

Dog Cancer  **Special Report**

Canine Mast Cell Tumors

Dear canine lover,

Thank you for requesting this free report on cutting edge care for Canine Mast Cell Cancer. We know how overwhelming this is, so we have gathered some information here to help you make the best decisions for your family.

Mast Cell tumors are among the most common tumors in American dogs, but fortunately most forms of this cancer are very treatable. They also may be called Mast Cell sarcoma, or Mastocytomas. Don't worry too much about the exact name they put on the dog's disease. The information given here applies to all forms of Mast Cell tumors. And the treatments are similar. About 80% of dogs with Mast Cell tumors can be put into remission through the use of modern methods of treatment.



The "typical" canine Mast Cell cancer patient is generally an older larger breed dog. The first sign of trouble is usually one or more tumors on or under the skin. The ones you can see are the most treatable, but they can crop up anywhere and the deeper they are the more dangerous they can become. The tumors often change size from day to day. Their normal function is releasing histamine as an immune reaction which causes swelling, or a rash or hives when disturbed.

Symptoms of the more serious metastasized Mast

Cell cancer may include: loss of appetite, vomiting (sometimes bloody), diarrhea, abdominal pain, dark or black feces, itchiness, lethargy, anorexia, irregular heart rhythm and blood pressure, coughing, labored breathing, bleeding disorders, delayed wound healing, or enlarged lymph nodes.

The prognosis for a dog with Mast Cell cancer depends on the stage and grade of the tumor. The skin tumors are considered to be quite curable and about half never reoccur after being surgically removed. Other more aggressive types like bone, groin or oral tumors are harder to defeat. Modern treatment, including immune modulation therapy, can dramatically increase the odds of remission, and in many cases, produce a long term positive outcome. Dogs that are otherwise healthy have a good chance to become their old selves again.

We all want predictions... how long will my dog last before the disease wins out? Before you put too much stock in the answer, keep in mind statistics are useful in a general way, but the only thing that really counts is THIS patient. No matter how much training and schooling a doctor gets, they still are not very good at predicting the future. So don't give up hope because the statistics don't look too good. If your dog survives this disease, that is a 100% success rate! Most Mast Cell cancers respond very well to a combination of today's therapies, immune support, such as K-9 Immunity™, and immune proteins, such as K9 Transfer Factor™, or some equivalent immune system support.

Quick Start Guide to Fighting Dog Cancer



There are several steps you can take in making sure your dog has the best possible chance of beating this disease. They are:

1) Make sure of the diagnosis. This means getting a biopsy done and sending it off to an independent lab for assessment (not relying on an in-house diagnosis at the primary veterinary lab). There is a reason this is done. Anytime a doctor, whether a veterinarian or physician sees a patient, he or she will make judgments based upon their experience and training. If this patient looks like every other Mast Cell tumor case they have ever seen, they will make a subconscious diagnosis that this is what they are seeing now.

After that subconscious decision is made, everything the vet does will be to reinforce their pre-determined belief. This is human nature. The truth is we all make mistakes, and it is **ESSENTIAL** that any possible mistake is ruled out before deciding on a treatment plan for your dog. By taking a biopsy, which is a small sample of the suspect tissue, and sending it out to a pathologist for assessment, it provides several benefits to the patient: It insures that a second opinion is obtained before planning any treatment. It also ensures that someone who has NOT seen the dog is making the diagnosis, and that doctor (called a pathologist) who is looking at the biopsy sample will not have any pre-determined thoughts on the matter. The pathologist reviewing the biopsy is more likely to make the correct

diagnosis than the primary treatment vet is. Again, this is not bad medicine, it is just human nature. Many veterinarians will make the diagnosis and start the treatment plan without confirming it through biopsy. This approach is **NEVER** taken in human medicine, and it should **NEVER** be taken in veterinary medicine.

One of the standard and best pieces of advice we can give for any Mast Cell cancer patient is to **GET A SECOND OPINION.**

2) Feed the proper diet, which is **NOT** just buying the cheapest dog food from the grocery store. Mast Cell cancer patients have much more strict dietary needs which will have to be met for the dog to overcome this disease. More advice on diet will follow later in this report.

3) Choose your veterinary team with care. This is a critical part of properly addressing your dog's cancer. You need to find the right medical people that you can work with to help choose the best options for your family and your pet. This will insure that you get the best treatment experience possible. Being open to your vet's guidance and advice and feeling comfortable discussing options with them will help make the best of a difficult situation. Not every veterinarian is the best choice for treating your dog.

The collaboration of a Veterinary Oncologist should also be sought. Remember there is no one be-all and end-all treatment that fits every dog and every Mast Cell cancer case. If the first course of treatment tried doesn't work there are usually other alternatives available.

Not all vets have been trained in immune modulation therapy as an adjunct to chemotherapy, as this is fairly new in the American veterinary field. But most vets are very receptive to any ideas they can use to help their patients and are happy to find new solutions. We are always working with vets around the country and would love to help you find the best vet for your companion. If you need assistance finding help in your area you can call the **Aloha Medicinals Canine Hotline**. There is no fee for this service.

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4:00 pm PST Mon - Fri.**



Follow whatever advice is given by the veterinary oncologist, which will usually be some type of chemotherapy such as the CHOP or Madison protocol. This is a multi-drug approach of chemotherapy, administered over a period of weeks or months. But do not forget the immune system enhancement. If the oncologist does not suggest this to you, make sure to ask them. Feel free to provide the oncologist or veterinarian with a copy of this report and they can contact Aloha Medicinals for further information regarding the mechanisms of action and technical treatment details.

Once you have more information and understand more about your dog's condition, your anxiety level will go down and you will be able to more confidently care for your pet. There are many

ways to deal with cancer and each caretaker has to choose his or her own path.

Be creative, flexible and adventurous in caring for your cancer dog. And keep the faith! Your attitude is important for everyone. Your pal, your playful companion, buddy, and confidante has become a cancer patient. You may be no longer able to look at him or her with eyes full of happiness and love. Your eyes, your tone of voice, your posture and your energy level may speak of sadness, pity and anger. Dogs are sensitive to the type of energy that their humans send out, so try to keep your spirits up, especially when they're feeling well and happy. You can't always *put on* a happy face, but you can do your best, hope for the best and keep a good thought. Hold them close cry on occasion but, for the main, try to stay upbeat and positive. Dogs are even more sensitive to your subconscious messages than people are. Keep in mind, this type of cancer is very curable.

Be truly grateful and full of joy for the time that you have had and any time that remains. Because they are with you now, thoroughly relish every day that you have together, because each day is a precious gift for all of us. Tend to your dog, do whatever you can to make him or her comfortable. When you feel like you have done everything you can, you can still simply sit by their side, pet them, love them, sing them a song!

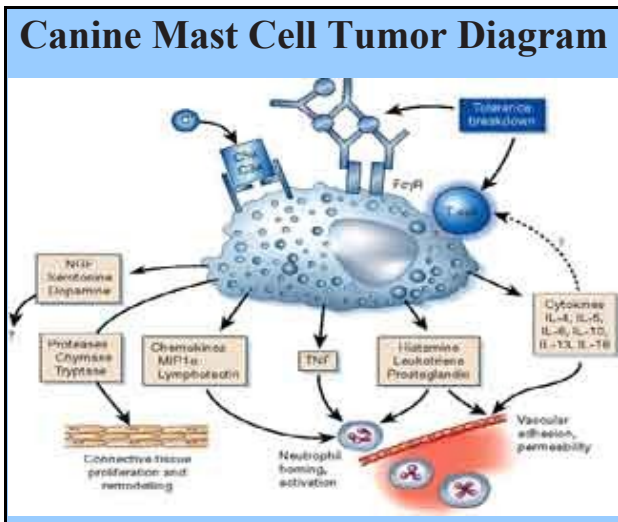
Understanding your dog's diagnosis and treatment

Your dog is entirely dependent on your choices for their future. After you recover from the initial shock and sadness of the diagnosis, it is essential to confront this challenge. While it may be tempting to "hold off" on treatment to see if the pet gets worse, this is not a good idea. Waiting can drastically reduce the chances for long term survival. Mast Cell cancer is very unpredictable. It can be benign or extremely aggressive and dangerous. These tumors can spread quickly throughout the body and untreated dogs with the higher grade malignancies can deteriorate rapidly. The best remission rates are achieved if your pet is treated early. Dogs that feel well and are still strong because they are only in the beginning

stage of the disease will do better with their treatments than those whose disease is more advanced. So checking out visible skin tumors or rashes quickly will insure they do not progress to become more serious.

The treatment of choice is usually surgery to remove the tumor and, if possible, a clean healthy cell margin. A biopsy can determine the grade or aggressive status of the tumor. Other options include radiation after surgery to locally kill off any remaining cancerous cells. Sometimes radiation is used in place of surgery to shrink tumors that cannot be operated on easily. Radiation is highly effective in controlling Mast Cell cancer, but radiation is not for everyone. The treatments can be lengthy and expensive and the dog

must be anesthetized for each treatment. Further, there may be short or long term side effects that owners find objectionable. It is considered a good option for otherwise healthy young to middle aged dogs, depending on how extensive the cancer is, and whether it has spread to other areas of the body. Chemotherapy can be very harsh, but if a dog tolerates it well their quality of life can be quite good, even during the treatment period. Prednisone (a corticosteroid) may be prescribed to reduce pain and swellings, but it is symptomatic treatment only and probably will not appreciably extend the dog's life span.



These treatment methods, developed over the last century or so, are used to reduce the tumors, but should always be seen as only one arm of a multi-pronged approach. The reduction in tumor mass, or the reduction of the aberrant cells, is most certainly a vital part of any treatment protocol.

Surgery, radiation or chemotherapy alone will not cure cancer because the underlying cause of the cancer is still there, immune dysfunction. Only triggering the dog's normal immune recognition

response can allow the dog to overcome the cancer. This is why we recommend immune modulation therapy to go along with any other treatment. When chemotherapy and surgery are used along with immune modulation therapy, the chances of a dog overcoming Mast Cell cancer and living a normal life span are excellent. Until the immune recognition response is triggered, the patient cannot overcome the cancer and recover fully.

Ultimately, only the patient's own immune system will be what overcomes the cancer. Modern research into immune modulation therapy as an adjunct to conventional therapy has proven this concept. Immune modulation therapy is at the forefront in treating human cancers worldwide, although naturally occurring compounds are not usually recognized as drugs in America, so it is catching on slower here than in most other countries. K-9 Immunity™ is a veterinary grade formula specifically intended for use in dogs fighting cancer, attempting to trigger the proper immune response. K-9 Immunity™ is composed of naturally occurring compounds, called heteropolysaccharides, which act to enhance immune function. K-9 Immunity™ works in conjunction with other compounds produced in the body, called immune proteins, which together tend to activate various types of immune cells which are the body's normal response to invaders, such as viral, bacterial, or cancer cells.

In order to increase the number of these immune proteins in the body, it is recommended to use K-9 Transfer Factor™, or another immune protein product, in conjunction with K-9 Immunity™. Making sure the dog has supplemental immune proteins will ensure all of the heteropolysaccharides are fully utilized. Otherwise, some of the K-9 Immunity™ could pass through unused.

We hope you will find the information you need about dog cancer, but sometimes you just need to speak to a real person, so remember we are only a telephone call away at the Aloha Medicinals Canine Hotline at:

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Improving your dog's diet

Your dog's diet is crucial to their recovery. "Diet can be easily controlled and can make the difference between a successful treatment outcome and a failure". Dogs did not evolve as grain eaters. For the past 10 million years they have primarily been meat eaters and they do not produce the enzymes necessary to digest grains.

Unfortunately, most commercial dog foods are based upon rice, wheat or corn. While rice and corn may be OK for young and otherwise healthy dogs, pets fighting cancer should not be fed grains. Read your dog food label to make sure at least the first two ingredients on the list is some type of meat. There are also several dog food companies who are producing grain-free foods. Aloha Medicinals has tested several of these grain-free foods and feels Taste of the Wild is the best, well-balanced food for making that step towards a healthier pet. You can purchase this directly from Aloha Medicinals, or you can shop at your local gourmet pet food store. Don't forget the grain-free treats for your good dog, Aloha Medicinals also has a selection that you dog is sure to love!

You should also consider adding additional animal based protein and fat to the diet as cancer dogs require a higher fat/protein content than healthy dogs. The grain-free foods have a higher protein content than conventional foods, but you may still supplement for one of their meals. Canned sardines (one of the best sources of high quality proteins), cottage cheese, eggs and just about any kind of meat such as hamburger or ground turkey are good supplements. No cooked bones of any kind should ever be added as they are likely to splinter!

This additional protein is important to avoid any chance of the body robbing it from other places, which can lead to serious secondary complications. This can lead to muscle wasting, but is more likely to lead to complications with the functions of the kidneys and liver, something your poor dog does not need on top of the cancer.

Recommended Dog Food Brands

We are often asked what the best brand of dog food is for cancer patients. There are many good foods on the market and some that are not so good. It primarily has to do with the amounts and types of grain present.

Aloha Medicinals has tested many different grain free dog foods and Taste of the Wild is the one we like the best for making that step towards a healthier pet. You may also find that your dog will eat less due to decreased fillers and increased fat/protein levels.

Taste of the Wild – grain free and recommended by Whole Dog Journal; Taste of the Wild can also be purchased from Aloha Medicinals in conjunction with your K9 Immunity products.

[More diet info can be found at:](#)

<http://www.dogcancer.net/diet.html>

A dog with cancer is building a lot of new tissue, whether it be tumor tissue or just scar tissue. Certain specific proteins and cell membrane components (omega 3, 6 and 9 fatty acids) are required to do this. Membrane stabilizers such as omega-3-fatty acids, gamma-linolenic acid and coenzyme Q-10 are also important additions. Antioxidants can sometimes be helpful in treating canine cancer, although it is important check with your oncologist before adding any antioxidants to the dog's diet (especially Vitamin C), as some antioxidants can interfere with some of the chemotherapy drugs used in fighting osteosarcoma.

We HIGHLY recommend fish oil be added to any cancer dog's diet to ensure they get plenty of the omega fatty acids. It is easy to get a dog to take their fish oil by opening the softgel and letting them smell it. The next time they should eat it like a treat. One 1000 mg softgel capsule per 20 lbs body weight per day is a good dose for dogs (60 lbs dog gets 3 capsules

per day). We think our K9 Omega is the best fish oil available for dogs, but you can also use a fish oil from your local store. Buy the cheap ones as they have less additives and the dogs do better on them. It is essential that you consult your veterinarian to make sure your dog is healthy enough for an increase in protein and fat

(especially for those suffering from pancreas, liver, kidney, or spleen concerns).

Make sure to provide plenty of fresh drinking water. Cancer dogs should drink filtered water only. The simplest way to provide this is with a counter top filter with the spigot positioned just above the water bowl.

Maximize your dog's immune function

Your dog's immune system must be brought back to normal. Mast Cell cancer disrupts the function of the immune cells themselves, causing the body to fail to take action against abnormal cells. In the last few years specialized compounds have become available for use in cancer patients to try and correct this error. These are called immune modulators. These immune modulator compounds often trigger the patient's "immune recognition response" allowing the body to recognize and destroy the aberrant cells. When this recognition response is triggered, the body re-learns how to deal with the tumor cells as it would with any other wound, and destroys them, producing healthy scar tissue in their place. These immune modulators are different than the class of drugs called Chemotherapy. Chemotherapy drugs are toxic, and work by destroying the cancer cells directly.

Surgery, drugs and radiation are useful in combating canine Mast Cell tumors, in that they reduce the number of cancer cells present, but they do not address the underlying cause that allowed the cancer in the first place. Immune modulator compounds on the other hand are not

toxic. They are a class of compounds called heteropolysaccharides, which naturally occur in food and are required in all mammals for triggering normal immune function. In cancer patients large amounts of these immune modulators are required to trigger that normal rejection response, which in turn kills off the cancer cells. Canine Mast Cell cancer responds very well to a combination of therapies using traditional therapy and immune modulation. Aloha Medicinals Inc. specializes in immune modulation therapy for use by cancer survivors. For most dogs the use of the K9 Immunity™ and K9 Transfer Factor™ combination regulates the immune system.



K-9 Immunity™ contains the heteropolysaccharides PSK, PSP and Lentinan, which are the three most widely used anticancer compounds in the world today.

This formula also contains nearly 200 other closely related polysaccharides which trigger other aspects of immune function. These compounds are sometimes referred to as glyconutrients, and are required for correct immune function in all mammals. K-9 Immunity™ was first developed for Seeing Eye dogs being treated for cancer, and is now available to clinics, veterinarians and direct to the public.

<http://www.dogcancer.net/listall.html>

Keep a journal

Keep a journal and a file of copies of any tests or findings you should request from the Vets or Clinics you visit. You are your pet's best advocate. Keeping a simple list of notable events may very well save your dog from having to endure side effects unnecessarily.

A few months into treatment, you may find yourself trying to remember reactions and symptoms. By tracking the course of treatment, your simple notations could help the vet to help your pet.

Veterinarians that you consult during the course of your dog's treatment may ask you for information, such as, when you started giving your dog a particular medication or supplement, at what dose and how the dog responded, by having this information recorded you can assist the vet in

charting the best course or the next step.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR LOG

- Date, time and amount of Medications and supplements given
- Any change in diet, in eating, urination, and defecation, habits or mood
- Names and dates of treatments (including a printout of the protocol being used)
- Side effects and reactions
- What attempts were made to counteract side effects
- What worked and what didn't
- How long it took for the remedy to resolve the problem
- Which team member (or other source) suggested the remedy
- Secondary illnesses

Treating Canine Cancer with K9 Immunity



The American concept of cancer treatment is to cut, burn or poison in an attempt to kill off the bad cells (cancer cells). Surgery, radiation and chemotherapy are the methods of choice, and up until recently the best we have had to offer.

While these may remain the only treatment options available in

America, in most of the world another component is added to human cancer treatment. It is called Adjunctive Immune Support or Immune Modulation therapy. This is also proving to be one of the most promising frontiers in treating dogs with cancer. Immune support, along with conventional therapy, increases the effectiveness and results in higher remission rates.

Without the adjunctive immune modulation treatment, the recurrence rate is so high vets in America are hesitant to even use the word "Cure". They use the term "In Remission" instead because we know that the cancer is almost certain to return. Why? Because the same cause that allowed the cancer to start the first time is still present.

After all the chemo, and the radiation, and the surgery are over and done with, the underlying cause is still there. Wouldn't it be better to attempt triggering the immune recognition response along with the conventional therapy?

K-9 Immunity™ has been used in over 10,000 dogs with cancer, with outstanding success. Talk to your vet to see if immune supplementation may help your pet, or you can order direct and get started today!

More K9 Immunity Success Stories

We recently purchased K9 Immunity & Transfer Factor for our dal mix who was a victim of mast cell cancer. We opted for this approach as surgery/chemo/rad. treatments did not impress us as they are ultra expensive and their track record for extending longevity is weak. The day we administered the K9 & Transfer Factor to Ollie, his responses showed amazing results and improvements. He really came around. He became active again, playing and playing with our other dog, greeting me at the door. Along with these supplements, he was also receiving prednisone and an antihistamine.

I know that the K9 & Transfer made a difference as he received these prior to any from the vet. Ollie fought hard and we were blessed to have had an extension of more time together but the "C" won out and it was our painful but merciful decision to release Ollie from impending discomforts. There is no miracle cure. But we want to take the time to thank you for your R&D, your devotion to, I believe, the correct direction RE: this problem and for giving us more quality time together had he not received your help. We're very grateful. Thank you all. Ollie thanks you.

- Daniel

Before K9 Immunity



After K9 Immunity



I just had to send you these 2 pictures of my dog Calypso. She was recently diagnosed with systemic Lymphoma due to a very fast growing mast cell tumor. She went down hill very fast and starting to refuse food and became very sick. I decided to try K9 Immunity along with prednisone and forced her to start eating good quality raw foods (chicken, ground turkey, yams, some oatmeal).

Although she is 13 1/2 and her prognosis is not very good, I have seen a huge change in her personality in the very short time on the K9. (less than 2 weeks). Even more astounding is that her huge, hot, heavy Mast Cell tumor has decreased in size dramatically. It was oozing and bleeding and now is almost non-existent. See the attached pics. I will continue to do everything for her and I, and Calypso want to thank everyone at Aloha Medicinals for this wonderful product.

-Donna

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<http://www.dogcancer.net/success.html>

Don't Delay Any Longer.
Your Dog is Counting On You!

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The combination of K-9 Transfer Factor™ and K-9 Immunity™ seems to have the most powerful effect in turning cancer around, as well as being very quick acting. Most dogs on this combination experience **dramatic improvements within the first ten days of use.** Once you see it for yourself, there will be little question of whether it is working or not.

We are so certain of the quality of our products that we offer Full 100% money back Guarantee! If you are not completely satisfied with your Aloha Medicinals purchase, you may return all unused product to us for a full refund.

Try K-9 Immunity. Doesn't your dog deserve the best?

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