

Pet Owner Fact Sheet: Canine Cutaneous Soft Tissue Sarcoma

WHAT IS IT?

 A type of cancer found in the skin, or under the skin.



WHAT SIGNS DOES MY PET HAVE?

A non-painful lump is found when petting your dog.

WILL MY DOG FEEL SICK?

Your dog will feel fine unless the lump gets very large.

HOW DOES THE VETERINARIAN RECOGNIZE THIS DISEASE?

Testing the mass to determine if it is cancer. This is often with a needle sample.



THERAPY

Surgery is considered the treatment of choice. To remove all the cancer cells nearby, the incision will be much larger than you think it will be. This is important to prevent the tumor from coming back.



WHAT OTHER TESTS NEED TO BE DONE?

- X-rays of the lungs to look for spread.
- Biopsy of the tumor removed during surgery.



