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# Three Types

- Type 1: Silent Disorders
- Type 2: Acute Metabolic Crises
- Type 3: Neurological Deterioration

# Biotoxins

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- Botulism
- Bufo toads
- Mycotoxins
- Venomous Reptiles

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# Bufo Toads

- *Bufo marinus* & *Bufo alvarius*
- Florida and Colorado River Toad
- Neurotoxic and cardiotoxic
- Bufagins, bufotoxins, bufotenines which all have digitalis like effects on the heart
- Monitor for arrhythmias
- Propranolol, maintain airway, pentobarbital, monitor EKG

# Mycotoxins

- Secondary fungal metabolites

- Aflatoxins
- Deoxynivalenol (DON or vomitoxin)
- Ergot alkaloids
- Fumonisin
- Penitrem A
- Zearalenone

# Aflatoxins

- from *Aspergillus flavus* & *Aspergillus parasiticus*
- Grow on corn, cotton seed, peanuts
- Black light test detects kojic acid (screening test)
- Limits in feed higher for meat than dairy animals
- Sensitivity order (most to least): ducklings, fish, dogs, pigs, cattle, sheep, chickens

# Aflatoxins

- Potent hepatotoxins and hepatocarcinogens (alter DNA template)
- Liver, hematopoietic and immunologic effects
- Ammoniation of feed has reduced aflatoxin levels
- Keep stored grains dry and cool

# Ergot Alkaloids

- Ergotamine, Ergocristine, Ergonovine
- produced by the fungus *Claviceps* spp.
- *Claviceps purpurea* most common in the midwest on rye, wheat, barley, oats and several grasses (brome, timothy, quack)
- Gangrenous ergotism & tissue sloughing from prolonged contraction of smooth muscle (vasoconstriction)
- Also decreased milk production (inhibition of prolactin due to dopaminergic action)
- LSD like effects may also be seen (nervous signs)

# Fumonisin

- Trichothecene mycotoxins produced by *Fusarium* spp..  
Main one is Fumonisin B1 from *Fusarium moniliforme*
- Fumonisin B1 responsible for Equine  
Leukoencephalomalacia (ELEM) or “moldy corn poisoning”  
with resultant CNS signs
- May see pulmonary, hepatic and renal syndromes with these  
toxicants when cattle, swine or sheep are poisoned

# Drugs

- Acetaminophen
- Ivermectins
- Marijuana
- Nonsteroidal Antiinflammatory Drugs

# Acetaminophen

- NEVER use in cats, cats lack glucuronyl transferase required for conjugation
- Depletes glutathione, and when glutathione is used up, acetaminophen binds to cellular macromolecules
- Signs include: facial and/or paw edema, cyanosis, methemoglobinemia, vomiting, depression. Dogs have shown centrilobular hepatic necrosis in 24 hr
- Treatment: aggressive decontamination, (Mucomyst) N-acetylcysteine and ascorbic acid



# Ivermectins

- Collies are most susceptible to toxicosis as well as chelonians (red-footed tortoise)
- Potentiate GABA by increasing release of GABA, enhancement of GABA binding and direct GABA agonistic effects. Increase Cl conduction through Cl channels
- Signs: severe depression to coma
- Treatment: AC is key as Ivermectin is eliminated in feces, physostigmine has been used to reverse the CNS depression for a limited time

# Marijuana (*Cannabis sativa*)

- THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is the pharmacologically active resin
- CNS depressant with resultant C.S.
- Prolonged depression (18-36 hr in dogs)
- Antiemetic properties may prevent decontamination by emesis
- Activated charcoal and a saline cathartic

# Aspirin

- Aspirin and salicylates decrease aggregation of platelets and prostaglandin synthesis
- Initial respiratory ALKALOSIS with subsequent metabolic ACIDOSIS
- Gastric ulcers with hematemesis, vomiting, dehydration, depression, convulsions, hemorrhage
- Treatment: fluids, “bicarb”, transfusions, sucralfate (carafate), cimetidine (tagamet)

## Carbohydrate (Grain) Overload

- Highly fermentable CHO feeds (finely ground grains, brewers' grains, green corn, sweet corn, bakery bread, apples, sugar beets)
- Gram + *Streptococcus* and *Lactobacillus* become predominant with large quantities of lactic acid being produced

# Carbohydrate (Grain) Overload

- Fluids move into rumen and GI (diarrhea), death of “good” bacteria, pH drop with rumen stasis (severe when pH drops to 4 or 5)
- Blood pH also falls, urine becomes acidic (lactate)
- If animal lives, watch for bacterial or mycotic rumenitis, rumen parakeratosis, liver abscesses, bloat, laminitis

# Cyanide or Prussic Acid (HCN)

- *Prunus* spp. cherry, plum, peach
- *Sorghum* spp. sorghum & *Triglochin* arrowgrass
- Cyanide accumulates in leaves and seeds of plants
- Reacts with Fe<sup>+++</sup> (ferric) of cytochrome oxidase preventing it from converting to Fe<sup>++</sup> (ferrous) form so that electron transport and cellular respiration are halted

# Cyanide or Prussic Acid (HCN)

- Rumen contents smell like “bitter almonds”
- Field test of forage for cyanide is called “Picrate test”
- Treatment (1) induce methemoglobinemia ( $\text{Fe}^{+++}$ ) with sodium nitrite so that cyanide ion will bind and reduce the amount available to cytochrome oxidase (cyanmethemoglobin). (2) Sodium thiosulfate reacts with cyanmethemoglobin to form hydrogen thiocyanate which is excreted in the urine (rate limiting enzyme is rhodanase)

# Garbage Ingestion

- Hazard due to bacterial overgrowth or spoilage of food
- *Streptococcus* spp., *Salmonella* spp., *Bacillus* spp., also endotoxins from Gram -
- Treatment: limit absorption (activated charcoal), combat fluid and electrolyte imbalances, fight shock and secondary pancreatic hypoperfusion, control bacterial proliferation and septicemia



# Ammonia

- Found in enclosed animal facilities where ventilation is poor and feces and other wastes are allowed to accumulate and decompose on a solid floor
- Highly water soluble so tends to go into aqueous layer of the surface of the eye and upper airways resulting in irritation
- Keratoconjunctivitis, corneal opacity and tracheitis. Also more resp. tract infections

# Carbon Monoxide

- Lighter than air, formed from incomplete combustion of petroleum (heaters in confinement facilities)
- CO prevents oxygen bound to Hb from being released to the tissues (blood appears cherry red)
- Treatment is hyperbaric oxygen

# Peripartum Ammonia Intoxication

- Ammonia in peripheral blood doubles when liver triglyceride concentrations increased during the postpartum (*Zhu 2000*)
- Early lactation cows also consume more total and ruminally degradable protein than do prepartum cows

# Ammonia toxicity

- Affects intermediary metabolism
- Decreases the ability of hepatocytes to synthesize glucose
- Increases the incidence of metabolic disorders
- Reduces milk production
- Affects eggs and embryos and impairs reproductive performance