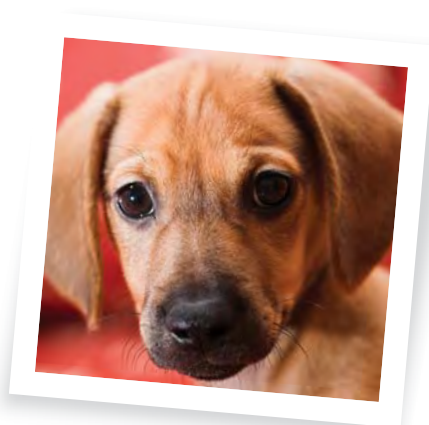


You asked... the expert answers!

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“What is this mass
on my pet?”

“Could it be cancer?”

“How will the veterinarian
diagnose the lump?”

“What are the options for treatment?”



Many owners who find lumps and bumps may have the same general questions, and it is essential to let your veterinarian know about your discovery as soon as possible. Dogs and cats may have many benign skin tumors, but confirming the diagnosis with laboratory work (eg, cytology or biopsy) is very important. The results of these tests can help your veterinarian detect malignant lesions before they spread.

Even some benign tumors warrant further workups. Benign tumors should be monitored for signs of change, because it is possible for a benign tumor to transform into a malignant tumor.

Malignant tumors can be similar in appearance to benign tumors, so being proactive with detection and treatment (not “waiting and watching”) can help your pet’s health and prognosis.

*Early
detection
is key.*

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