



Cancer screening

Thanks for bringing your dog in to see us. We performed a test that screens for common types of canine cancer.

Test results: Positive for mast cell tumor signals

Your dog's test results were positive for mast cell tumor signals. While your dog may or may not be displaying obvious signs now, we do have a reason to investigate further based on this test and want to work together on a plan going forward.

What does this mean?

If your dog is not showing signs of disease, this result indicates further investigation is recommended. We will want to consider another full-body check for lumps and bumps, and if we find anything new or unusual, discuss taking a small sample to test it. In some cases, we may also recommend imaging (like an X-ray or ultrasound) to get a better look. Your dog may be diagnosed at a follow up visit if new symptoms develop.

What can I do next?

If disease is confirmed, we will discuss options for treatment, monitoring, and possible referral to a specialist. We may recommend additional diagnostics to determine the extent of the disease and additional details that may affect prognosis and treatment options.

What to watch for at home:

- + New lumps and bumps
- + New symptoms such as diarrhea and vomiting
- + Changes in eating and drinking

We will work together on a plan for monitoring and potential treatment. In the meantime, let us know what questions you have.