

Cat Laboratory Testing: Keeping Your Cat Healthy

Regular laboratory testing is an important part of preventive care for cats. Lab work helps us detect problems early — often before your cat shows any signs of illness — so we can treat them promptly and effectively.



Why Lab Work Matters

Cats are masters at hiding illness, so changes in their blood, urine, or other tests may be the first signs of a health problem. Lab work helps us:

- *Detect organ issues (kidneys, liver, pancreas)*
- *Monitor blood sugar and thyroid levels*
- *Check for infections or anemia*
- *Guide medication dosing*
- *Assess overall health before anesthesia or surgery*



Common Types of Lab Tests



Bloodwork

- **Complete Blood Count (CBC):** Checks red and white blood cells, platelets, and overall health.
- **Biochemistry Panel:** Evaluates organ function and electrolyte balance.



Urinalysis

- *Checks kidney and bladder health*
- *Detects infections or crystals*



Specialized Tests

- *Thyroid, pancreas, or hormone testing*
- *Infectious disease screening (FeLV, FIV)*
- *Pre-anesthetic bloodwork*



How Lab Work Helps Your Cat

- *Detects disease early, often before symptoms appear*
- *Provides a baseline for your cat's normal health values*
- *Helps guide treatment and monitor response*
- *Keeps cats safe during procedures requiring anesthesia*



Supporting Healthy Cats at Home

- *Bring your cat in for routine wellness exams and lab work*
- *Provide a stress-free carrier and calm environment for visits*
- *Follow your veterinarian's recommendations for follow-up testing*

 **Bottom line:** *Lab work is a key tool for keeping cats healthy, catching disease early, and tailoring treatments to your cat's needs.*

 *Contact Pleasant Valley Pet Clinic to schedule your cat's wellness bloodwork or testing.*