



## NWVS Oncology Discharge & Referral Instructions

<b>Patient Information:</b> Honey Miller 6 year old female spayed Staffordshire Bull Terrier	<b>PI #:</b> 55160
<b>Owner:</b> Nicole & John Miller	<b>Date Admitted:</b> 10/20/14
<b>Referring Veterinarian:</b>  Linwood Animal Clinic	<b>Date Discharged:</b> 10/20/14
<b>Attending Doctor:</b>  <div style="text-align: center;">DVM, MS, DACVIM</div> (Oncology)	<b>Recheck Date:</b> 10/27/14

**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 [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 not currently on any medication at this time.

**PHYSICAL EXAM:**

Today's body weight is 33.1 kg	Rectal temperature is 101.3 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 great kisser. Her eyes, ears, nose and throat were clear. Her mandibular lymph nodes are palpable. 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.

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**DIAGNOSTICS:**

**Complete blood count:** All values within normal limits. Neutrophils at 7,360, which is adequate for chemotherapy administration.

**TREATMENT:** Today Honey received the chemotherapeutic drug Doxorubicin. She received 33 mg intravenously in her right lateral saphenous vein. No complications were noted with her treatment. Prior to treatment she received Cerenia orally. Most animals do well with this drug however you will want to watch for the potential side effects. Side effects normally occur within 2 – 3 days following the treatment and may last for about a week.

If Honey begins to vomit, withhold food for 24 hours and give just small amounts of water. Rice or rice mixed with cottage cheese can then be introduced gradually. This same diet can help if Honey experiences diarrhea. Continue to feed this diet for 2 or 3 days and then return to your Honey's regular diet gradually. If vomiting or diarrhea become severe (i.e. vomiting all water consumed), please contact

Honey should have a blood test (CBC) done in one week to check the status of her immune cells. If the white cell count is low, (Neutrophils less than 1,000), an antibiotic may be prescribed for one week. If the white cell count is low, Honey's activity should be restricted to mild exercise and areas such as parks and groomers should be avoided.

A few pets experience hair loss. This happens most frequently in breeds that have continuously growing hair coats; those which need to visit the groomer often. Some animals will have changes in the skin, which causes the skin to become dark, or hyperpigmented. This is not a concern.

The urine, feces and vomit may contain small amounts of the drug for up to 72 hours and urine may be slightly orange tinged for 12 hours. You should avoid handling, or wear gloves when handling these 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 Doxorubicin.

**MEDICATIONS:**

1) **Cerenia 60 mg tablets:** Please give 1 tablet orally ONCE daily for two days, and then as needed for nausea.

2) **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, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for a recheck exam and complete blood count. Honey will have next week off from chemotherapy. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ will be out of town next Monday, however, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will help care for Honey in her absence.



- 2) Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. [redacted] or [redacted], with any questions or concerns regarding Honey. We can be reached at (503) 656-3999 and Dr. [redacted] can also be reached via email at [redacted].

**Honey is a very special gal.  
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)

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