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Clinical signs of canine cancer

Knowing the common signs that can indicate cancer helps in early detection. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Veterinary Cancer Society (VCS) say these clinical signs may indicate cancer or another serious condition that needs veterinary attention. A pet can be ill without these signs, so regular veterinary checkups are critical to diagnosing health problems early.

- Abnormal swellings that persist or continue to grow
- Sores that do not heal
- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Bleeding or discharge from any body opening
- Offensive odor
- Difficulty eating or swallowing
- Hesitance to exercise or loss of stamina
- Persistent lameness or stiffness
- Difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating