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“It’s OK If You Can’t or Won’t Treat Your Dog’s Cancer, and NO ONE Should Shame You About It!” — Dr. Demian Dressler, DVM

On a recent podcast episode of [Dog Cancer Answers](#) hosted by James Jacobson, Demian Dressler “the dog cancer vet” defends dog lovers from “despicable, deplorable” online shaming behavior and says, “We cannot judge somebody’s circumstance from the outside.”

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It’s no secret that online bullying is a real thing. And it’s not reserved for kids, either, as Dr. Demian Dressler realized after spending time on a number of Facebook pages and groups dedicated to dog cancer.

Dr. Dressler says, “People were getting shamed for the choices that they were intelligently making concerning their dog’s medical care in regard to cancer and I thought that that type of shaming was completely inappropriate.”

In a wide ranging conversation with host, James Jacobson, Dr. Dressler discusses the reasons why a dog lover might reasonably choose to halt, amend, or totally suspend cancer treatments in a new podcast episode “[When Not to Treat Dog Cancer](#).” Dressler also enumerates the many “life quality” changes dog lovers can make to help their dogs do better, despite the approaching end of life.

Dressler is co-author of the book [The Dog Cancer Survival Guide: Full Spectrum Treatments to Optimize Your Dog’s Life Quality and Longevity](#). His compassionate approach comes from his own experience of two decades as a veterinarian in Maui, Hawaii.

“I have clients who live in their cars on the beach and bring me their pets, and they pay in cash,” Dressler says in the interview. “They don’t have a lot because they can’t even support themselves...their food money is going towards the dog’s veterinary care.” He continues, “I also have clients who fly me around in their private jets.”

The difference in equity has led this veterinarian to some deep realizations: There is no “one right way,” but there are many options and they need to be respected. We cannot judge somebody’s circumstance, from the outside looking in. Dog guardians make different choices based on what is happening in their lives now. Unsolicited opinions and social media trolls only add to a guardian’s feeling of grief, uncertainty and a wariness of talking to friends and family for fear of being judged.

It is a good message for all of us to remember, especially when so many of us are stuck at home, spending more time on social media than ever. This episode offers hope, trustworthy information and no judgement.

ABOUT THIS PODCAST

Show: Dog Cancer Answers

Episode: [When Not to Treat Dog Cancer](#)

Synopsis: Is it OK to not treat dog cancer? Dr. Dressler mounts a defense of guardians who have to make painful decisions about their dog cancer treatments.

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