I’ve just come across a really interesting piece of work by a French researcher called Montagnier¹. He and his co-workers found that some bacterial DNA sequences are able to induce electromagnetic waves at high aqueous dilutions. At ‘dilutions’ as high as 18x (10¹⁸), they found that there were recognisable signals detectable. Agitation of the preparations (succussion in homeopathic language) was found to be essential to the dilution process. The signals were obliterated by heating and freezing the solutions. Although homeopathy is not mentioned in the article, I thought this was pretty interesting research. Luc Montagnier is no backwater crackpot. He co-discovered a virus you may have heard of – HIV. And got a Nobel Prize for it in 2008.

This turned my mind to the incredible scepticism there is towards homeopathy. I often say to people that, in a way, I wish I’d never found it; my life would be so much simpler and I’d probably be a whole lot (monetarily) richer. But I did, and I’m incredibly grateful that I did. But I still have to deal, daily, with articles in the press, reports on the BBC, and jibes from conventional colleagues at conferences. So the Montagnier paper, among others published recently², may be the first chink of light in the midst of the midge season. He’s been fine ever since.

Another lovely example of homeopathy saving the day was with Anja, a nervous 18 month-old Vizsla bitch. She hadn’t had her first season, unlike her four other sisters and her mum who’d all come into season aged ten months or so. Since this sororal pheromone storm she’d been “not quite herself”, jumpy, hysterical and suspicious. Her vet had diagnosed “low progesterone”. He’d spoken to a specialist at Bristol University who predicted she’d never come into season, therefore. Her owner was not to be so lightly discouraged and gave me a ring. Having had a few years prescribing by this time I knew that homeopathy is fantastic for any hormonal condition*. Cushing’s disease, hormonal alopecia and old age incontinence I’d seen all clear up beautifully, so I was keen to work on Anja.

We prescribed Nat mur as a constitutional for her in a 1M potency. I also used Folliculinum and Progesterone at a 30c potency for a more local, or pathological, prescription. I’ll often do this – treat the whole animal and support a particular organ or system at the same time. It seems to work for hormones, but also for liver, kidney or skin problems, to give just a few examples. Within two weeks, she became a little puffy around the vulva, a sure sign that something was happening. We thought this was it, but she calmed again.

What told me that we were definitely going in the right direction was that she was happier in her own skin; less jumpy with people entering the house and not sleeping in a tiny ball – content to lounge like a normal sleeping dog. She became clingier and began to worsen after her weekly Nat mur dose, so we switched to Pulsatilla. Within a month she had her first season, normalised her behaviour and melded with the pack again. That was in February 2007. She’s been fine since without any remedies.

A final example I have to tell you about is Zephyr. He’s a four year-old Occicat – looks a bit like a fawn tabby Burmese, if you like. He was being bullied by his brother – the other cat in the house. His response, being a rather passive and malleable sort of chap, was to internalise his frustration and resent-

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What is really interesting about this case, and his owner only told me this after we’d been consulting for a few months, is that she had been putting a drop of the liquid remedy on her finger to dose him every time and her sense of smell had returned. She’d lost it about 15 years previously when she was working in a very stressful office environment that she hated, or “resented” you could say...

There we go – another three cases to add to the mountain range of anecdotes of homeopathic miracles. No doubt the sceptics will sneer at these as well. Homeopathy is placebo, after all, isn’t it?

*Specialist advice should always be sought from a vet trained in homeopathy in cases of chronic or complicated conditions.

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