



southpaws
SPECIALTY SURGERY FOR ANIMALS

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Surgical Oncology

Radiation Oncology

Chemotherapy

Orthopaedic Surgery

Soft Tissue Surgery

Neurosurgery

**Minimally Invasive
Surgery**

**Reconstructive
Surgery**

**Cardiothoracic
Surgery**

Advanced Imaging

CT
Fluoroscopy
Ultrasonography
CR
MRI access

Internal Medicine

Gastroenterology
Respiratory Disease
Endocrinology
Neurology
Urology

Cancer Cure Guarantee:

At Southpaws, we recognise that the best cancer treatment can result in significant financial hardship for owners. We also recognise that the fear of recurrence and concern over further expense can get in the way of choosing potentially life-saving surgery.

For this reason, we want to offer the following: If we perform curative-intent surgery, and the same tumour EVER returns in the same location, expenses incurred at Southpaws will be returned in full, including initial consultation and diagnostics.

Alternatively, in the unlikely event of a local recurrence, the owner may elect to have other treatment like further surgery and/or radiation therapy performed at no additional charge instead of receiving a refund.

Why are we doing this?

- At Southpaws, we have extensive knowledge and experience in the treatment of cancer. Our recurrence rate is less than 2% on thousands of tumours that have been removed with curative intent.
- The most common reason for owner's refusing potentially life-saving treatment for their pets is expense and fear of failure of the procedure.
- We want to alleviate these concerns and we have the confidence in our abilities to be able to offer this guarantee.

The fine print:

- Preoperatively, we must tell the owner that we are performing curative-intent surgery. In other words, if we tell the owner we can cure the pet's primary tumour, this guarantee applies and owners will receive a certificate.
- We may require a CT scan before initial surgery to determine if the tumour is removable.
- This guarantee only applies to the return of the same type of tumour in the same location, confirmed by a specialist pathologist. If the biopsy indicates no recurrence, the fees associated with the biopsy are borne by the owner. Obviously, if there is tumour recurrence, the fees for the biopsy are borne by us.
- It is important to recognise that many tumours have two distinct behaviours, their potential to recur in the same spot, and the possibility that they have already spread microscopically to other parts of the body. The treatment of the primary tumour does not affect the possibility that it had already spread by the time the primary tumour is treated. This guarantee does not apply to spread of the tumour to other parts of the body which may already have occurred microscopically by the time of surgery.
- Mast cell tumour recurrence is defined as a tumour or tumours which have recurred on or within the original surgical scar.