

The Well Pet Program

Victoria Veterinary Centre is always trying to improve the preventative care we provide to you and all your pets. We are now pleased to provide you with the Well Pet Program.

Dogs and cats age much faster than humans. Serious conditions could develop long before any visible signs of illness are noticed. The best way we have found to detect early disease is through measuring the 'chemistry' of their blood.

Through blood testing we can diagnose and treat illness long before clinical signs are present. This should mean that if treatment were required it would be less traumatic, more effective and even cost less.

The tests we monitor are:

- Glucose to check for diabetes
- ALT to check liver status
- Creatinine to check kidney function
- Total protein to check for infections and liver function
- Calcium to check for tumours, parathyroid status and bone health
- ALP to check intestine, bone and live health

In a recent study in America, 1 in 10 apparently healthy animals had a problem detected from these tests.

When to test?

Ideally every year at the same time that your pet has his or her annual vaccination and health check.

How do I book a Well Pet blood test and what is involved?

Ask the receptionist who is booking the appointment, or discuss with the vet when your pet is examined. We will try to take the blood sample after the vaccination has been given, or at a time convenient to the nurse running the Well Pet clinics. While we have your pet you will be asked to fill in a simple questionnaire about your pets health. The whole procedure should take no more than 15 minutes and we will telephone you within 24 hours with the results.

How much does it cost?

The Well Pet Program is a simple profile designed for pets that are showing no obvious signs of disease.

The fee for the 6 tests is only £16.00

What happens if some of my pets test results are abnormal?

If one or more of the test results are significantly abnormal, the vet will discuss with you the likely implications and any further tests or actions required. It is quite likely that more detailed tests will be suggested. It is also likely that some kind of monitoring of your pets blood will be discussed.

If you would like to take this opportunity to ensure your pet is healthy, then please mention it to the receptionist when you book your booster vaccination appointment.