Pet cancer answers: What every pet parent needs to know

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$24.5M
Amount claimed by Nationwide pet insurance members last year on cancer-related conditions

Did you know? Dogs get cancer at about the same rate as humans¹

Average treatment costs for the 5 most common pet cancers

- **Lymphoma** $1,971
- **Spleen cancer** $1,578
- **Bone or joint cancer** $1,724
- **Liver cancer** $1,119
- **Skin cancer** $1,462

WARNING SIGNS

- Difficulty chewing or swallowing
- Unwillingness to exercise
- Growing lumps or sores that fail to heal
- Discharge or bleeding
- Unusually strong odors
- Drastic changes in appetite or weight

What to do if your pet is diagnosed with cancer

1. Don’t be afraid to ask for a second opinion
2. Ask your vet for a referral to a veterinary oncologist (cancer specialist)
3. Do your research and ask questions
4. Limit your pet’s exposure to known cancer-causing toxins, such as lawn and household chemicals

One less thing to worry about

Most pets don’t suffer the same side effects of cancer treatment that people do

Remission realities

- While remission means cancer is not detectable, it does not mean the cancer is cured
- Lymphoma has about a 75% chance of achieving remission⁴; however, few pet cancers have high remission rates

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