

For years in conventional medicine I felt handicapped with a dread of heart disease. When it was diagnosed you knew the future. It was just when, how soon, and where would the fluid accumulate. The only question was can we make the inevitable last days more comfortable?

It was not until I studied more nutrition and started practicing holistic medicine that I began to do more than just slow down the fluid accumulation. I found that often because of a lack of nutrients due to shortages either in the food or the pet's inability to digest and absorb it the heart was not able to function optimally. Finding these shortages and correcting them is essential to healing. Supplements to repair, conserve energy, and make the heart more efficient are prescribed. Allergies to food sources are eliminated and inflammation brought under control. Homotoxicology compounds that aid the heart to repair and control excessive blood pressure are used as the body reprograms itself to redo its ever-working pump.

Many large breed dogs have heart issues. Great Danes especially are known for having cardiomyopathy. In my own experience with my young son's new puppy, a South African Boerboel, I had noticed on exercise that he was tiring quicker than I thought a healthy puppy should. Within a few weeks of that observation I got a call from his breeder warning me that he had two half brothers drop dead from cardiomyopathy at less than a year of age. I did applied kinesiology on him with some amino acid supplements that I had researched and was using at the clinic in heart failure. He liked all of the supplements, which we then added to his diet. Within a few weeks he was bouncing, running and chasing cows like a maniac. The breeder now recommends these supplements for all of her puppies.