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the leading answer to pet cancer

A GIFT FROM DR. STEPHANIE CORREA

Dear Friends,

During this time of upheaval, we share with you the commitment to our Clients and Animal Patients. We know your clinics are open and you continue to care for those in need. Please know we remain here for your Clients when animal cancer is suspected, or being treated. Like you, we have updated our protocols and initiated curbside drop-off procedures due to COVID-19 so that the safety of our Clients and Employees is maintained. However, we have not changed our hours or abilities to provide all forms of animal cancer care for both new and existing patients. Though animal cancer is traumatic, we still provide real hope to the family of a beloved pet – and that is perhaps more appreciated now than ever before.



One can only guess at the additional stress your Client now faces when told their animal family member may have cancer. Our Clients report that a Consultation with us eased their minds and helped them learn important facts about th's condition and treatment options – often providing hope while addressing outdated, inaccurate preconceptions about animal cancer care (e.g., too late, too expensive, too risky, too painful, too inconvenient) that may leave your Client feeling resigned to their worst fear. They should know there are new approaches to treating cancer in animals of any age, often at costs far less than expected. Because animals do not experience many of the negative side effects that humans do, the quality and longevity of an animal's life can be significantly improved with even basic cancer care.

**YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR CLIENT A GIFT OF \$50 TOWARD AN
INITIAL CONSULTATION WITH ANIMAL CANCER CARE CLINIC.
SIMPLY GO TO CANCERCAREREFERRAL.COM**

Particularly at this time, we would like to make it easier for you and your Clients to obtain the information needed for responsible, informed decisions about their pet's care. Now, for just \$75 they can come to one of our seven clinics for a Drop-Off Consultation.

Your Client can wait in their car for about one hour while our staff brings their pet in to an experienced veterinary oncologist to conduct an examination, review the medical history and then call the Client to discuss treatment options and expected prognosis. If additional diagnostic tests are needed, they can often be performed while there, with associated costs provided in advance. A written plan and estimate for complete care are provided and if desired, we can often begin therapy at this first appointment. As always, you will receive detailed progress updates and discharge instructions.

Simply go to CancerCareReferral.com for your Client's \$50 gift. We believe it contributes to the value and excellent care, recommendations and professional referrals you provide. We are proud to offer it, along with our culture of HOPE, CARE and Optimal OUTCOMES to you and your Clients.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Correa DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)
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ACCC Oncologist Studies Use of Palladia in Dogs with Transitional Cell Carcinoma

Recently, we investigated the use of Palladia in canine transitional cell carcinoma. Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) is a locally aggressive tumor in dogs with low-to-moderate responses to traditional chemotherapeutic agents. In our recent study, thirty-seven ACCC patients were retrospectively identified who had received Palladia for the treatment of transitional cell carcinoma for greater than 1 month. Thirty-two dogs had adequate follow up and bloodwork to evaluate for adverse events, and fifteen dogs were evaluated for tumor response based on serial ultrasounds. We found that Palladia was generally well tolerated in dogs with transitional cell carcinoma; however 56% of dogs had progression of azotemia while on this drug. Azotemia may have also been due to disease progression in this population of patients, but we recommend careful monitoring of renal function in patients with transitional cell carcinoma undergoing Palladia therapy. One out of fifteen dogs had a partial response, defined as a greater than 50% reduction in tumor size. Eighty percent of dogs had stable disease for a median duration of 128.5 days. This is significant since the majority of the dogs were heavily pretreated with chemotherapy. Also, because toceranib inhibits growth factor signaling rather than causing direct DNA damage, it may be more likely to result in stable disease rather than tumor regression. Most dogs also received an NSAID in combination with Palladia, given on an alternating day schedule; however, all dogs had received NSAID therapy well before initiating Palladia. We believe this study supports the use of Palladia in the treatment of transitional cell carcinoma.

FAREWELL

After many years with ACCC as both an Oncology Specialty Intern and Associate Oncologist, we bid Dr. Tanya Gustafson Farewell and wish her well in her next professional endeavor!

--all of us at ACCC.



MEET ACE

Our first patient treated with our NEW Linear Accelerator Full Protocol completed in ONE week

As we had previously announced, we have replaced our linear accelerator and treatment planning software to provide consistent and optimal animal patient care that lead to better outcomes. We are excited to announce that we are now providing full radiation services once again! We want you to meet the first patient treated with SRT on our new Linear Accelerator, "Ace"!



Figure 1: "Ace" 12 y.o. MN Mixed Breed Dog diagnosed with Stage 3-4b sinonasal carcinoma

"Ace" has been diagnosed with a Stage 3-4b sinonasal carcinoma. He has been successfully treated with a three-fraction stereotactic protocol administered on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule in one week.

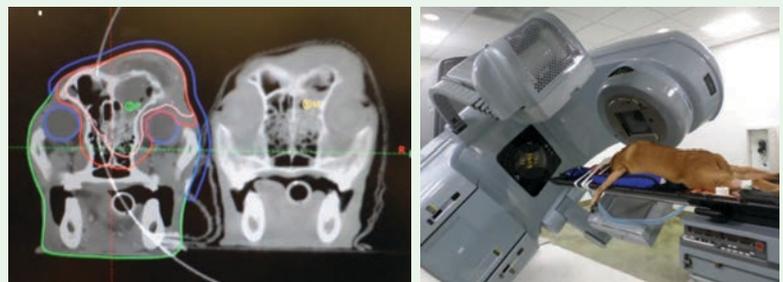


Figure 2: Left: Treatment plan CT Scan side-by-side comparison and 3D matching with CBCT on Tx Day 3. Right: Ace on Tx Day 3 of SRT

With this new technology we can deliver more precise treatments while maintaining a wide array of applications including faster stereotactic treatments and image guidance!



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