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One of Veterinary medicine's main roles is to help reduce and eliminate disease. Promoting *wellness* does this most efficiently. States of higher wellness are by nature more finely tuned to both the internal and external environments that life finds itself in. This enhanced sensitivity to change is the underlying basis for the maintenance of health and reduction of disease. Healing through wellness allows for greater expression of life through its genetic code. In helping to bring greater health and well being through healing and health practices, Veterinary Medicine can be a powerful framework from which the nature of health and its many implications can spread.

Education, service and healing form the bulk of effective, loving, true medicine; for this triad provides nourishment to the mind as well as the heart; allowing for greater dynamism, balance and receptivity of the organism as a whole. Physical substance no matter how crude or refined is only a partial vehicle for the life giving flow that is healing.

Giving an appropriate remedy, in the context of an understanding of disease, is only part of healing. Sharing information on enhancing wellness helps set the stage for further growth. Providing answers to questions asked by the clients from the perspective of health and this sharing of wellness lays the groundwork for further healing. The client/patient and doctor relationship is the delivery system that provides what is wanted from a place where it is overflowing. No drug, remedy or potion can replace this relationship. When the doctor (physician or veterinarian) empowers the "medicine" as the healer and denies his or her own role as part of the delivery system, then the effectiveness of the medicine is impaired.

When the doctor reduces himself to a mere salesman of goods (medicine), no longer including himself in the eternal flow of healing, he dis-empowers himself as a healer and as a healthy human. This self-alienation is the basis for attracting dis-ease.

Veterinary medicine delivered as such is no better than retail sales (which is fine if you are a retailer but not a doctor); devoid of the magic of compassion and sharing that is healing at its finest. Success in flowing healing (while prescribing medicines or whatever) helps give rise to success in other areas of life as well. It is seeing the health in ourselves, sharing it daily in the context of healing and watching it grow around us that reminds us of living at its best.

By removing ourselves from the flow of healing, by empowering the medicine and forgetting our role in the delivery system, we cut off the flow of life itself. Without this flow our daily work will seem overwhelmingly burdensome, a never ending battle of resisting wave after wave of unending disease, seemingly doing little, for which we are compensated for by a pay check. This

kind of repetition can only enhance disease in the world; not to mention reducing our effectiveness as veterinarians.

When the physical substance (gross, essence or quintessence) is seen as the only balancing agent in the pursuit of greater health the doctor has removed the predominant health giving force. This makes health care impotent; not much better than a system that pushes disease from one system of the body to another while every specialist claims "Cure".

Scientific/objective research attempts to remove the practitioner from the scenario of healing by only allowing a framework that takes into account physical substance. An almost total intellectual perspective and lots of commercial money drive the current type of research. This is fine if what is sought is a specialist's panacea; and there are many, for if disease is defined narrowly, within that narrow definition cure will readily be found again and again. Keeping the scope of investigation within the physical framework keeps the illusion of cure very much alive.

Tremendous outpourings of new medications for disease abeyance, cure and prevention have been the trend in the last decade within the Veterinary profession. This is a wonderful time to be actively engaged in attempting to enhance wellness and reduce disease. As these new drugs, potions and remedies hit the marketplace it can be overwhelming to try to integrate not only the nature of the physical product, but create a mental framework and understanding to go along with it in the context of a particular disease.

Healing flows through us as individuals in relationships. Remembering this will allow the ever-important intuitive aspect of our endeavors to mature and strengthen. Medicine is art as well as science and it is this same balance of activity that breathes life into existence.

Functioning deliberately in this manner we know that we are not merely surviving, but progressing in our own evolution both for others and ourselves. Our richest resource is our ability to flow creativity and healing into the world. Veterinary Medicine provides a wonderful platform for this activity that imbibes the very essence of life itself.