OFFENSIVE ODOR
This is a common sign, especially for tumors of the anus, mouth or nose.

DIFFICULTY EATING OR SWALLOWING
This is a common sign of cancers of the mouth or neck.

HEZITATION TO EXERCISE OR LOSS OF STAMINA
This can be one of the first signs that your pet is not feeling well.

PERSISTENT LAMENESS
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NON-HEALING SORES
Non-healing sores could be a sign of infection or cancer. Your veterinarian can determine why a sore is not healing.

LOSS OF APPETITE
It’s not normal for pets to lose their appetite; inappetence is another sign of possible illness.

BLEEDING OR DISCHARGE
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CANCER IN PETS: KEY FACTS

CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN PETS BEYOND MIDDLE AGE

50% OF CANCER IN PETS IS MANAGEABLE OR CURABLE WITH SURGERY, CHEMOTHERAPY, RADIATION, OR A COMBINATION

1 IN 4 DOGS AND 1 IN 5 CATS WILL DEVELOP CANCER IN ITS LIFETIME

ABOUT US

THE FLINT ANIMAL CANCER CENTER TREATS PETS WITH cancer using leading-edge surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. We use knowledge gained while treating animal patients to improve cancer treatment for people. This is possible because tumors and their development are remarkably similar in pets and people, that makes cancer treatment in dogs an ideal way to advance cancer treatment in both pets and human patients.

We are the world’s most comprehensive center focused on veterinary oncology, with about 100 scientists and clinicians. Each year, we care for more than 1,500 new patients through more than 6,000 appointments. We train veterinary students, interns, residents and surgical oncology fellows in state-of-the-art diagnostics, care, and cancer research. We conduct many clinical trials for dogs with naturally occurring tumors to find treatments that are more effective with fewer side-effects.

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