

# BLOOD TESTS

## Best Care for Your Pet

This blood test will assist your vet to:

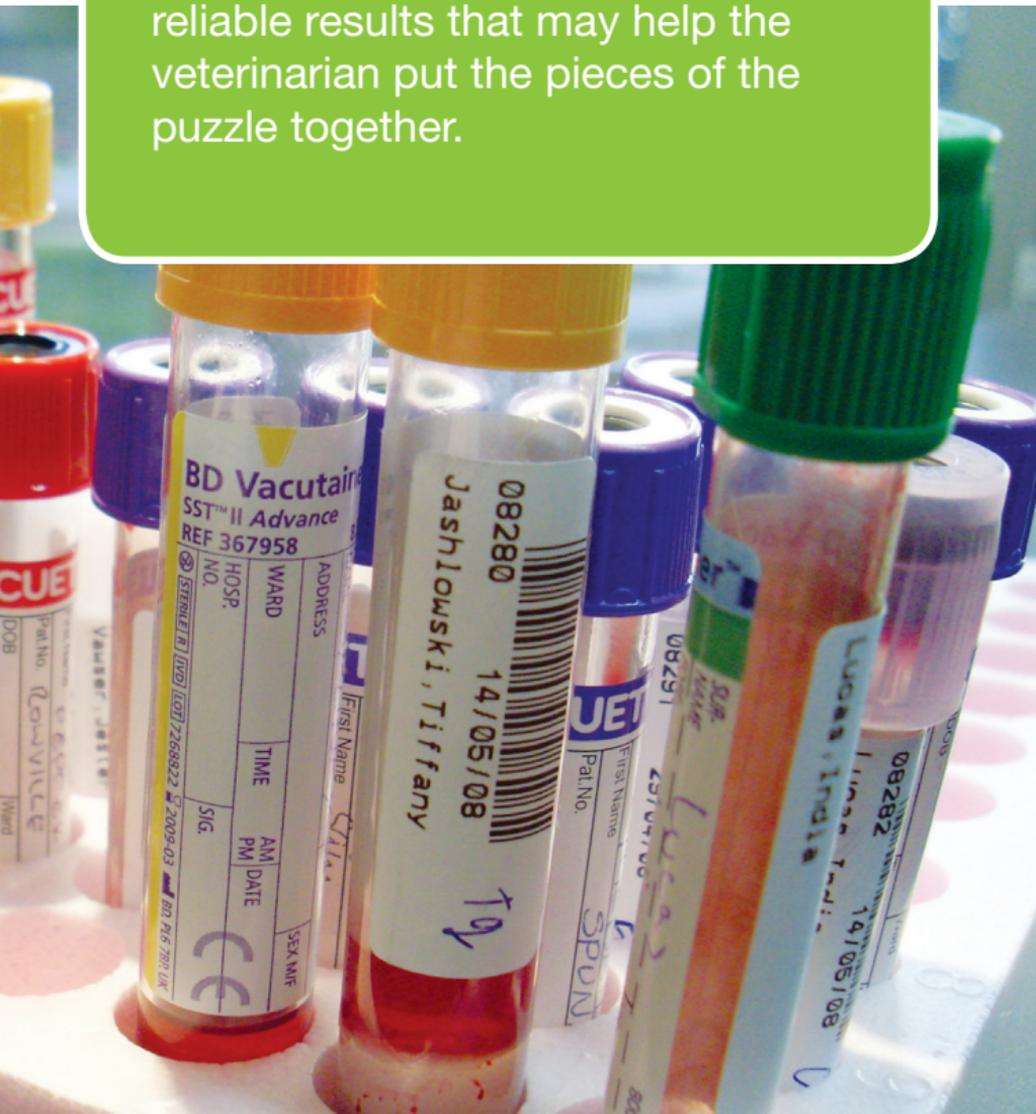
- Assess your pet's health prior to having an anaesthetic
- Senior health-check that may help detect hidden illness
- Health-check and detect any hidden illness
- Monitor the progress of medical treatments
- Tailor a specific health care plan for your pet



## Benefits of blood tests?

Often a physical examination and even an X-ray may only provide a small part of the picture of an underlying disease. To have a more complete understanding of the status of your pet, your veterinarian may choose to use a blood test to evaluate what may be occurring in the blood or body cells.

Blood tests are performed at a veterinary pathology laboratory, which has a highly trained team of professional pathologists, laboratory scientists and technicians dedicated to providing fast, accurate and reliable results that may help the veterinarian put the pieces of the puzzle together.



## What can we test for in the blood?

Your pet's blood work may include the following parameters. They may help pin point certain conditions and screen specific organ function.

These are important factors in determining your pet's health status and his ability to tolerate anaesthesia.



## Complete blood count (CBC)

A CBC provides specific information about red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. This common blood test gives information about stress, hydration and the presence of anaemia or inflammation. This test is essential for pets with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, pale gums, or loss of appetite.



## **Blood serum chemistry**

These common tests evaluate organ function, electrolyte status, hormone levels, and more. They are important in evaluating the health of older pets, pets with vomiting, diarrhea, toxin exposure, pets receiving long-term medications, and pre-anesthetic patients. Specific tests will evaluate functions of the kidneys, liver, pancreas, intestines, muscles, thyroid gland and more. Your vet will discuss the specific test results with you.

## Other specific and follow up tests

These may include heartworm test, feline AIDS virus, feline leukemia virus and other infectious diseases, genetic heritable disorders, breed identification tests and many more.

Depending on your pet's test results, your vet may decide to order other tests such as urine analysis, faecal analysis, cytology, biopsy and other more specific tests to try and identify the exact cause of any problem.



## Vet Talk

“Most of your clients might not care that we didn't perform an early renal screening on their pet, but we think about the one who could end up in an emergency clinic because her pet has end-stage kidney disease. Naturally that client will be upset and ask, "Why didn't you pick up on this earlier? Why wasn't my pet diagnosed sooner?" Failing to meet the needs of even just one of our clients or patients can break our practice's spirit and lower team members' morale. "We feel it's our duty to at least offer the screenings in a way that educates our clients”

“Does every test need to be performed on every patient at every visit? Of course not. This is when a strong doctor-client relationship comes into play. If you know your patients' needs, you'll be able to do a proper risk assessment so you can tailor the testing services to the needs of each patient. After all, our clients often won't know what screening tests to ask for—that's why it's important for us to educate them to keep their pets healthy.

If you have questions,  
please don't hesitate to ask any staff member.  
We want you to understand our recommendations  
and be a partner in your pet's care.

Clinic Contact Details



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YOUR VET'S PATHOLOGY PARTNER