

Preventative Care Bloodwork

An Important Part of Your Pet's Health Care

During your visit today, we will obtain a thorough history. This is important because your pet cannot tell us how it is feeling. We will also perform a physical examination. However, there are many disease states that can only be identified through other means, such as blood tests.

Dogs and cats age much faster than humans, and the organ systems can deteriorate at a much faster rate.

Your pet, _____, is _____ years old in human years. Therefore, we recommend the following tests:

Blood Testing:

- Pets may appear healthy, but we find blood abnormalities even in young to middle age animals.
- As animals age, they are prone to many of the same diseases aging humans experience – diabetes, kidney and liver disease, heart disease, cancer, or thyroid disease. Regular blood testing allows us to diagnose these illnesses early.

There are many benefits to preventive blood testing such as:

- Establish healthy baseline values.
- Identify disease processes at an early stage.
- Serves as a pre-anesthetic health screen for any surgical or dental procedure.
- Tailor medications to your pet's specific needs.

CBC: Evaluates red blood cell, white blood cells and platelets.

Chemistry: Provides vital information about the internal organ function that cannot be determined from a physical examination.

Thyroid: Based on initial examination and history, this test may be recommended to evaluate thyroid function.

If abnormalities are found, we may recommend additional tests.