



Cancer and Cats

Cancer is a disease that touches many of us, and unknown to most, it ends the lives of our pets far too soon. Morris Animal Foundation, a nonprofit organization that invests in science that advances veterinary medicine for animals, has been funding pet cancer research since 1962, but there is still more work to be done.

To help educate pet parents, the foundation has created this cancer information kit to help keep your pets healthy.

Committed to Beating Pet Cancer



By the Numbers:

- 4:** Types of feline cancer we're studying
- 18:** Million+ dollars invested to study pet cancer
- 19:** No. of universities we've funded

With 40 active cancer studies receiving foundation funding, our commitment to beating pet cancer is stronger than ever. Research ranges from analyzing basic science and cutting-edge cancer genetics to conducting clinical trials for new cancer treatments.

Cats Often Hide Their Illness from Us

10 Warning Signs of Cancer in Cats*

- 1 Recent lump or bump that persists or grows in size**
- 2 Sores or wounds that do not heal**
- 3 Weight loss with or without change in food intake**
- 4 Change in appetite or water consumption**
- 5 Bleeding or discharge from any body opening**
- 6 Offensive odors**
- 7 Difficulty eating, chewing, grasping or swallowing food**
- 8 Persistent lameness**
- 9 Increased sleeping, reclusive behavior**
- 10 Difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating**

If you see any of these signs in your cat, consult your veterinarian.

**Adapted from Colorado State University Flint Animal Cancer Center.*

Can Your Cat Develop Cancer?



In our foundation's pet health survey, cancer was the leading cause of disease-related death in cats.

Breed-specific data on cancer risk is limited in cats. That said, purebred cats are generally believed to be at greater risk for cancer development.

Consult your veterinarian for additional information.



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PET CANCER



Blue Buffalo Unites to Fight Pet Cancer

Morris Animal Foundation has teamed up with The Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research for its annual Pet Cancer Awareness campaign. As part of this campaign, Blue Buffalo will match all donations made to Morris Animal Foundation up to \$50,000.

We are thankful for partners like the Blue Buffalo Company for helping us create a brighter, healthier future for animals. Their continued support helps us fund the best science in veterinary medicine.