



NWVS Oncology Discharge & Referral Instructions

Patient Information: Honey Miller 6 year old female spayed Staffordshire Bull Terrier	PI #:
Owner: Nicole & John Miller nicolemillerbooks@gmail.com	Date Admitted: 9/29/14
Referring Veterinarian:	Date Discharged: 9/29/14
Attending Doctor: _____, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)	Recheck Date: 10/6/14

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 continue chemotherapy for lymphoma.

Honey originally presented to _____ 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 kg	Rectal temperature is 99.3 F
Heart rate is 140 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 a love. Her eyes, ears, nose and throat were clear. Her mandibular and left 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 not performed this visit.



DIAGNOSTICS:

Complete blood count: All values within normal limits. Neutrophils at 4,000, which is adequate for chemotherapy administration.

TREATMENT: Honey is being sent home on oral Cyclophosphamide. A potential side effect of Cyclophosphamide is sterile hemorrhagic cystitis. This is an irritation of the lining of the bladder, much like a bladder infection. To help avoid this, be sure that Honey has free access to fresh water at all times. Please give the drug in the morning rather than the evening as well. Give Honey ample opportunities to urinate and be sure that he urinates before you retire for the night. If Honey squats, strains to urinate, or urinates too often, she might be developing cystitis. Please discontinue this medication if you see these signs and contact Dr.

Cyclophosphamide can also cause a decrease in the white blood cells so a blood check will be needed periodically to monitor for this.

If Honey is being given oral Cyclophosphamide you should wear gloves when giving Honey the tablets and take care that the medication gets swallowed. It is perfectly OK to give the medication with food but give the tablet in a small amount of food to be sure it is taken.

When Honey receives Cyclophosphamide, (Cytoxan), small amounts of the drug may be excreted in the urine and feces. You should avoid handling, or wear gloves when handling, the urine and feces for up to 72 hours following each dose. 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 Cyclophosphamide.

MEDICATIONS:

1) **Prednisone 20 mg tablets:** Please 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 Dr. 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.

4) **Cyclophosphamide 40 mg capsule and 50 mg tablets:** Please give (2) 50 mg tablets orally ONCE on the mornings of 9/30/14 and 10/1/14 and then give (1) 40 mg capsule orally ONCE on the morning of 10/2/14. Please wear gloves to administer.

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, October 6th, 2014 to continue chemotherapy with drop off between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. Honey will be due for Vincristine chemotherapy at this visit.

- 2) Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. _____, with any questions or concerns regarding Honey. We can be reached at _____ and Dr. _____ can also be reached via email at _____

**Honey looks great!
Thank you for continuing to entrust us with her care.
Please keep us updated on how Honey is doing.**

Sincerely,

_____, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)