CIRCLING DISEASE IN SHEEP AND GOAT

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In November 92,there was sudden appearance of circling disease in sheep and goat at Govt sheep breeding farm,Ambajogai and round about villages.The sheep affected gave following symptomatology.

1. Staggering while walking.
2. Excitement.
3. Restlessness.
4. Trembling and occasionally convulsive jerking.
5. Death in the course of 3 to 4 days.

This disease did not respond well to orthodox veterinary line of treatment.In the local language this disease was called as "Adhaokar" and the veterinary scientist diagnosed it to be a variety of Viral encephalitis.within one week almost 500 animal population was affected.

The atmospheric condition of those days were very much peucullar.There had been a stormy and cloudy weather with cyclone in south eastern India.More over the paralysis was invariably on left side in each affected animal.This gave us clue to the selection of Rhus tox as most similar remedy proved on human being.Rhus tox 30 was given four hourly with water to the affected animal.Initially it was given to four affected goats with remarkable success.After the successful treatment of these cases,we administered the medicine to every affected animal without going into details of individual peculiarities.In other words we advised this prescription as "Genus Epidemicus". This course of homoeopathic medicine did a commendable job in curing this disease. Rhus tox 30 did wonderful job in preventing this disease as it was given to whole flocks of healthy animals.

Mean while the Veterinary hospital of the town was following the orthodox line of treatment as follows-

1. Phenothiazin 10 gms/sheep/goat
2. Tetracyclines injections.
3. Glucose intravenous.
4. Calcium with Vitamin C & B Complex.
5. Tranquilizers were used in few cases.

This line of treatment could not control the mortality.

After realising the success of homoeopathic treatment even the Veterinary Hospital started dispensing Rhus tox 30 as curative as well as preventive medicine with nothing but success.

The cost of Homoeopathic treatment was almost 1% of the routine veterinary treatment.

AUTHOR'S COMMENTS:-

First few cases when studied deeply gave the symptomatology very similar to that of proving of Rhus tox in healthy human beings. On the basis of symptom similarity this drug was identified as most the suitable drug. It has to be noted that in other incidences other drugs like Dulcamara, Phosphorous, Caust-icum, Gelsemium might be indicated and work equally well as Genus epidemicus in those circumstances. The animals are most susceptible to our homoeopathic drugs as they live in most natural conditions.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS-

Dr M. R. Pachegaonkars results of homoeopathic medicines in his veterinary practice has been phenomenal.Its a pity that Government agencies don't seem to take notice of his results.

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