

Facts about **Blood Testing** and your pet's upcoming **surgery**.

Because they can't tell you...

Four important reasons for testing your pet's blood.

1. The health and safety of your pet is our foremost concern.

Because our pet cannot describe symptoms to let us know what might be wrong, we recommend blood tests to give us the answers we need, especially before surgery.

2. Blood chemistry tests provide an inside look at your pet's vital organs.

By testing blood chemistries, we can evaluate the status of your pet's major organs. The function of the liver and kidneys is especially important because these organs process and rid the body of medications used during anesthesia.

3. Hematology tests provide an inside look at the blood itself.

Blood is composed of different types of cells. It is important to know the status of each prior to surgery.

Red Blood Cells (RBCs) are responsible for carrying oxygen throughout the body.

White Blood Cells (WBCs) are the body's primary means of fighting infection.

Platelets play an important role in blood clotting and are critical in helping the body stop bleeding.

4. Results of these tests will determine your pet's readiness for surgery.

Depending on the results, we may adjust the dose or types of anesthetic used or advise delaying surgery.

I understand that anesthesia carries some risk (even though it may be small).

Therefore, **blood testing is recommended** before general anesthesia, **and is required in all pets 7 years of age and older**. In addition, the results of these tests may be useful later to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments in the event that your pet's health changes.

I am the owner or agent for the owner of the above-described animal and have the authority to execute this consent.

Signature of Owner or Agent _____ Date _____

If you bring this signed consent form with you to your pet's surgical appointment, you will receive \$5.00 off your pet's pre-anesthetic blood testing.