



## What to Expect for Your Upcoming Oncology Appointment

We welcome pet owners from throughout Montana and the surrounding states. We want to make your time with us meaningful and efficient. Before your pet's visit to Bridger Veterinary Specialists, we will contact your primary veterinarian(s) to request recent records, test results, imaging studies, and other medical history so our team can focus on their cancer care. We might ask you to bring some of these items with you; if that is necessary, our team will try to contact you. If your pet has seen multiple veterinarians recently, please provide us with contact information for all hospitals.

Please review the information below to learn what to expect and how to prepare for pet's oncology visit:

- The first appointment establishes your goals, provides education about your pet's type of cancer and planning.
- Our oncologist will review the case and complete an examination. Following this, she will speak with you about the diagnosis and potential treatment options.
- Depending on the care option you select, we may be able to perform diagnostic tests the same day. This is not always possible and may require an additional visit. The oncology team will advise you on the timing of specific testing.
- If we perform any diagnostics (radiographs, CT scan, ultrasound, biopsy) the day of the appointment, it is helpful to have your pet fasted. This means no food after midnight the night prior to the appointment. Water up until the appointment time is okay.
- It is also helpful to prepare a list of questions in advance to ask the oncology team. We are happy to address any questions or concerns.
- If you are traveling a distance for your appointment, Mountain View Lodge and Suites is located near Bridger Veterinary Specialists and does allow pets. Be sure to mention you will be a client of BVS to receive a potential discount.

If you have any additional questions about what to expect regarding the upcoming oncology consultation appointment, please contact us at (406) 548-4226 or via email at [info@bvspets.com](mailto:info@bvspets.com).

Thank you and we look forward to meeting with you and your pet.