

MYTHS ABOUT CANCER IN OUR PETS

Myth 1: Dogs and cats can't get cancer.



Fact: 1 in 4 dogs and 1 in 5 cats will get cancer in their lifetimes.

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Myth 2: Dogs and cats can't get chemo.



Fact: Dogs and cats tolerate chemotherapy very well. We use the same chemotherapy drugs that people receive only we modify them to value quality of life above all else.

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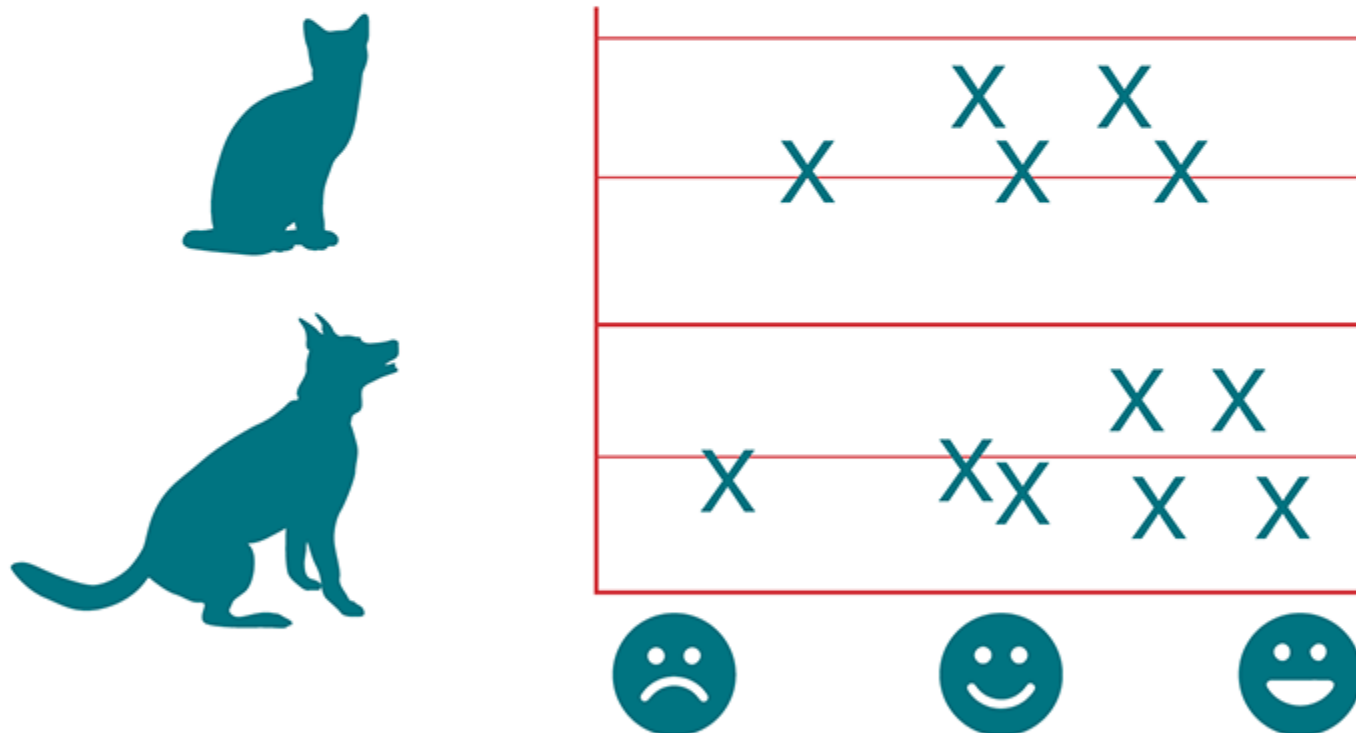
Myth 3: If we are not going to cure my pet, there is no point in treating the cancer.



Fact: There are many diseases that affect our pets that may not have a cure, but require long-term management. These include diabetes, kidney disease, and heart disease. Cancer can also fall into this category, and can be managed long-term with a good quality of life.

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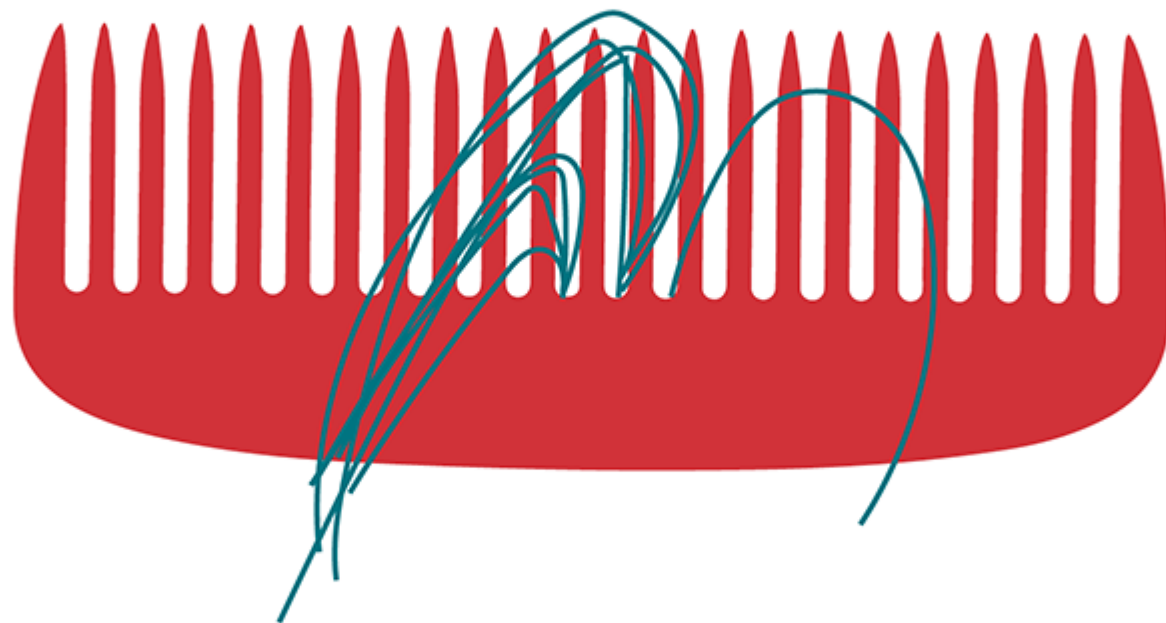
Myth 4: My pet can't get chemotherapy.
He or she will always be sick.



Fact: While chemotherapy has the potential to cause unfavourable side effects in our pets, they are generally mild, transient or nonexistent.

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Myth 5: My pet will be bald.



Fact: Because cats and most dogs have fur, not hair, our pets do not generally lose their haircoat during chemotherapy. Sometimes our pets will temporarily lose their whiskers. Dogs that have hair such as Shih Tzus, poodles, and mixes of these breeds, have more significant thinning of their haircoat.

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Myth 6: Feeding my pet a special diet can prevent cancer.



Fact: Just as in human cancer, there is no special diet or superfood that can prevent cancer in pets. However, some studies do show the benefits of different vegetables and herbal supplements in improving the overall health of a pet, both those with and without cancer.