



Your Pet Has Cancer: Now What?

A cancer diagnosis can feel overwhelming and devastating, so many questions and worries about the future

This is why, unless your pet is very unwell, you should take some time to breathe. Cancer is often treatable or at least manageable

Most pets with cancer can still have good quality of life, sometimes for months or years and you have choices around their care and treatment.

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You don't have to decide everything immediately

Take a few days to consider the diagnosis. Ask questions and get clarity.



There is rarely just one “right” choice

There are appropriate options: depending on:

- Your pet's general health and temperament
- The likely prognosis for the specific tumour
- Your lifestyle and logistics
- Your budget for treatment

You will likely face questions like:

- “Should we do further tests?”
- “Should we treat?”
- “How much is too much?”
- “How will I know when it's time?”

Here's the honest answer:

There is no perfect decision, Only informed, kind and timely ones

A different way to think about it.

Pets don't measure life in months or survival curves.

They measure it in:

- Walks
- Meals
- Being with you

So the question becomes:

“Are we still having good days?”

If yes you're doing it right.



Doing less is sometimes the right decision

Choosing comfort-first care is not “giving up”. It's choosing the right pathway for your pet

Where to find support (UK)

Your veterinary team

- Your first-opinion vet = your anchor
- Specialist input = guidance, not replacement
- Collaboration between your family, your trusted local vet and specialist teams for the best outcome

Specialist Oncologists

You have the right to request referral to a specialist Oncologist. For a consultation, treatment or both This could be a University, Independent or Corporate practice or a peripatetic service like OncoTails.

Reliable information & support



Animal Cancer Trust

- Clear, independent information
- Owner resources + support
- Guidance on navigating diagnosis and treatment

www.animalcancertrustcharity.co.uk



About OncoTails

OncoTails is a specialist veterinary oncology support service led by Dr Sarah Mason FRCVS, a double board-certified veterinary oncology specialist. The service is designed to work alongside your own veterinary surgeon to help you understand your pet's diagnosis, test results and treatment options and to support you in making decisions that feel right for both you and your pet.

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