When Cancer Strikes the Pet You Love [VIDEO]

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We often write about how our pets can be great companions for people diagnosed with cancer. But humans aren't the only ones who can be stricken. Sometimes our furry friends can also be diagnosed with a wide range of cancers.

The Petco Foundation, in partnership with Blue Buffalo, provides a broad range of support in the form of support for clinical trials and university studies working toward a cure, and helps to fund organizations that assist with covering treatment costs for families who couldn't otherwise afford the care.

They also share some personal stories and one that stood out was the story of Lauren and Chance who helped each other through a cancer diagnosis.

When Chance was diagnosed with cancer at 12 years old, Lauren knew what he was going through. More than a decade earlier, Chance had stood by Lauren as she fought and beat breast cancer.

Lauren was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 and Chance was her comfort throughout treatment. "He was a young guy, not even two, he had boundless energy," Lauren recalled. "I didn't know how that was going to go when I came home from surgery or chemotherapy or

radiation. [Chance] was still his joyful bounding self, but with me, he was just calm and he came and sat with me.”

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The Petco Foundation also shares some tips of what to watch for in your pet that might indicate cancer.

- Swollen lymph nodes
- Unusual lump or bump
- Weight loss
- Chronic vomiting or diarrhea
- Abnormal bleeding
- Offensive oral odor
- Coughing
- Abdominal distension
- Lameness or stiffness
- Difficulty urinating

You can read more about these tips here.

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