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Cancer in Pets

Cancer in Pets An estimated 6 million dogs and nearly 6 million cats will be diagnosed with cancer this year and 1 out of 2 dogs and cats will get cancer over the age of 10. Dogs are affected by more forms of cancer compared to other companion animals, often being diagnosed before the age of 10. According to The Veterinary Cancer Society, cancer is the leading cause of death in 47% of dogs, especially over age ten, and 32% of cats. These are alarming statistics. While genetics and environmental factors can play a role in the development of several types of cancer, other variables such as toxin exposure, radiation, chronic inflammation, viruses, or hormones can also contribute. Suppressed or deficient immune systems, long standing nutritional deficiencies and ongoing stress has shown to increase an animal's risk of developing cancer which is the reason that at BARC, we discuss natural ways to boost your pet's immune system with therapies like ozone, diet, acupuncture, lifestyle and supplements.

Many pet parents are devastated when their animal companion is diagnosed with cancer and often wonder how this happened so suddenly, when exams and blood work were always normal. Well, the traditional exams and blood work that are done during an annual veterinary visit, can't always detect early stages of cancer, or before it manifests into a palpable or visible disease. Your pet may have a normal check up with normal blood tests, while they are at risk for developing, or already have cancer.

So, what can we do about it? There is a tool that can help us determine your pet's risk of cancer, hopefully before it starts. BARC has partnered with a lab to offer Cancer Risk Assessment Profiles. Having this information can allow us to take action before it's too late. The Cancer Panel is not specific for any one type of cancer, location or size, but it is a very useful tool to help us assess overall risk, monitor progression and provide therapeutic treatments for dogs and cats (and horses) that do have cancer. This is a ground breaking technology that looks at blood markers that are typically not evaluated with other blood tests. This test gives us more information that can help us and your general veterinarian address the underlying issues.

Because we know that preventative medicine is the best medicine!