



## ABOUT US

When your pet is sick or hurt, you want the best medical care for them. At Pacific Northwest Pet ER & Specialty Center, we are here for you no matter what challenge your pet is facing.

**Pacific Northwest Pet ER & Specialty Center is a specialty and emergency hospital open 24/7, 365 days a year.** Located in Vancouver, WA, we strive to provide the very best client experience and exceptional patient care—all under one roof.

Our team of board-certified specialists and emergency doctors offer the highest level of specialty and emergency care with the compassion you deserve.

In veterinary medicine, the term “board-certified specialist” is used to describe a veterinarian who has completed advanced training in a particular discipline. **At Pacific Northwest, it also means having a trusted partner working toward excellent care and providing emergency and specialty services when you need us most.**



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*Together*  
**we can**  
*fight cancer*



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# OVERVIEW



A cancer diagnosis is never easy news, but you're in good hands with the Pacific Northwest oncology team. We treat many forms of cancer and offer a variety of treatment options. Our compassionate, highly trained staff has access to the latest technology and is here to support you and your pet every step of the way.



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Types of Cancer	Description	Treatment Options	Prognosis
<b>Lymphoma</b>	Commonly presents with swollen lymph nodes and non-specific signs such as decreased appetite, GI signs, and weight loss.	There are many well-tolerated intravenous and oral therapy options to help put patients into remission.	Remission occurs in 85-95%, and survival averages 12-14 months.
<b>Mast Cell Tumor</b>	Often found in the skin, may wax and wane, and can be red or ulcerated.	Surgery is the most common treatment for this tumor, but other options such as chemotherapy and/or radiation can be used depending on the patient.	Behavior depends on grade of tumor, but even high-grade tumors may respond well.
<b>Soft Tissue Sarcoma</b>	Tumors of connective tissue most often found in the skin.	Complete surgical resection with adjuvant chemotherapy and/or radiation.	Behavior depends on grade and completeness of local therapy, but long-term survival with surgery alone is common.
<b>Transitional Cell Carcinoma</b>	Most often have a history of chronic UTIs and lower urinary signs.	Chemotherapy and/or radiation are most effective at alleviating signs.	Multimodality therapy may result in improved survival and excellent quality of life.
<b>Apocrine Gland Adenocarcinoma</b>	Common signs include straining to defecate, ribbon-like stool, blood in the feces, and scooting.	Surgery with adjuvant chemotherapy or other targeted therapy.	With appropriate therapy, survival times may be prolonged several years.
<b>Osteosarcoma</b>	Generally has a history of recurrent lameness with or without previous trauma.	Amputation followed by chemotherapy remains the gold standard therapy.	Survival averages 1 year, though some patients can live multiple years with treatment.
<b>Oral Melanoma</b>	Typically appears as a bleeding, malodorous, black or pink mass in the mouth.	Surgery and radiation, followed by immunotherapy and rarely chemotherapy.	Outcomes may be good to excellent with low-grade tumors or aggressive therapy.

**Pacific Northwest does not currently offer radiation therapy.**

## INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

Every patient and every family is unique and so are our treatment plans. Each plan is individualized to the patient, focusing specifically on your pet's quality of life while meeting your family's needs. Here, we are treating more than just cancer.

## A TEAM APPROACH

It takes a team to fight cancer. Our goal is to provide a team approach involving your family, your primary care veterinarian, and our Oncology service.

## TREATMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

- **Chemotherapy**
- **Immunotherapy**
- **Targeted Therapy Services**
- **Palliative Care**
- **Hospice Care**