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- visit our website www.animalcancertrust.co.uk
- visit us on Facebook facebook.com/animalcancertrust or Twitter @ACT_Pet_Cancer
- send an email to info@animalcancertrust.co.uk
- call us on **03003 110310**
- take part in a **'Take the Lead'** sponsored walk

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Who are we?

The Animal Cancer Trust is a registered charity totally committed to funding the fight against cancer in our pets.

Our Vision

Taking the fight to cancer.



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Help us to help you help your pets



What is Cancer?

Cancer is the common name given to the various forms of malignant tumours.

- a tumour is a mass of cells that are growing out of control.

Cancer is one of the most treatable of all the chronic diseases. The goal of treatment is to control the disease and reduce clinical signs associated with cancer to maintain as normal a quality of life for your pet for as long as possible.

There are two main types of tumours:

Benign tumours

- only grow locally and never spread
- can cause serious problems just because of their physical size or position

Malignant tumours or cancer

- are the most aggressive
- can invade into the surrounding tissues
- may have the ability to spread to other parts of the body

It is this ability to produce secondary tumours (metastases) that makes cancer life-threatening.

How can tumours affect the patient?

This depends on where the tumour is and what type it is

- When small, most tumours do not cause a problem
- It is when tumours are large that they affect the patient but by this stage they may be untreatable

There are many types of cancer and they vary in how they affect the patient, how they can be treated and the outcome of treatment.

- Each type of cancer behaves in a slightly different way. It is therefore important to have a sample of the tumour (biopsy) sent for examination at a pathology laboratory.

What should I do if I find a lump on my pet?

It is important to ask your vet to have a look when you first notice a lump.

- Not all lumps turn out to be tumours.
- A small tumour, even a cancer, is more likely to be treatable if it is diagnosed early.

A biopsy is usually required to determine the exact nature of the lump.

'Let's wait and see' is not a good option.

The aims of the Animal Cancer Trust are:

- To provide information and education that help owners, the veterinary profession and all who care for our pets understand more about cancer and what treatments are possible.
- To facilitate ethical research and improve our understanding and treatment of cancer.
- To work with partners, at home and abroad, to pursue the fight against cancer in our pets

One of the most vital activities for the Animal Cancer Trust is the collection of donations to help fund this work.

It takes time to research the literature in order to provide the most up to date information possible on our website. Our goal is to provide accurate information about the various tumour types, their diagnosis, treatment and prognosis.

However, it must be stressed that it is important to discuss the various aspects of your pet's cancer with your vet.

Please remember that it is your right as a pet owner to ask for a second opinion or a referral to a specialist.



Did you know that 1 in 3 dogs and 1 in 5 cats will be affected by cancer in their lifetime?