Jack is a sweet little beagle that I found as a stray in May 2011. He was a young boy at 1 ½- 2 yrs old. When found, Jack has heartworms and later found out he had a heart defect, pulmonic stenosis. Because of Jack's heart defect, he already has a specialist that monitors his heart for any changes.

A few weeks ago, I noticed blood in Jack's urine. I brought him to his vet shortly after the discovery. Because Jack never had a UTI before, the vet did the typical diagnostics to determine if he had any infection however we both believed an ultrasound was warranted. The ultrasound revealed a tumor in his bladder causing the irritation. Because the vet was also an oncologist, we immediately discussed treatment. The oncologist did some additional diagnostics to determine if the cancer had spread to other parts of his body in addition to doing an EKG on his heart in the event he would have surgery. At this time, it does not appear to have spread.

Jack's treatment plan is 2 steps- 1) Surgery for tumor removal or partial removal and 2) chemotherapy. The following day, I was able to get an appointment to see our local surgery group. Jack had surgery within 24 hours of the appointment. The surgery was very successful. The surgeon said he was able to completely remove the tumor with clean margins.

Jack's surgery was now 2 weeks ago. He has healed well. Tomorrow, he will begin his chemotherapy. The chemotherapy will include 6 treatments each treatment 3 weeks apart. Between the surgery and chemotherapy, this gives Jack the best prognosis possible.

I appreciate the support and donations of Paws 4 A Cure and their dedicated donors. Jack is only 6-7 yrs young and deserves a fighting chance. He has overcome so much in his short life. With your help, we pray that Jack will have many more years with us!