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Relief for dog owners as freak discovery reveals the existence of a natural antidote to the bacterium *capnocytophaga*

Perhaps a subtle symbiosis between cat and dog may yet be found- zoo-keepers, however, remain sceptical

Sumatran wolf-hound owner revived

Olnio Matatango, the owner of a Sumatran wolf-hound who was accidentally bitten by his own dog whilst attempting to disengage her from an internecine squabble with a member of her own litter, had been critically ill in hospital for three days with an infection caused by the bacterium *capnocytophaga*, which has caused problems for dog owners throughout Indonesia for several decades. Remarkably, the man began to make a rapid recovery when the dog was brought to visit him at his bedside at the Umbaji Hospital, Djakarta.

“The dog rushed towards him and licked the wound. We were very worried, particularly since the dog has been licking the cat’s bottom a lot since the incident,” explained his wife, Laura Matatango.

“Yet therein lay the antidote!” bacteriologist Jababa Bingo-Crikey revealed. “It appears that by licking the cat’s bottom, Joby the Sumatran wolf-hound had exposed herself, we think deliberately, to the naturally occurring antibiotic *catniporectum turdiflorum contracytophagum*, which is predominantly found in the area around a cat’s bottom that most often appears to be the focal point of a dog’s curiosity. We now think that dogs are aware of the unexpected beneficial properties of this antigen

and that this explains their behaviour.

We therefore urge all dog owners also to keep a cat!” he added.



“I told you I had a use!”, said the cat with the smelliest farts in the northern hemisphere.