

Meet Honey!! Honey is a 9 year old black shepherd mix, and she is as sweet as her name! In September while Honey was here for one of her Hydrotherapy sessions, she asked Dr. Pomanti to check a growth that just appeared on her right side. Dr. Pomanti measured and took a sample from the mass that showed cells that were not conclusive, but suggestive for cancer. It was determined that the lump should be removed and the owners scheduled surgery. However, life happens, and they needed to postpone her surgery. Suddenly though, the mass doubled in size - to larger than a football, along her entire right side. Drs. Pomanti and Coughlin consulted on what this would mean for removal. There was concern that the entire mass could not be removed. The owners wanted to proceed with surgery knowing Dr. Coughlin would try to remove the entire mass or at least debulk it (remove as much as possible to make Honey more comfortable). At surgery, luckily the entire mass was removed - all 5 pounds of it. Removing such a large mass required that Honey have a drain (to remove excess fluid) and a bandage for several days. Without the five pound mass Honey is feeling like a younger version of herself and not slowing down at all. Her incision is healing very well and her sutures have been removed. Unfortunately, the mass is a soft tissue sarcoma, a malignant tumor. Likely it will return, hopefully not for many months, but for now Honey is enjoying life to the fullest!!

