

Too Much Medication?

Dogs in America are treated like children. They are given medicine for all sorts of ailments. From heartworm and flea drugs to medication for stomach aches, to reduce weight, and for everything in between. There are good and bad sides to the number of drugs available for us to give our pets. Most are prescribed by a vet who may or may not know the risks involved in giving these drugs. Since there were 40 drugs released for use in veterinary medicine alone last year, how many of our pets doctors are keeping up with the advances and risks these drugs can have? Being careful to make sure that your pet is getting the help they need to age gracefully is one thing, giving them medicine that a vet prescribes because the vet said it was a good idea might be another. After all, wouldn't it be better to take your overweight dog for a walk or put them on the treadmill rather than spending \$2.00 or more for doggy diet pills?

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