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Wellness Blood Testing – An Important Part of Your Pet’s Health Care

During your visit today, we will ask you many questions to obtain the best possible history of your pet's activity. This is important because your pet cannot tell us how it is feeling. We will also perform a complete and thorough physical examination to try to identify any physical abnormalities. 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 organs systems can deteriorate at a much faster rate. Therefore, we will recommend appropriate testing for your pet at certain ages.

As animals age, they are prone to many of the same diseases aging humans experience – diabetes, kidney and liver disease, heart disease, cancer, hypothyroidism (low thyroid hormone level) and hyperthyroidism (high thyroid hormone level). To diagnose these illnesses early, we recommend blood testing at least every year, and more frequently as your pet ages.

There are many benefits to wellness blood testing such as:

1. Establish healthy baseline values.
 - Many patients show subtle changes in their blood values over time. The changes cannot be identified without the normal level for that individual patient.
2. Identify unseen disease processes at an early stage.
 - If we are able to identify an ongoing disease process before symptoms are evident, the likelihood of a successful outcome is greater.
 - Identifying disease early often lessens the cost of treatment.
 - Early identification of a problem prevents us from waiting for obvious signs of tragic illness.
3. Serves as a pre-anesthetic health screen for any surgical or dental procedure.
4. A blood profile may help us avoid using medications that may be unsafe for a pet’s medical condition or health status.

If abnormalities are found, we may recommend additional tests. If your pet has a new or previously diagnosed condition, the veterinarian will discuss the need for specific tests such as radiographs (x-ray), urinalysis or electrocardiograms. In addition, we recommend pets “over 50” receive a yearly thyroid blood test.

Is my pet a candidate for blood or other testing?

All animals can benefit from some level of blood testing, even if your pet appears otherwise healthy. We often find blood abnormalities in young to middle age animals. Based on your pet’s age and perceived health status we recommend:

- Mini Chemistry Panel plus Complete Blood Count (\$55): Evaluation of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets as well as the above.
- Complete Chemistry Panel plus Complete Blood Count (\$95): A complete chemistry panel to fully evaluate all internal organs, some types of endocrine disease and some types of cancers.
- Thyroid Hormone Level (\$46)

I decline the recommended blood testing for my pet _____ . I understand that by declining these tests, the veterinarian has no way to access my pets' internal organ function other than via a physical examination.

I also understand that if there is a problem with my pet's internal organ function that declining these tests may result in an undiagnosed illness which may lead to increased cost of treatment and an increased risk of complications for my pet and I assume full responsibility for that choice.

Owner or Agent

