

# Lymphoma screening

Thanks for bringing your dog in to see us. We performed a test that screens for a very common type of cancer called lymphoma.

## Test results: Consistent with lymphoma

Your dog's test results were consistent with lymphoma. While your dog may or may not be displaying clinical signs now, we do have a reason to suspect lymphoma based on this test and want to work together on a plan going forward.

## What does this mean?

If your dog is showing signs of lymphoma, such as new masses in the area of the lymph nodes or new symptoms, which include diarrhoea, vomiting, and breathing changes, this result supports a clinical diagnosis of lymphoma.

If your dog is otherwise healthy and not showing signs of disease, this result indicates an increased likelihood of developing clinical lymphoma. We will want to monitor your dog over the coming months to catch any developing lymphoma early. Your dog may be diagnosed at a follow-up visit if they develop signs that indicate lymphoma.

# What can I do next?

If your dog is showing signs of lymphoma, we will discuss options for treatment, monitoring,

and possible referral to a specialist. We may recommend additional diagnostics to determine the extent of the disease and additional details that may affect prognosis and treatment options.

If your dog is not showing signs of disease, further diagnostics could be considered to confirm presence of disease. If diagnostics are not pursued or lymphoma is not diagnosed upon further investigation, the best course of action is monitoring for early signs of lymphoma. We may also discuss what options you will have if your dog is diagnosed with lymphoma, including treatment options and referral to a specialist.

## What to watch for at home:

- + New lumps and bumps on the body
- + New symptoms, such as diarrhoea, vomiting, and breathing changes
- + Changes in eating and drinking
- + Changes in elimination habits
- + Behavioural changes (lethargy, depression)

We will work together on a plan for monitoring and potential treatment. In the meantime, let us know what questions you have.