

We recommend pre-anesthetic testing for all patients undergoing surgical procedures.

Our high tech
hospital
laboratory and
laboratory
technicians are
top of the line.
We are able to
perform the
recommended
blood tests and
have completed
results within
15-30 minutes.

Our team is
trained to
perform the ECG
screening tests
prior to your pet's
surgical
procedure.

Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork and ECG Screening

Like you, our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Your pet is scheduled for anesthesia for a surgery or procedure. Before inducing your pet under anesthesia, your pet's doctor will perform a full physical examination. However, we also recommend a pre-anesthetic blood profile, CBC and an ECG screening be performed in order that we may maximize patient safety while they are under anesthesia. We can perform these tests in the morning prior to your pet's procedure.

The results of the pre-anesthetic panel and ECG will alert your pet's surgeon to the presence of dehydration, diabetes, kidney, liver or heart disease which could complicate the procedure. The CBC results will indicate the presence of bacterial, viral or parasitic diseases. It also evaluates hydration status and can rule out certain dangerous bleeding disorders. These conditions may not be detected unless a pre-anesthetic profile and CBC are performed. These tests are similar to those that your own physician would run were you to undergo anesthesia. 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.

We require that these tests be completed for all pet's undergoing anesthesia if they are seven years of age or older, or if they have certain health conditions that may affect their ability to handle the anesthetic. It is elective for younger, healthy pets - however, we do recommend it because we frequently detect health issues in young animals that appear healthy from the outside.

