

## **Cancer Survey Questionnaire:**

### **The Kali's Wish Fund and the search for the causes of cancer in our companion animals.**

Cancer is now the leading cause of death in our dog population. Speculations are made of what causes cancer. With the help of the Kali's Wish Fund, veterinarian Marlene Smith has started a research project as to the possible causes of cancer in dogs. Having lost many of her dog friends in the practice and her own 5 year old Bernese Isla from cancer she decided that the search for the causes of cancer was long overdue.

Dr. Smith has 30 years experience in the western/ allopathic modality of medicine and has added experience in Chinese Veterinary Medicine, herbal medicine, and homeopathy and veterinary chiropractics. Through the following questionnaire she hopes to find common patterns in the various forms of cancer effecting our canine population.

Doctor Smith wishes to thank the Kali's Wish Foundation for making the start of this project possible.

Your help would be greatly appreciated by filling out the questionnaire below and return it electronically or by mail to:

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**Your name and address (optional):**

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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Type of cancer the dog was diagnosed with: \_\_\_\_\_
- Age the dog was diagnosed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Breed (or cross): \_\_\_\_\_
- Sex: (M, M/n, F, F/s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Location the dog spent most of its life (rural/ city, Province): \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnostics and Treatment:**

- Which diagnostic tools were used for diagnoses?
  - Blood panel
  - Fine needle aspirate
  - Biopsy
  - Ultra sound
  - M.R.I
  - Surgery (exploratory)
- Did the dog receive any treatment?  Yes  No
- Western treatment: which drugs were used at which dosage and for how long?:
  - Prednisone \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cyclophosphamide \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cisplatin \_\_\_\_\_
  - Carboplatin \_\_\_\_\_
  - Vincristine \_\_\_\_\_
  - Vinblastine \_\_\_\_\_
  - Doxorubicin \_\_\_\_\_
  - L-Asparaginase \_\_\_\_\_
  - Piroxicam \_\_\_\_\_
  - Combination cocktail \_\_\_\_\_
- Complementary modalities (please describe which herbs were used):
  - Western herbs \_\_\_\_\_
  - Chinese herbs: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Acupuncture : \_\_\_\_\_
  - Homeopathy: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Homotoxicology: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nutraceutical supplements: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Integrated/ combination approach (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Survival time.
    - How long did your dog live with /without treatment? \_\_\_\_\_
    - How would you describe the quality of life? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Did the cancer progress and how? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Did other symptoms develop? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What changes did you notice in your dog? \_\_\_\_\_
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Any other comments you may have \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background History.**

- Your dog's history:**
  - Please describe any disease your dog had during its lifetime and at what age.  
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- Did your dog suffer from any of the following diseases?
  - Immune diseases:
    - Allergies/ skin : \_\_\_\_\_
    - Asthma: \_\_\_\_\_
    - I.B.D (bowel problem): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Meningitis : \_\_\_\_\_
    - Poly-arthritis: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Lupus (S.L.E.): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Thyroiditis: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Endocrine disorders.
    - Thyroid (Hypo/Hyper?) : \_\_\_\_\_
    - Adrenal (Cushings/ Addisons): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Pancreas +/- diabetes: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fever attacks from unknown origin? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you see any form of illness in the month(s) prior to the diagnosis of cancer? (i.e diarrhea, fever etc). \_\_\_\_\_

- Vaccination history. Did your dog receive vaccinations and at what age?
  - Distemper/ Parvo/ Hepatitis/ Lepto/ Giardia/ Rabies/ others \_\_\_\_\_
  - Age \_\_\_\_\_  Vaccine: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Post vaccine reaction/ disease (please describe what type of reaction).  
 Within 24 hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 After or within two weeks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 After 1 month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Which vaccine? : \_\_\_\_\_

- Did you use flea products on you animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, what did you use and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

- Did you see any reactions post treatment? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

- Do (or did) you use any chemicals in your house or garden (i.e rug cleaners, “feed and weed” etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

- Diet. What did you feed your dog during its lifetime? (please name brand)  
 Commercial kibble: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canned: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pet shop/ Veterinary clinic purchased? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home made/fresh; cooked/raw? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If home made, please expand \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercially raw, (please expand)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Cancer diet. Did you know about the cancer diet as researched by the Colorado State University (Dr. Greg Ogilvie) ? Did you use any type of cancer diet during your pet’s illness? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Genetics/ family history:**

Did any of your dog’s family members (dog parents, littermates, uncles, aunts, and grandparent’s etc.)develop any or some of the following:

- Cancer yes/  no : \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which type of cancer and at what age and which relatives?

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Is there anything else you would like to share, that may help us to shed some light on why your dog developed cancer?