

Letters To The Editor



Hi To All

I am emailing you all to advise you of the new canine cancer website which has just gone live.

In 2009 my own dog got localised histiocytic sarcoma. He was just 4. He was successfully treated in Perth by Dr Ken Wyatt and he is still with me today and for that I am extremely grateful as this cancer is so aggressive. The website was something I wanted to do for other owners and their dogs as I have learnt a lot over the last four years both about canine cancer and also the lack of understanding that many owners appear to have.

During my research into histiocytic sarcoma, I found it very difficult to find the information I wanted. It was time consuming going to website after website (mostly American) and having to go through so many pages on these sites to find what I was looking for. Often it was a waste anyway as when I eventually got to where I thought I would find something it was not what I was looking for. The other problem I had was most of the sites were so medically orientated, you almost had to be a vet to understand them.

My site has hopefully made it easier for people to understand. It is written in a basic form that most will grasp and it links to other sites for the more detailed and difficult information is found. For instance if you are looking for something on Lymphoma after reading the easier articles there are links at the bottom of the page that will direct you to Lymphoma on other reputable websites. No looking but a page on the site directly. The cancers have all been covered by body parts ie skin, eye, nasal etc so that people understand that more than one cancer can affect these body parts which is why you need to know precisely what your treating so that treatment can achieve the best outcomes. All medical information that is on my site has been checked for accuracy by other oncologists and each article that has been checked has the oncologists name posted with it.

There is also a video for owners to learn how to check their dogs for tumours. Dr Ken Wyatt kindly donated his time to do this for us. There is also a forum for people to participate in. I am looking for stories of survival as well as those of in memory of. Anyone that would like to have their dogs picture on the site is welcome to send one to me providing it is of a similar standard to what is currently there. I am also keen for feedback and suggestions.

I would also be keen to publish any breed specific research or other research that is happening within Australia if details can be provided to me. It is such an important area and without research we are unlikely to find cures or better treatments.

I hope you find the site informative. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

<http://www.caninecancer.org.au>

Kindest regards

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