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Inside Your Pet's Health: The Value of Bloodwork

Keeping Your Pet Healthy Starts from the Inside Out. At Midvalley Animal Clinic, we believe that proactive preventative care is the best care. One of the most valuable tools we use is routine bloodwork, which provides vital information about your pet's internal health, even when they seem perfectly fine on the outside.

Annual Bloodwork is Recommended for All Pets of Any Age

- By staying ahead of potential problems, we're better equipped to provide the care your pet deserves now and in the years to come.

Bloodwork is Required in These Situations:

- For pets on chronic or long-term medications:
 - Many medications are metabolized through the liver and kidneys. We require bloodwork at least once per year to ensure these medications are still safe and effective.
- Before any surgical procedure:
 - For your pet's safety, we require bloodwork within 30 days prior to any surgery. This helps us identify risks related to anesthesia, bleeding, or organ function and allows us to adjust the surgical plan if needed.

Your pet is due for the following testing:

☐ Annual CBC and Chemistry Testing (Chronic medication use, wellness, etc.)

- Regular blood testing allows us to:
 - Detect underlying illnesses early - before symptoms appear
 - Monitor trends in organ function over time
 - Establish your pet's unique health baseline
 - Make informed decisions about their nutrition, care, and medication
- Preparation
 - 8 hour fasting (no food) is recommended. Be sure to keep water available.

☐ Thyroid Testing

- For pet's starting on thyroid hormone replacement therapy, follow-up testing is needed to ensure the medication dose is correct.
- A recheck T4 test is typically recommended 3-4 weeks after starting the medication.
- Additional testing may be needed if dosage adjustments are required.
- Once stable, thyroid levels are usually monitored annually.
- Preparation
 - **This test must be done 4-6 hours after the morning pill is administered.**
 - 8 hour fasting (no food) is recommended. Be sure to keep water available.

☐ Phenobarbital Testing

- For pets receiving phenobarbital for seizure control, blood testing helps ensure medication levels are both safe and effective.
- Initial monitoring is recommended 2-4 weeks after starting treatment or changing the dose.
- Regular monitoring is typically recommended every 6-12 months.
- Preparation
 - 8 hour fasting (no food) is recommended. Be sure to keep water available.

Your Pet's Comfort Matters to Us

- Some pets feel anxious during blood draws. If you think your pet may be nervous or may have trouble staying calm during the visit, please contact us before the appointment. We are happy to discuss options, including a mild sedative, to help ensure a



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calm, comfortable visit for your pet. Helping your pet relax allows us to collect samples more safely and efficiently.

