.

I cannot understand the mentality of the majority of veterinarians in this country today! There are so few willing to try Dr. Plechner's protocol, it is said to be 'out of the mainstream'! Right...but, if mainstream isn't working, why not try something that has?

Amazingly, I cannot even get a veterinarian to do the E.I. panel on my dogs, let alone use Dr. Plechner's protocol. While many are aware of the treatment protocol, they don't seem to want to get involved; or, they don't want to take the time, perhaps, to find out how successful it can be! I just can't comprehend the lack of interest in something that has been shown to work.

In the years of seeing Dr. Plechner work with a wide range of dog health issues, and after the success I have witnessed, I totally believe in his program. In fact, I have often told him I would put myself on his program if it were available.

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