



NWVS Oncology Discharge & Referral Instructions

Patient Information: Honey Miller 6 year spayed female Staffordshire Bull Terrier	[REDACTED]
Owner: Nicole & John Miller	Date Admitted: 9/22/14
Referring Veterinarian: Linwood Animal Clinic	Date Discharged: 9/22/14
Attending Doctor: (Oncology)	Recheck Date: 9/29/14

DIAGNOSES: Lymphoma
History of skin allergies
Multiple subcutaneous masses

CASE SUMMARY: Honey, a 6 year old female spayed Staffordshire Terrier, presented to NWVS oncology service today to begin chemotherapy for lymphoma.

Honey originally presented to [REDACTED] on 9/15/14 for evaluation of lymphadenopathy. A fine-needle aspirate of an enlarged lymph node was performed and cytology consistent with lymphoma. Following an oncology consultation, a decision was made to pursue CHOP chemotherapy.

Honey is a previously healthy dog. She has a history of skin allergies and has multiple subcutaneous masses. Honey is eating, drinking, urinating and defecating normally. She is currently on Prednisone.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

Today's body weight is 31.4 kg

Rectal temperature is 100.6 F

Heart rate is 100 beats per minute

Respiratory rate is panting

Mucous membranes are pink & moist

Capillary refill time is < 2 seconds

Honey was bright, alert and responsive, and her usual sweet self. Her eyes, ears, nose and throat were clear. Her mandibular and prescapular lymph nodes are enlarged. All remaining peripheral lymph nodes were within normal limits. No heart murmur or arrhythmias were noted and she had a normal sinus rhythm and strong, synchronous pulses. Her lungs were clear and eupneic. Abdominal palpation was unremarkable. Honey demonstrated normal mentation and no obvious neurologic deficits. Rectal examination was within normal limits.



DIAGNOSTICS:

Complete blood count: All values within normal limits.

Chemistry panel: All values within normal limits.

Urinalysis: No significant findings.

TREATMENT:

Today Honey received the chemotherapeutic drug Vincristine. She received 0.49 mg intravenously in her right lateral saphenous vein. No complications were noted with her treatment. It is possible that Honey may experience side effects from the Vincristine. If these occur, it is most likely that you will see them in the next 2 or 3 days. If Honey seems dizzy, disoriented, or clumsy, please let [REDACTED] know. Some dogs vomit or have diarrhea after Vincristine therapy but this is rare.

A more common side effect is constipation and this can occur 7– 10 days after drug injection. Be sure that Honey has free access to water at all times. You may also increase the amount of fiber in the diet by giving carrots, adding bran or an over the counter fiber supplement to the usual food.

Small amounts of the drug may be excreted in the urine and feces for up to 72 hours. You should avoid handling, or wear gloves when handling, the urine and feces for the next 3 days. Pregnant women and children under the age of 18 years should not have any contact with the urine or feces of Honey for 72 hours after administration of Vincristine.

MEDICATIONS:

1) **Prednisone 20 mg tablets:** Please give (3) tablets orally ONCE daily for 7 days, then give (2) tablets orally ONCE daily for 7 days, then give (1) tablet orally ONCE daily for 7 days, and then give ½ tablet orally every other day for 7 days and then discontinue this drug. Prednisone is a steroid and is generally well tolerated. Prednisone can be associated with gastrointestinal upset, i.e. nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If you notice these signs, or dark, tarry stool, please contact [REDACTED]. Prednisone can also cause increased panting, increased appetite, increased water intake and increased urination. Please do NOT give any other steroids, any nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, such as Rimadyl or aspirin, while Honey is on this medication.

2) **Cerenia 60 mg tablets:** Please give 1 tablet orally ONCE daily as needed for nausea.

3) **Metronidazole 250 mg tablets:** Please give 1.5 tablets orally every 12 hours as needed for diarrhea.

DIET: Honey may continue with her regular diet.

ACTIVITY: Honey may continue to dictate her own activity level.



PLAN FOR RE-EVALUATION:

- 1) Honey is scheduled to return to NWVS oncology service on Monday, September 29th, 2014 to continue chemotherapy with drop off between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. Honey will be due for Cyclophosphamide chemotherapy at this visit.
- 2) Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] with any questions or concerns regarding Honey. We can be reached at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can also be reached via email at [REDACTED]

Honey was a very good girl today!
Thank you for continuing to entrust us with her care.
Please keep us updated on how Honey is doing.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)