DISTEMPER OR JUST TEMPER? »

You may have heard the raccoons are angry in Ohio. It could be viral or, I don't know, caused by the spread of some other 'er, stuff.

Anger is deadly. Treatment is prevention. While we know humans aren't at risk for the viral variety, we should exercise caution for other stress-inducing anger triggers.

Now the Vikings had great coping mechanisms. They were conquerors after all. Apart from the myth of the horned helmet - that was a Wagner thing, Vikings are a highly active and social population.

From my collection of Viking chronicles, here are suggestions to apply to veterinary clinical care when the clients evoke your inner urge to plunder...

Be brave.

- Grab opportunity to be versatile and agile at intake.
- Use top quality weapons 'um, instruments.
- Employ varying methods of diagnosis.

Be prepared.

- Keep yourself in optimal condition.
- Seek out worthy comrades.
- Choose one chief.
- Agree on important points.

Be a good merchant.

- Discover your client's passion.
- Have a compass at-the-ready
- Do not promise what you can't deliver.
- Ensure your practices establish trust for the return voyage.

Keep the camp in order.

- Organize yourself and your stuff.
- Keep your visits entertaining.
- Strengthen your mates.
- Be noble in your work.
- Know when to ask for help.

We don't need a runestone to sum up that some days make an angry raccoon seem milder than a spate of fervent cases descending on the clinic.

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