

# vets tips

## Lumps and Bumps - don't ignore them

In addition to the regular health checks that your pet receives when visiting your vet, a thorough grooming session at least once a week will alert you to any developing lumps. Just like us, pets can develop lumps and bumps on their skin that range from those that are slow growing to lumps that are fast growing.

There are several possible causes to these lumps- these include allergic reactions (such as wasp stings), abscesses (common in cats and rabbits), hernias and tumours. The most serious of these are tumours, which are either benign (these tend to be slow growing and remain in one place) or malignant (these invade the surrounding tissue and may also spread to other parts of the body).

If you do find a lump on your pet it is important that it is examined by a vet as soon as possible in order that the underlying cause can be established and treated without delay. Timing is everything and a delay in appropriate treatment can often affect the outcome.

## Sudoku

Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1 through 9 just once. This can be done by applying logic, you do not have to guess. [sudoku solution page 42.](#)

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