

Gastric ulcerations

2. CLINICAL APPROACH

- Dramatic cases are rare
- Unexplained vomiting
- Blood in the vomitus
- Sudden death

Gastric ulcers in racing sled dogs

- [Studies conducted during Iditarod 2000 and 2001](#)
[Davis, Oklahoma State University]

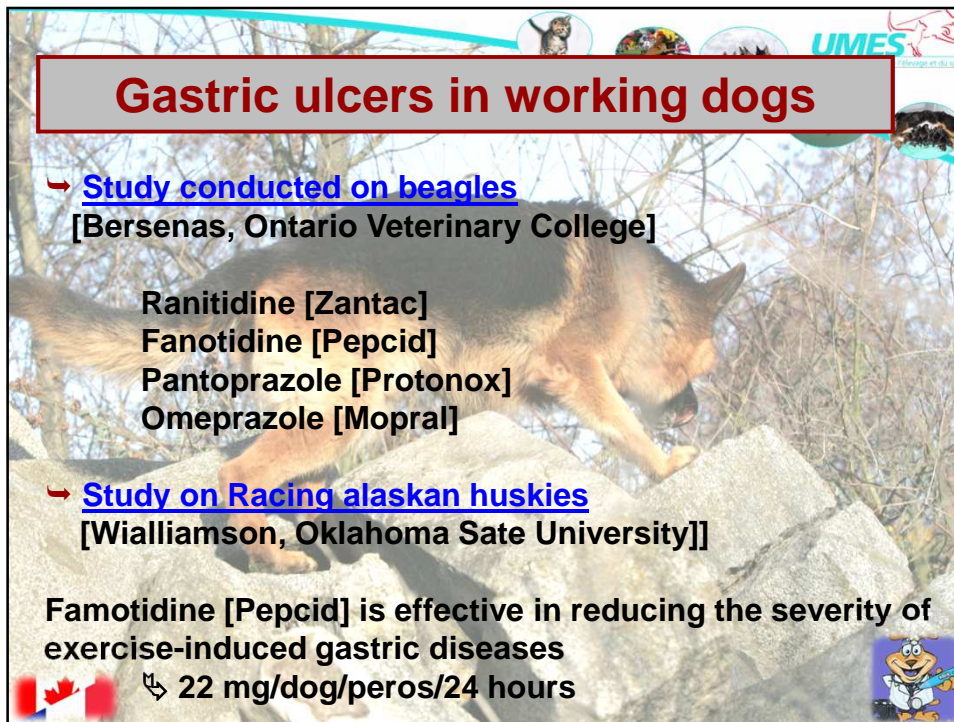
Prevalence of gastric ulceration, erosion, hemorrhage or dropped dogs

- ↳ 35 p100 in 2000
- ↳ 48.5 p100 in 2001

- [Study on the relation between duration of exercise and gastric diseases](#)
[Davis, Oklahoma State University]

- ↳ 42 dogs randomly chosen for examination after 1 to 5 consecutive days of running 100 miles/days

Endurance exercise increases intestinal protein loss
Substantial exercise causes gastric alterations





Gastric ulcers in working dogs

- Study conducted on beagles
[Bersenas, Ontario Veterinary College]
 - Ranitidine [Zantac]
 - Fanotidine [Pepcid]
 - Pantoprazole [Protonox]
 - Omeprazole [Mopral]
- Study on Racing alaskan huskies
[Wialliamson, Oklahoma Sate University]]

Famotidine [Pepcid] is effective in reducing the severity of exercise-induced gastric diseases

→ 22 mg/dog/peros/24 hours



THE STRESS-DIARRHEA-DEHYDRATION SYNDROM

- Stool frequency, volume, consistency, color highly variable
- Extracellular dehydration (electrolytes losses)
- Cachexia (nutrient losses)
- Anorexia
- ± vomiting, ± hyperthermia
- ± tenesmus
- ± melana and/or hematochezia



EXERCISE ENTERAL ISCHEMIA

EXERCISE → **BLOOD FLOW**

- ↑↑ MUSCLES
- ↓↓ DIGESTIVE TRACT

DIGESTIVE MUCOSA DAMAGES
SLOWED MUCUS TURN OVER
DECREASE IN WATER REABSORPTION
EROSION OF INTESTINAL BLOOD VESSELS

OSMOTIC DIARRHEA
± FRESH BLOOD
SECONDARY ISCHEMIC COLITIS

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OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED IN "STRESS" DIARRHEA

→ "CAECAL SLAP SYNDROM"

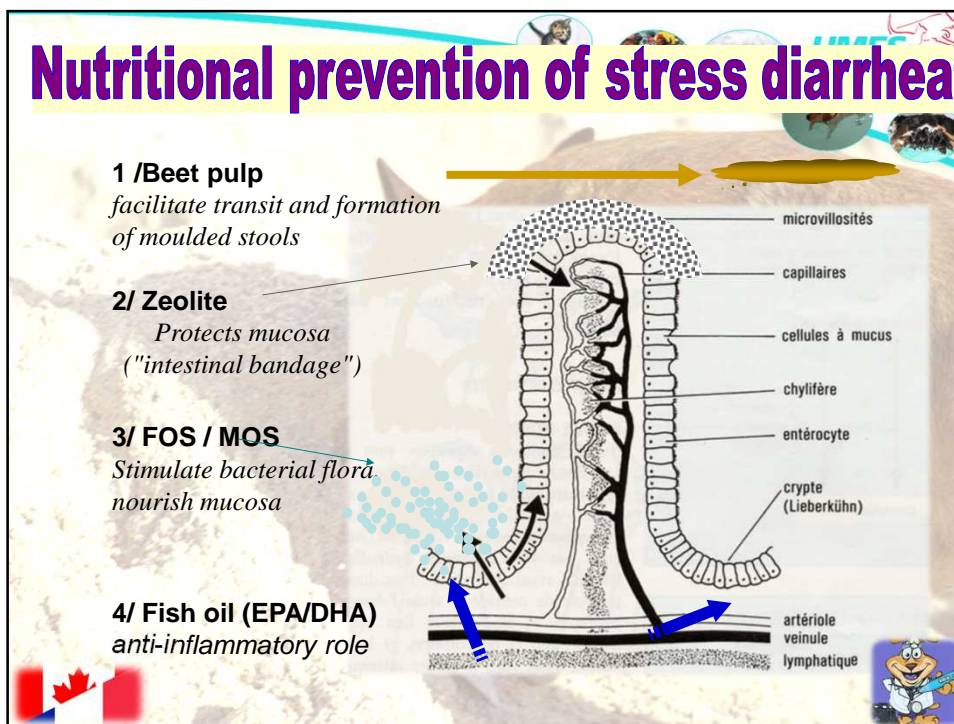
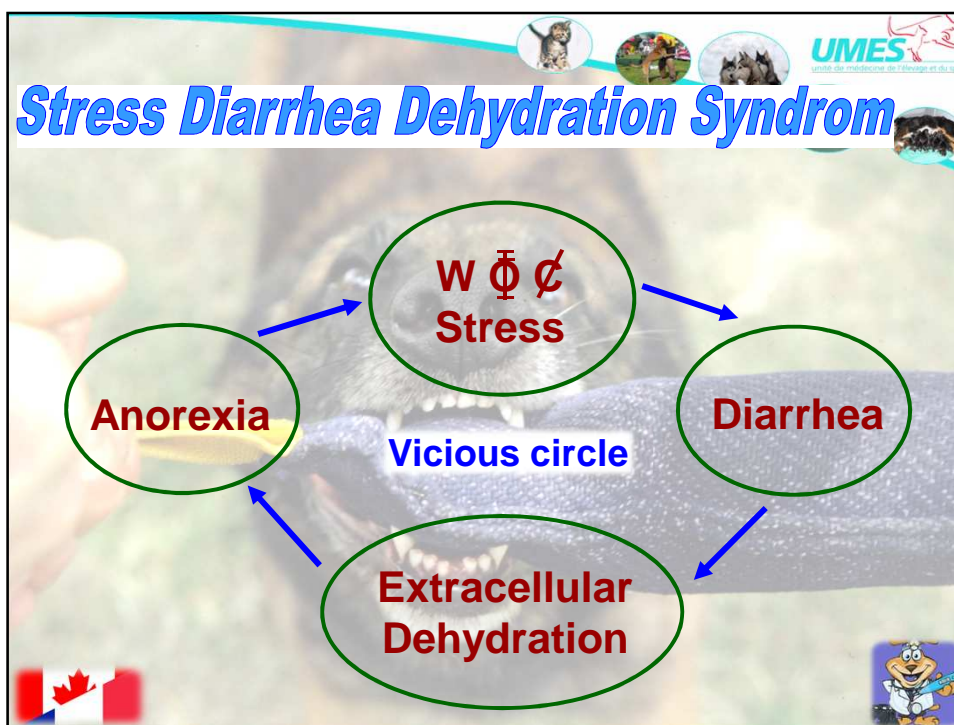
- Microtraumas of the mucosa
- Too much iron in the diet

→ "RUNNER'S TROT"

- Uncontrolled spasmodic contractions of colonic muscles
- Soreness, tenesmus and bloody diarrhea

→ INDUCED EXTRACELLULAR DEHYDRATION

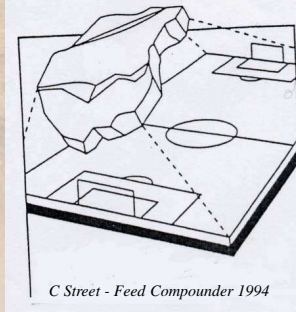
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Clays : properties of Zeolite and Smectite

A great surface of exchange

surface of exchange corresponding to 1 g of zeolite :
hundreds of m²/g



Very high porosity

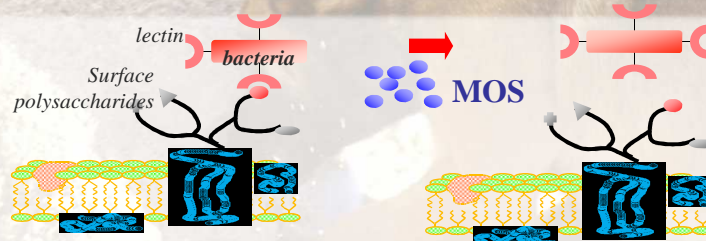
Absorption of excess water in the intestine (up to
50 % of its own volume)



Mannan-Oligo-Saccharides (MOS)

Non fermentable fibres

- Double action at the intestinal level:
 - 1) Lure effect / pathogenous bacteria



- 2) « Booster » effect upon local immunity :
increased production of IgA (O 'Carra 1996, 1997)



FOS : regulation effect upon bacterial flora

F.O.S.

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Growth of bifidobacteria & lactobacillus

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Production of lactate, acetate, propionate, butyrate

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Acidification of the intestinal content

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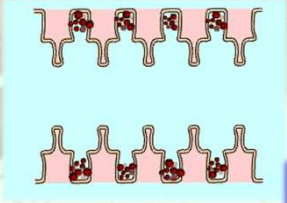

Limits proliferation of pathogenous bacteria (Clostridia, E. Coli, Salmonella...)

≡ Barrier effect





Effect of 1g FOS /day upon bifidus in Man nutrition

Douglass Brown, 1986

Weeks	Bifidus Billion /g of faeces
0	1.2
2	2.5
4	6.5

Mucilages : Psyllium

Soluble fibres forming a viscous gel with the water contained in the intestinal tract.


- Can retain 10 times their water volume

Slow down gastric emptying

Reduction of post-prandial glycaemia peak

Increase viscosity of faeces and facilitate their elimination

- Psyllium is suggested in case of constipation in Man

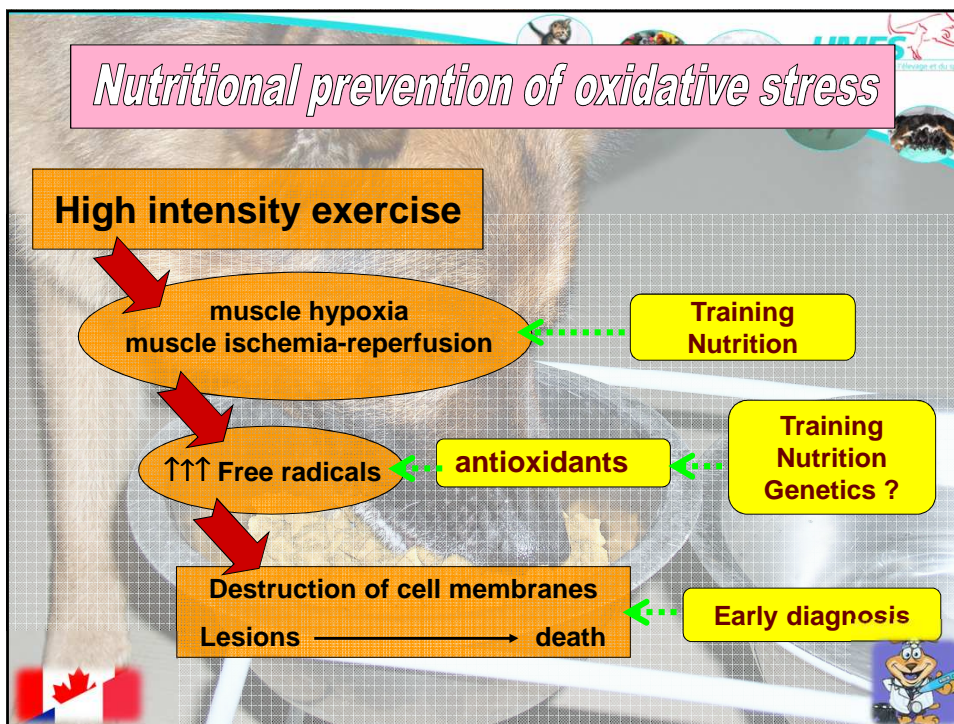


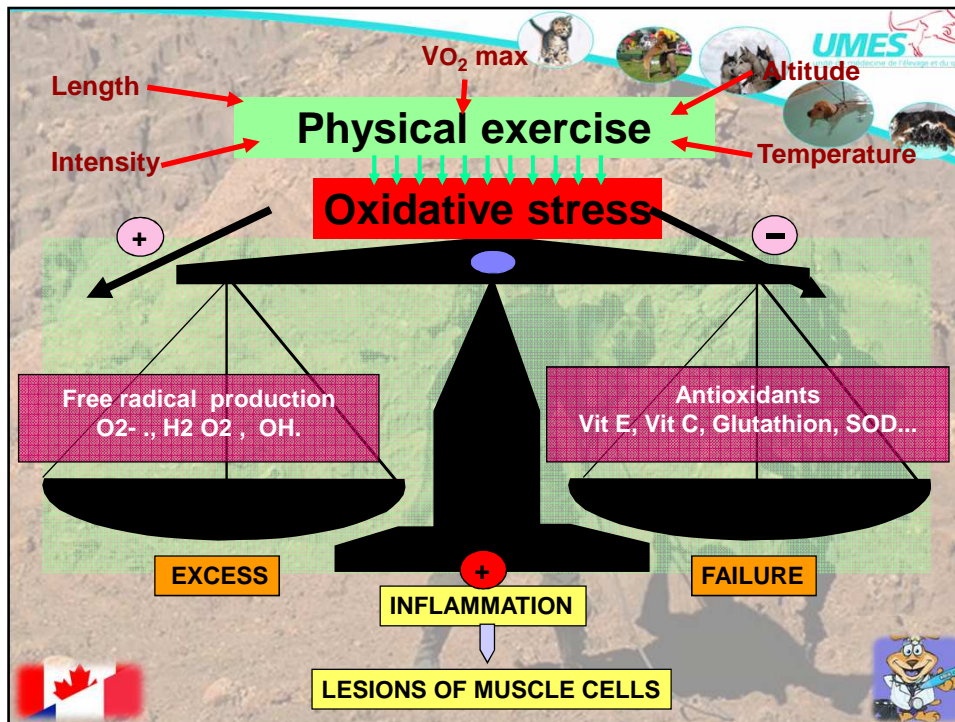
Oxygen:
Vital but Dangerous...
about oxidative stress
in the working dog

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Canada logo

Cartoon dog logo





Research conducted with U.M.E.S. and Royal Canin

Prevention of stress consequences

- ↑↑ Proteins in the diet [Prot/Cal Ratio > 70]
 - ↳ Endocrinology of stress
 - ↳ Prevention of « Sport Anemia »
- ↑↑ Energy transfers [L. carnitine, SCFA]
 - ↳ ↑ VO₂ max
 - ↳ ↓ lactate production
- ↑↑ Muscle oxigenation [Omega 3 fatty acids] ; ↓↓ Inflammation
- ↑↑ Oxidative Stress [Vitamin E, C, polyphenols, SOD,...]
 - ↳ Prevention of related pathologies
 - ↳ ↑ lenght of the dog's carrier

The slide features a background image of a dog's head and a cartoon dog character in the bottom right corner. A Canadian flag is visible in the bottom left corner.

Scientific expedition
« Chien des cimes »
Licancabur Volcano-Chile

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ROYAL CANIN

Licancabur ; Chile ; 6000 meters
Scientific goals

- ↳ Effects of acute altitude hypoxia on working dogs
- ↳ Clinical and behavioural modifications induced
- ↳ Interest of a nutritional antioxidant prevention
versus consequences of acute mountain disease in the dog

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ROYAL CANIN

Licancabur ; Chile ; 6000 meters

Members of the expedition

- ↳ Brigade de Sapeurs Pompiers de Paris
- ↳ Carabineros de Chile
- ↳ Unité de Médecine de l'Élevage et du Sport
- ↳ Royal Canin Research Center
- ↳ Logistics and media crew

10 dogs
20 people



Licancabur ; Chile ; 6000 meters

Chronology and logistic

6000 m

4500 m

2500 m

Paris (France)

Antofagasta

San Pedro de Atacama

Basecamp (Bolivia)

Inca temples ruins

Santiago (Chile)



Licancabur ; Chile ; 6000 meters


Scientific protocols

Group 1 : 35/20 dry food

Group 2 : 35/20 dry food +

- Vitamin E (500 mg/day)
- Vitamin C (500 mg/day)
- Omega 3 (300 mg/day)

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Licancabur ; Chile ; 6000 meters

Biological and nutritional consequences of work at high altitude in search and rescue dogs :
The scientific expedition Chiens des Cimes-Licancabur
The journal of nutrition, Vol. 128, No 12S, December 1998, 2694S-2697S

Group 2 >> Group 1

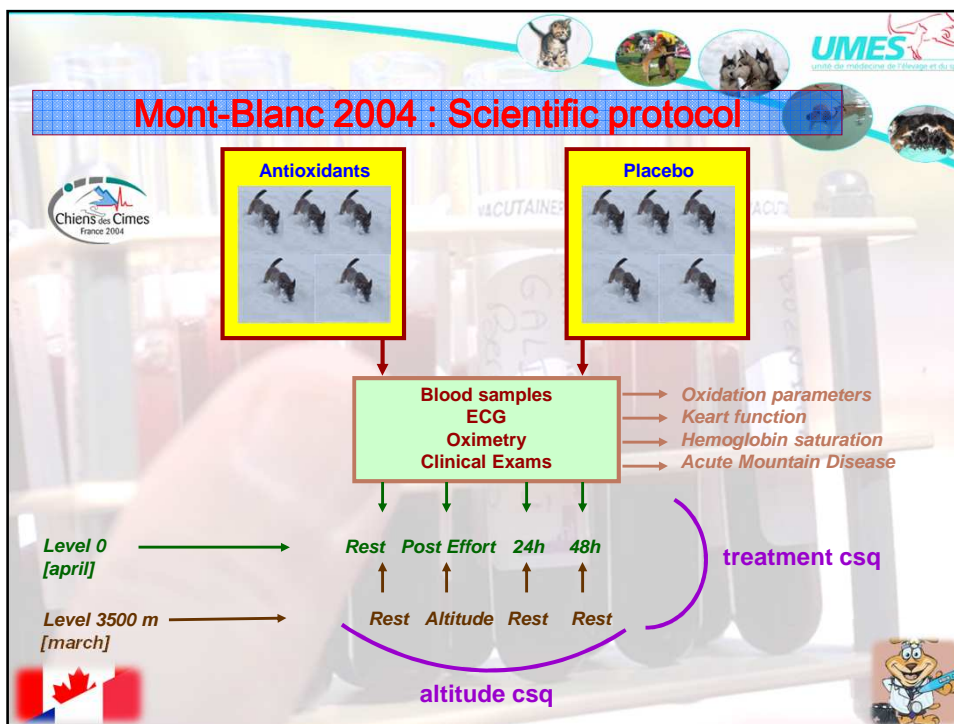
- ↳ Plasma vitamin E ↑
- ↳ Peroxidation Resistance Index ↑
- ↳ Oxygen transfer to working cells ↑
- ↳ Clinical problems ↓↓
 - stress diarrhea
 - muscle stiffness and rhabdomyolysis
 - acute pulmonary oedema

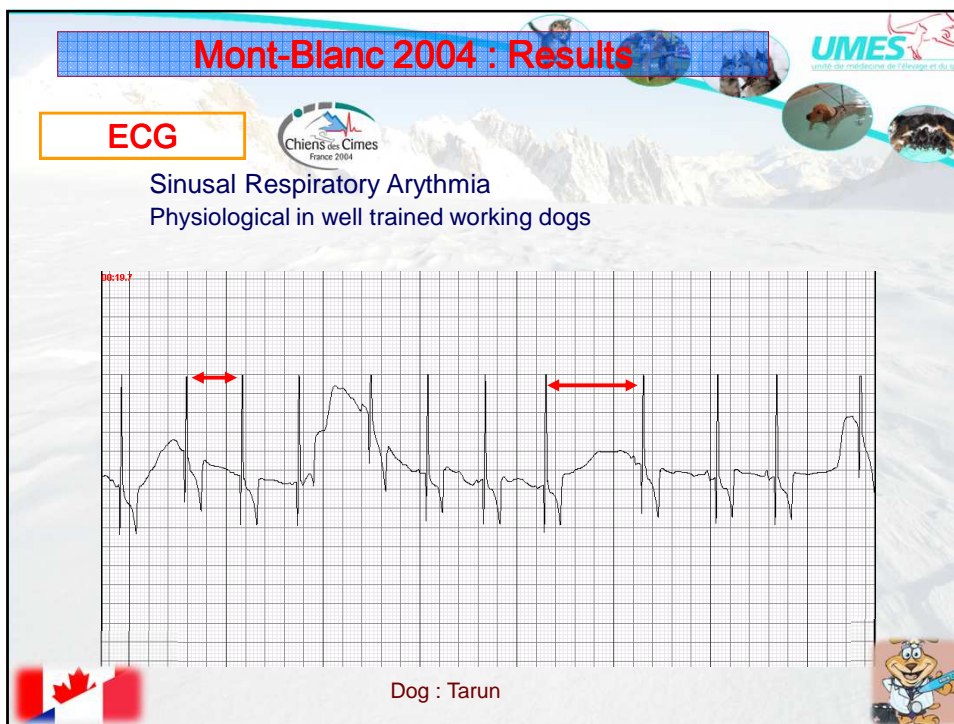
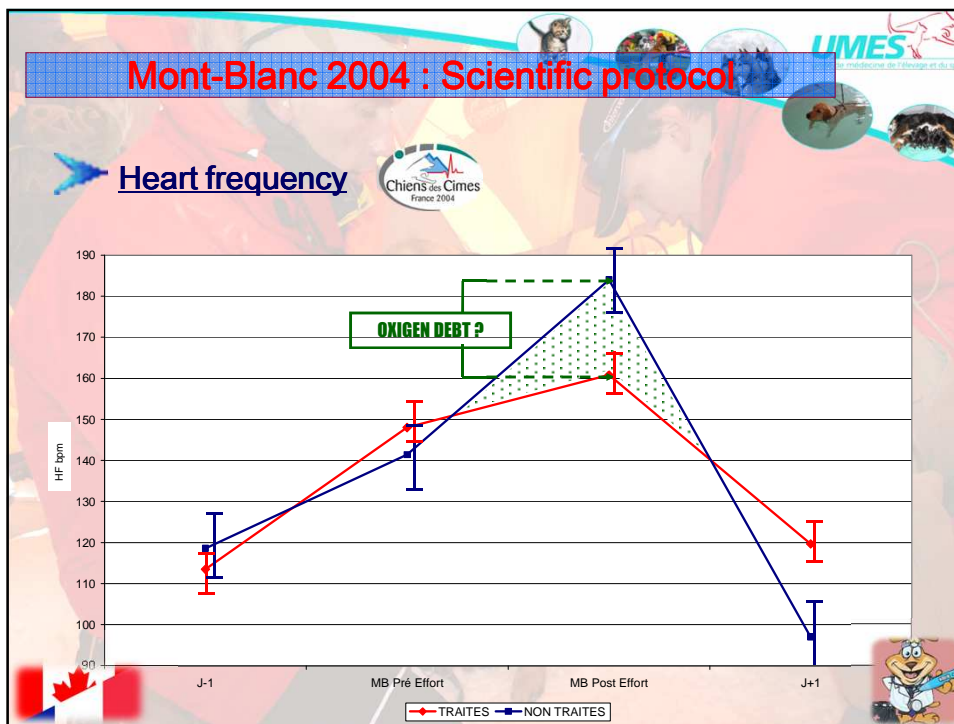


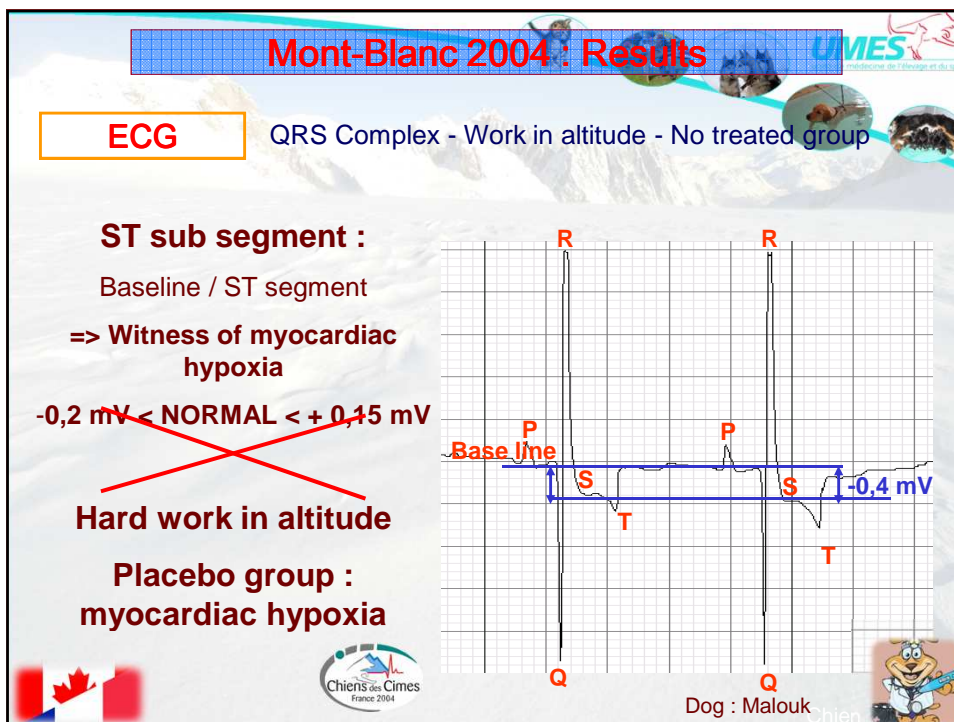
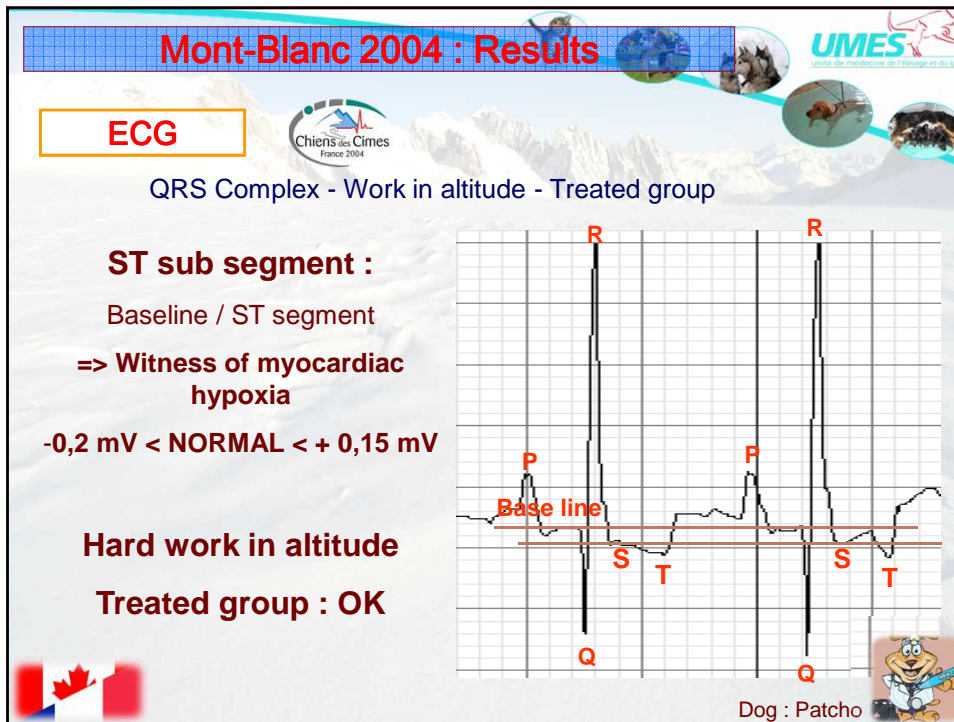
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France 2004

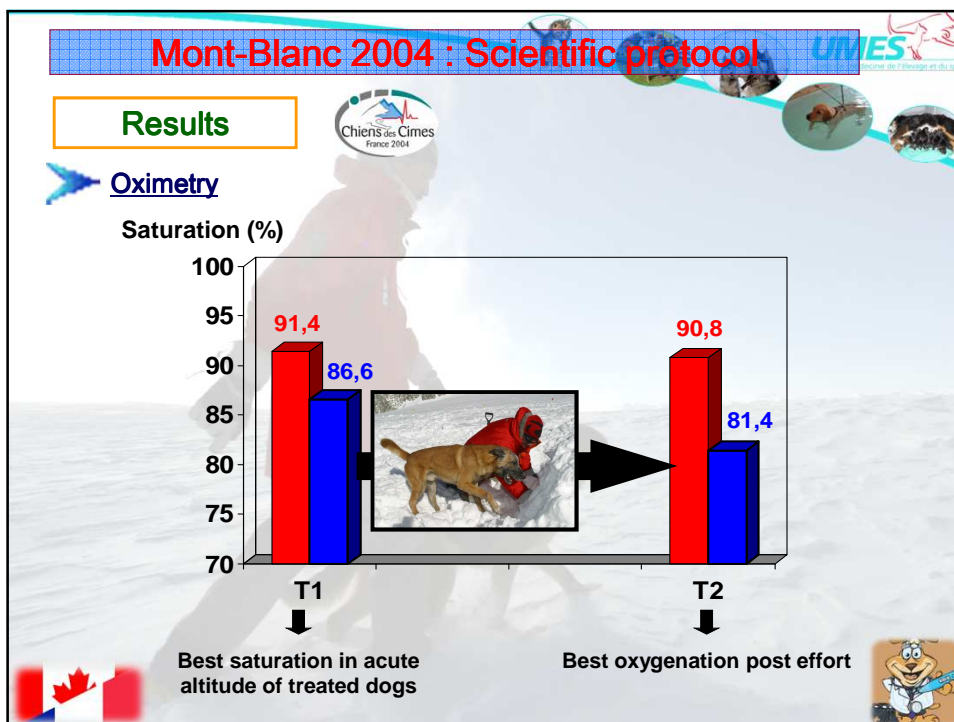
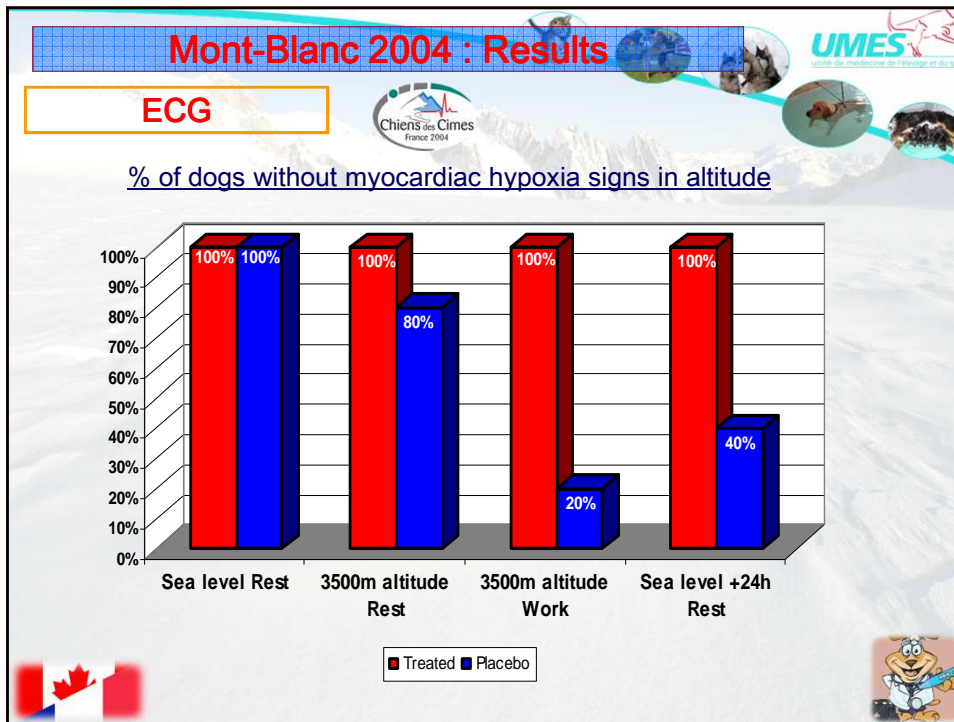


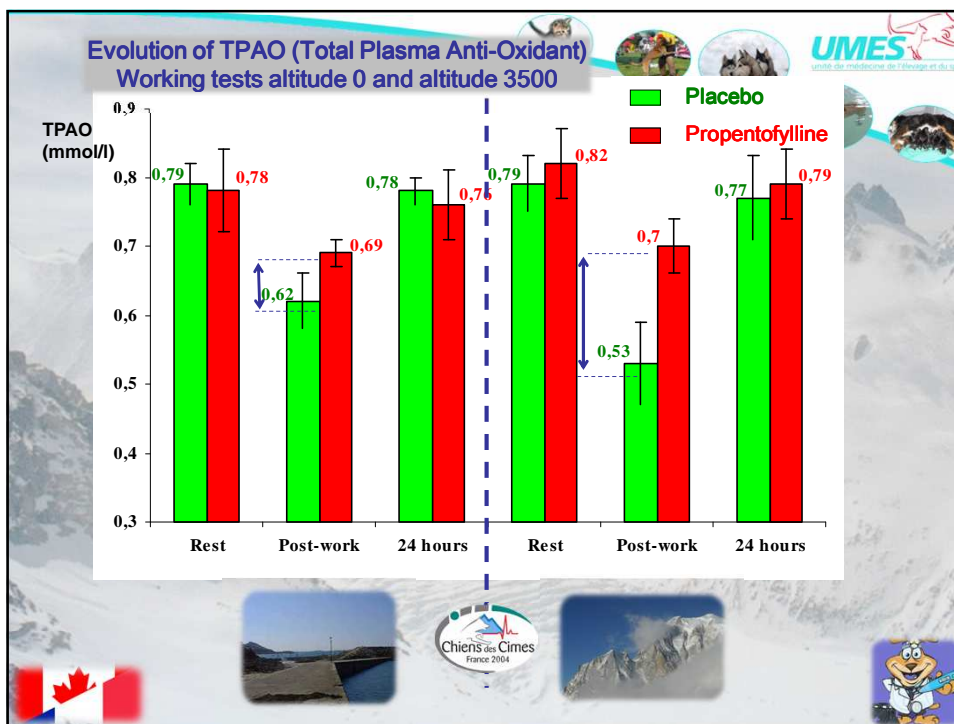
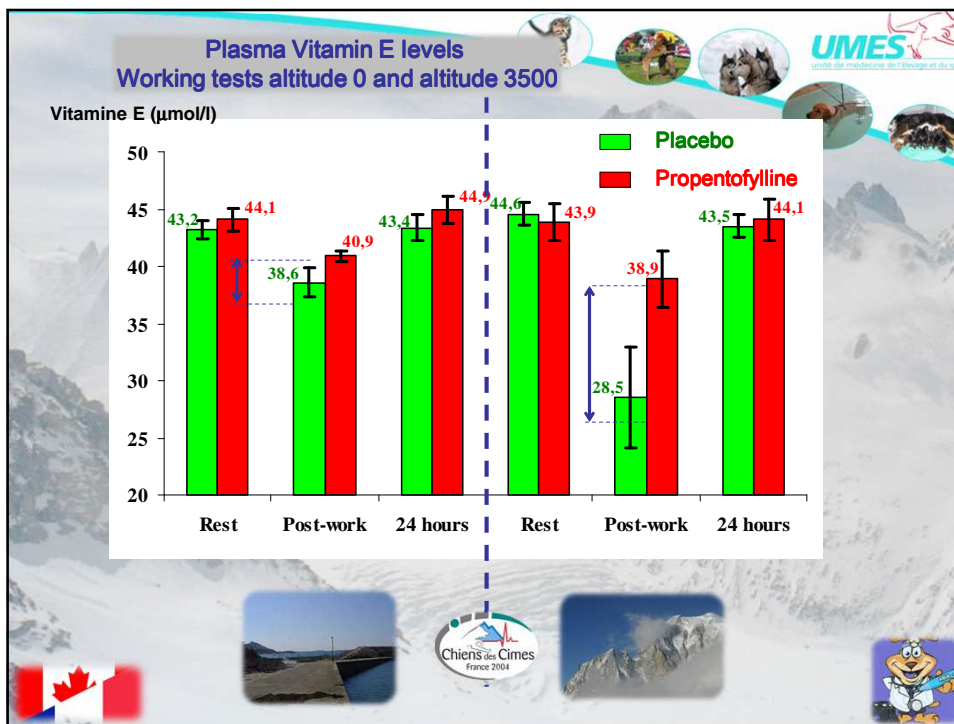


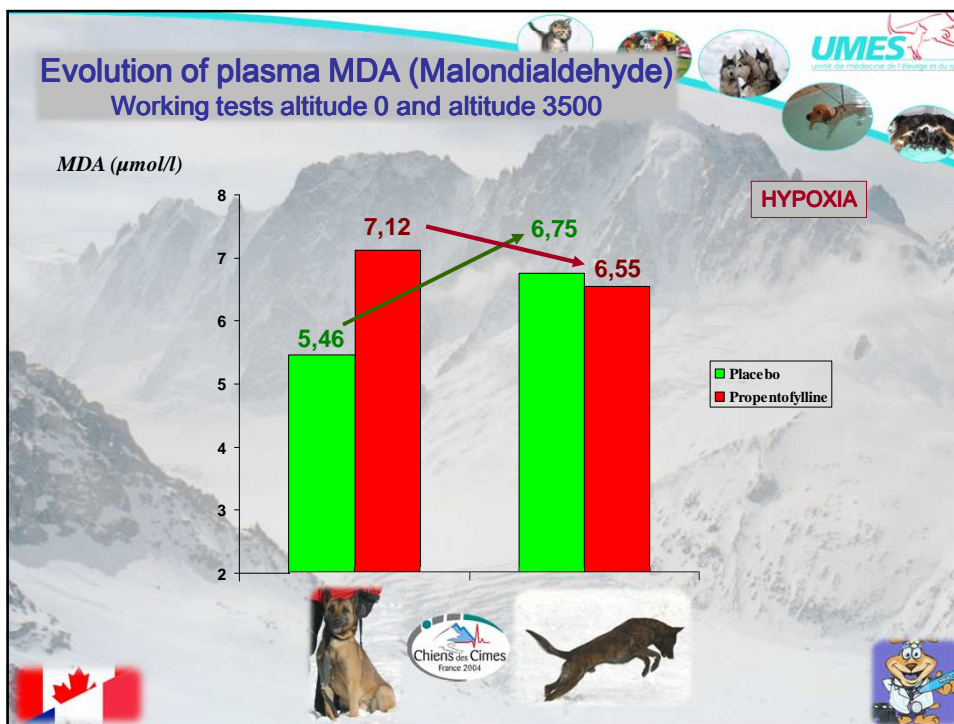
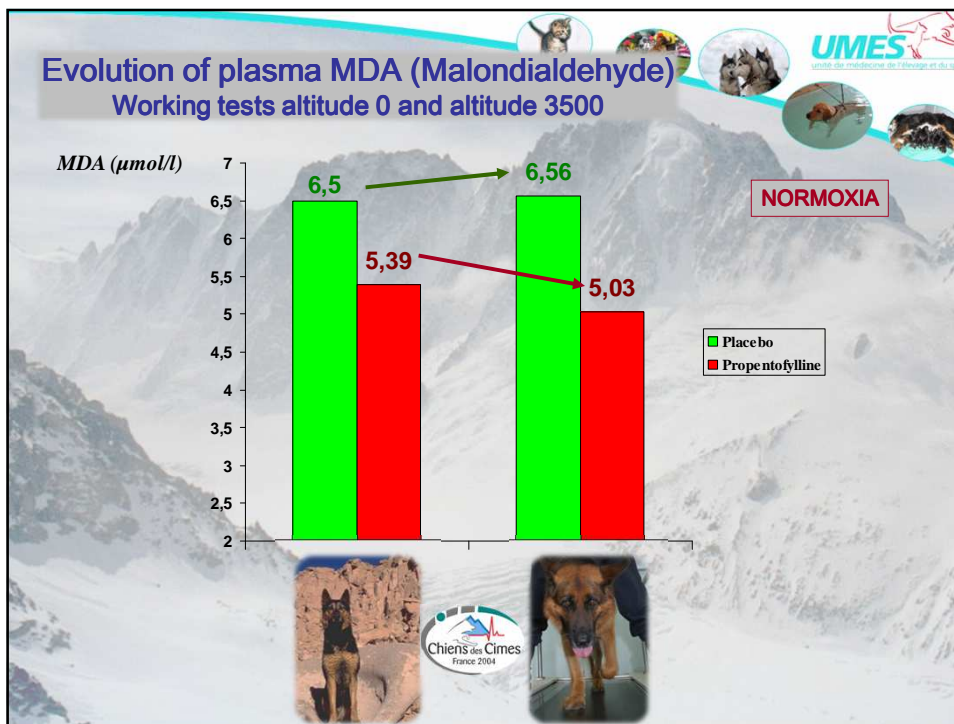












Nutritional prevention of oxidative stress

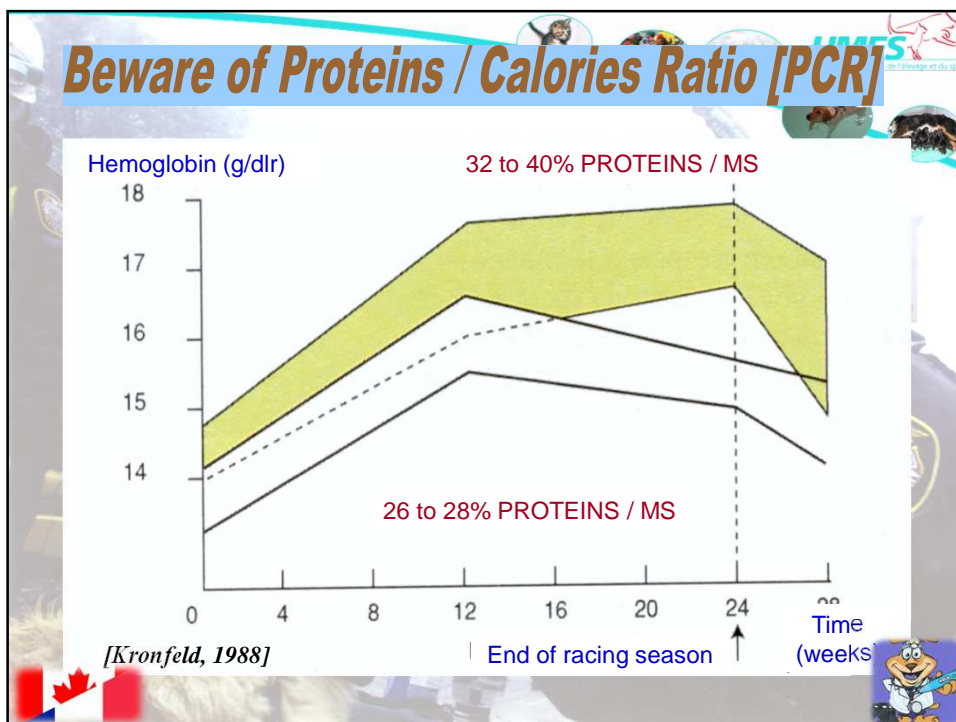
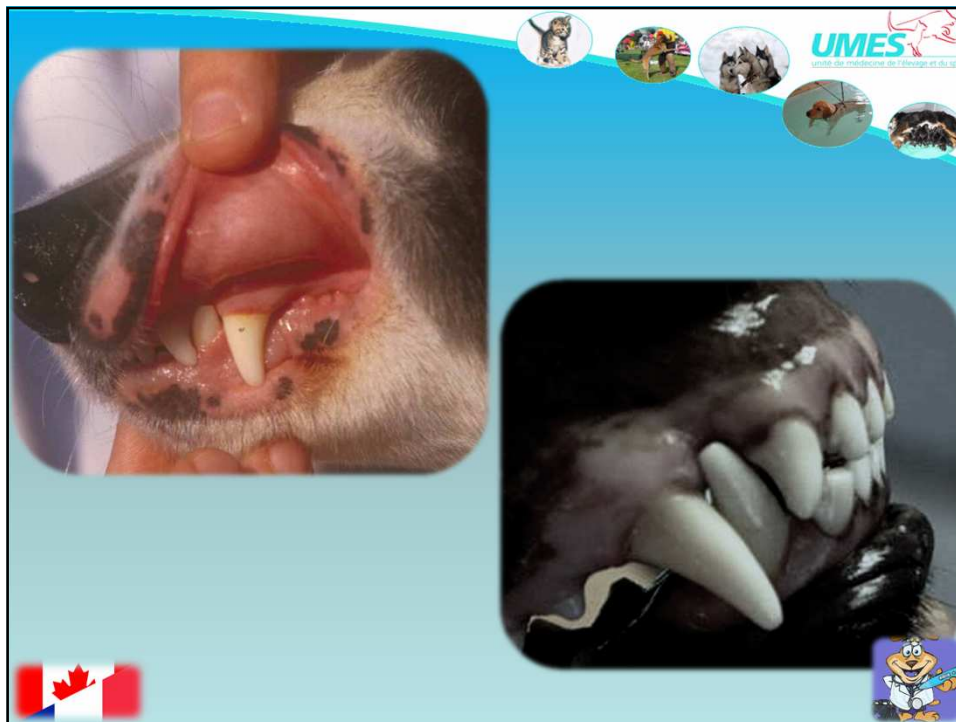
Global cellular antioxidation concept

The diagram illustrates a cell with various organelles. A yellow arrow labeled 'Polyphenols' points to the nucleus. A blue arrow labeled 'lutein' points to the mitochondria. Red arrows labeled 'Vitamins (E,C)' point to the cytoplasm. Cyan arrows labeled 'Enzymes (SOD)' also point to the cytoplasm. The background is a textured, light brown surface. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'LIMES' and a small image of a dog. In the bottom left corner, there is a Canadian flag. In the bottom right corner, there is a cartoon dog character.

STRESS RELATED MEDICAL PROBLEMS IN WORKING DOGS

- DIGESTIVE TRACT**
 - Gastric ulcers
 - Stress diarrhea
- SPORT ANEMIA**
- MUSCLE-TENDONS PROBLEMS**
- STRESS FRACTURES**
- CHRONIC JOINT PROBLEMS**
- RESPIRATORY FRAGILITY**
 - Sensitivity to pneumonia
 - « Ski-asthma » Like Syndrom
- SUDDEN DEATH SYNDROM**

The background of this slide shows a dog jumping over a hurdle. The text is overlaid on this image. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'LIMES' and a small image of a dog. In the bottom left corner, there is a Canadian flag. In the bottom right corner, there is a cartoon dog character.



REYNOLDS, 1999

Effect of protein intake during training on biochemical and performance variables in sled dogs

Proteins [% of ME] (% in a 4500 kcal ME/kg dry food)	18 (20)	23 (26)	29 (33)	35 (40)
Hematocrit (p100)	46 0.1	48 2	50 1	50 1
VO2max (ml/min/kg)	128 ± 80	174 ± 12	180 ± 12	174 ± 12
Muscle problems on dogs	8/8	1/8	0/8	0/8

PROTEINS

- Increased structures turn over
- Increased demand for essential amino-acid [peptidic hormones]
- Long term stress impact
- Glucogenic amino-acids

Digestibility of proteins

Possible causes of poor digestive tolerance

Excessive bacterial fermentation



Low absorption of water and electrolytes

High intestinal and colon permeability

Poor digestion and absorption of nutrients

Modification in gastro-intestinal transit time



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Biologic value of proteins

Balance of essential amino-acids

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