

Canine Skin & SQ Tumor Study with ADDITIONAL FUNDING Available

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<u>Thank you</u> to everyone who has referred cases! We are up to over <u>40 tumors</u> removed so far, with 0 recurrences to date, and over \$20,000 in discounts provided to clients!

We have just secured an additional funding source!

Mast Cell Tumor Patients

- Receive free staging!
- Abdominal U/S and CT
- Liver and spleen FNA cytology
- Combined with the existing skin/SQ tumor study discounts, clients will save ~\$1200 per dog.

Non-Mast Cell Tumor Patients

 Skin/SQ tumors do not receive free staging, but still save ~\$500-700 per dog.

Inclusion criteria:

 Client-owned dogs affected by a cutaneous or subcutaneous malignant tumor (e.g. mast cell tumor, soft tissue sarcoma, etc) referred for staging and surgical removal of the tumor.

Exclusion criteria:

- Dogs cannot have pre-operative prednisone or chemotherapy.
- Partial exclusion criteria (may not qualify for all discounts but still will receive some financial incentives): previous surgical excision of the tumor, immune-mediated disease, coagulopathy, and/or endocrinopathy.

What questions are we trying to answer?

- 1. What is the best method of determining whether a tumor was completely resected?
- 2. Is CT better than abdominal ultrasound for pre-operative Mast Cell Tumor staging?

Study dogs all receive standard-of-care treatment do not undergo experimental procedures.

(The study uses the clinical imaging and histology data, not dogs themselves)

If you have a dog owner interested in participation, please have them schedule an appointment with either the **Small Animal Oncology** or **Soft Tissue Surgery Service** at **541-737-4812**.

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