

Cancer and the Inheritance Factor

Cancer: The word strikes fear in the heart of any dog owner.

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You can also take the opportunity to help your breed. Find out if research is being done on that particular cancer, and if researchers need DNA or tissue samples. You can also donate to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation's Cancer Initiative, which supports cancer research projects that will identify markers of heritable cancer risk, identify markers that predict response to treatment, and develop new therapies based on genetic anomalies of tumors. It also funds the annual Canine Cancer Conferences, where top scientists from around the world meet to present the latest findings. With your help, breeders won't be faced with such difficult choices in the future.