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### *Help Your Dog Fight Cancer, An Overview of Home Care Options*

Laurie Kaplan

Review by Lori Martindale BS ★★★★★  
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Written to give pet owners a guide to helping their pets through their battle with cancer, no matter what treatment choices they have made, this book features the survival story of her husky, Bullet, and outlines the different treatments she used to assist Bullet in his continuing fight against cancer. It explains diagnostic testing and treatment options, both traditional and holistic and discusses chemotherapy protocols and their side effects.

The author also gives an overview of supplements and alternative therapies that can be used alone or along with traditional treatment. There is a full color guide to a proven cancer survival diet along with suggestions for other feeding options. The book embraces a treatment which combines western and eastern modalities and stresses the importance of owner - veterinarian communication.

Ms. Kaplan relates to the reader her trials and tribulations of dealing with a dog with cancer and shows the reader the importance of communicating with your veterinarian and having a "team approach" to medical care by using all the resources you have at your disposal, including your DVM, specialists, books, and the internet.

Giving the reader an excellent list of internet resources that include information sites and e-groups, Ms. Kaplan also sites references for information found in each chapter of her book, as well as a suggested reading list. In addition, a portion of the proceeds generated from the sale of *Help Your Dog Fight Cancer* will be donated to a charitable organization to help dogs fight cancer.

This is an excellent book for owners of dogs with cancer. It also gives the veterinary staff a look into the life of someone dealing with cancer, allowing us to relate to them better. While I love that she embraced the usage of alternative therapies and supplements, I am concerned that pet owners will read this book and use supplements without also following her instruction to seek veterinary advice before

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adding supplements to their pet's regimen. However, as a whole, this is an excellent book for veterinary staff to suggest to pet owners and would act as an excellent information guide and source of discussion between the staff and pet owner. This is an excellent resource for veterinarians to have for their pet owners during a difficult time. Receiving this book through a veterinarian would allow the pet owner to consult their veterinarian about supplementation and other regimens discussed in the book. It would also be an excellent book for staff members who are uninformed about cancer treatment.

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Home > Blog > Health Conditions > Cancer In Dogs: Fight Back With These Top Home Remedies. Cancer In Dogs: Fight Back With These Top Home Remedies. By: Dana Scott -. Reading Time: 7 minutes.Â Cancer is the one word thatâ€™s on almost every dog ownerâ€™s mind. And if cancer isnâ€™t on your mind, it should be â€| stats say your dog has a 50/50 chance of getting it. My old dog, Chili, developed cancer a couple of years back after she needed an emergency spay.Â For dogs who have a poor appetite due to their cancer, cannabis can help stimulate their appetite. And finally, both THC and CBD can prevent the development of blood vessels in tumors. Studies show this blocks their access to nutrition and starves them. Help your dog fight cancer: An overview of home care options. L. Kaplan. Innovations in the diagnosis of canine hemangiosarcoma.Â The boxer breed of dog is at high risk for a variety of neoplasms including lymphoma. In this observational study, tissue sections from boxer dogs with lymphoma were immunostained for T and B lymphocyte distinction, and the results compared with similar studies carried out on lymphoma tissues from temporally selected cohorts of golden retriever and rottweiler dogs. The frequency of T-cell lymphomas was significantly ( $P < 0.001$  for all comparisons) higher in the boxers than in the rottweilers or golden retrievers. She writes and lectures on veterinary cancer care at national and regional veterinary conferences worldwide, sharing her unparalleled 35 years of experience in this field. Laurie Kaplan, MSC, organized and edited the work. Laurie is a medical animal writer and author of â€œHelp Your Dog Fight Cancer: An Overview of Home Care Options.â€ She is the former editor-in-chief of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicineâ€™s Catnip newsmagazine, a member of Dog Writers Association of America, Inc., and administrator of the Magic Bullet Fund, a program of the Perseus Foundation that finances cancer tre

Cancer is one of the primary causes of death in dogs over the age of 2. So, do you know how to prevent cancer in dogs? Start with these 5 simple steps. In fact, half of all adult dogs will die from cancer. That's a staggering number. But you can beat the odds for your dog if you know how to prevent cancer in dogs. And I've gathered the 5 best tips to help you get started, right now. The Best Cure For Canine Cancer Is Prevention. Cancer begins when carcinogens damage DNA, then wait for just the right opportunity to create cancerous cells. The good news is your dog's body has a built-in mechanism to kill cancer cells; a gene called p53. However, exposure to toxins and viruses can damage that gene and limit its ability to protect the body from the Good oral care can help decrease oral cancers. And if you're buying a purebred dog, check its line to see if there's a specific kind of cancer in that breed's line. But overall, prevention is difficult because we don't know the causes of most cancers. I think, rather than trying to prevent cancer, identifying it early and treating it quickly is the better strategy. Prices for less involved options at a general veterinary practice may be much less. Costs may also vary a lot depending on where you live.) Continued. Cancer is a leading cause of death in dogs. Some breeds are particularly prone to cancer, but there are measures owners can take to help dogs avoid cancer. If you're acquiring a cancer-prone breed, there are ways to help avoid a heartbreaking diagnosis down the line. Work with a responsible, registered breeder who has paid attention to cancer in their lineage and worked to exclude it. A good rule of thumb for welcoming any dog into your life is to verify that the breeder has performed health testing for the breed's commonly associated conditions. Once your new puppy has settled in, another decision is whether or not to spay or neuter. And if so, when? Palliative care will help your dog feel like herself for as long as possible by minimizing pain and sometimes slowing the growth of the cancer. Maintain communication with your veterinarians, as they are your best resource for helping you maintain a good quality of life for your dog. By: David F. Kramer. Featured Image: iStock.com/ivanastar. radiation therapy. A treatment of certain neoplasms that is administered using an x ray. remission. The disappearance of the signs and symptoms of a particular disease; this is often used in association with cancer.

Dog Cancer Questions/Answers Forums. Please visit the individual "topic" forums below Your Best Dog Cancer Advice. Your Best Dog Cancer Advice What is the "single" best piece of advice you ever received (or wish someone had told you) about caring for your dog with cancer? Discussions: 100.Â If you're new to the Dog Cancer Care Forum - use this area to introduce yourself (and your dog) to everyone else on the forum. Discussions: 185.Â Discuss "alternative" cancer fighting treatments like acupuncture, homeopathy, energy healing, etc. here Discussions: 41. Good oral care can help decrease oral cancers. And if youâ€™re buying a purebred dog, check its line to see if thereâ€™s a specific kind of cancer in that breedâ€™s line. But overall, prevention is difficult because we donâ€™t know the causes of most cancers. I think, rather than trying to prevent cancer, identifying it early and treating it quickly is the better strategy.Â Prices for less involved options at a general veterinary practice may be much less. Costs may also vary a lot depending on where you live.) Continued. See Modified Citrus Pectin, Dogs, and Cancer from the Dog Cancer Blog for more information. Branch-chain amino acids (BCAA), e.g., leucine, isoleucine and valine, may help to counteract cancer cachexia, where the dog loses lean body mass despite consuming adequate calories. You can find branch-chain amino acid supplements made for people.Â Instead, your dog may need a low-histamine diet, but only if your dog has active mast cell tumors and is showing symptoms of excess histamine.Â Mast Cell Tumors in Dogs: some advances in conventional care.Â May 2016: See Updates in Canine Lymphoma for an overview of new therapies, including monoclonal antibodies and other immunotherapies.