



Our Focus for January is on Wellness Blood Work!

Veterinarians call Wellness Blood Work the window into the body. Since pets age more quickly than we do, diseases often occur more rapidly in them than humans. Wellness Blood Work will help to detect many diseases such as Cushing's disease, diabetes, hyper and hypothyroidism, to name a few, at an earlier stage, often even before your pet is displaying symptoms. All of these diseases can cause internal changes without any obvious physical symptoms until the disease is in its advanced stages.

Since routine blood work can help to detect these and other diseases early, when they are easier to treat, this can lead to a better long term prognosis and a longer, healthier life for your pet.

We believe proactive medicine is far more cost effective to you, and better for your pet, than reactive medicine. Since we believe wellness blood work is important, we are offering special pricing on our two most common wellness blood work tests for the month of January. Your Veterinarian will help you determine the appropriate test for your pet.

The most common blood work recommended for our younger, healthy pets is our Pre-Operative Panel. This blood work consists of a complete blood count (CBC) and a short chemistry profile. Our discounted price for this test during the month of January is \$50.

Since the likelihood of disease increases as our pets age, we recommend more extensive testing for middle aged and senior patients. Our General Senior Profile, includes a complete blood count (CBC), a long chemistry profile, thyroid function tests, and a urinalysis. Our discounted price for this test during the month of January is \$175.

A **CBC** tests for anemia, infection, inflammation and overall health of red blood cells. These are conditions that a doctor can not see while doing a physical exam alone.

A **Chemistry Profile** surveys many of the organ systems of the body to make sure they are working properly such as the liver, kidneys, pancreas, muscle and bone.

A **Thyroid test** helps to detect any malfunctioning of the thyroid gland that may cause too much or too little of the hormone.

A **Urinalysis** assesses the urinary system including the kidneys for disease.

If your pet has been seen within three months of the test date, you will not need an exam to be scheduled for the blood work. If the animal has not seen our veterinarians within the three months, then they will need to have a physical exam with one of our veterinarians before the blood work.

After getting your pets their Wellness Blood Work, schedule your pet's dental procedure during Dental Month in February and save 10%!

In preparation for dental month, the blood work is highly recommended and in many cases mandatory for animals who will be going under anesthesia.

Call us now to schedule or for more details!