

## CANCERS

**Haemangiosarcoma** - These are predominantly tumours of the spleen and/or of the liver, the majority of cases involve primarily the spleen in the earlier stages of the disease. This is the most common intestinal tumor seen in all breeds generally (including cross breeds) and is certainly the most common abdominal tumor of the German Shepherd. There is a slightly higher percentage of males seen to females. All GSD's over the age of 8-9 years of age should have an abdominal palpation with their annual check up.

**Skin Haemangiosarcoma** - Also called **Malignant Haemangio-Endothelioma**. Thought to have a genetic predisposition. May require aggressive surgical intervention and or chemotherapy. Very low incidence in the GSD.

**Lymphosarcoma** - Affects all the lymph nodes of the body, most commonly first seen in the lymph nodes under the chin, at the corner of the jaw. Length of life expectance with conservative treatment can be as short as 6-12 weeks. The average is about 5-6 months. Decisions to euthanise are generally based on quality of life, mobility, etc.

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