

# ALITUDE

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## HEALTH FAIR BLOOD TESTING

**WHERE:** Altitude Veterinary Hospital

**WHEN:** Our Health Fair Blood Draw is done Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WHAT:** The following are tested:

- \*Serum chemistries (17 values)
- \*Complete blood cell count (CBC)
- \*Electrolytes (Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>)
- \*T4 (thyroid)
- \*Heartworm test (canine only)
- \*Feline Leukemia test (FeLV)(feline only)
- \*Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) (feline only)

**WHY:** Dogs and cats age much faster than humans, and the organ systems can deteriorate at a much faster rate. Therefore, we will recommend appropriate testing for your pet at certain ages. There are many benefits to wellness blood testing such as:

1.) Establish healthy baseline values.

\*Many patients show subtle changes in their blood values over time. The changes cannot be identified without the normal level for the individual patient.

2.) Identify unseen disease processes at an early stage.

\*If we are able to identify an ongoing disease process before symptoms are evident, the likelihood of a successful outcome is greater.

3.) Serves as a pre-anesthetic health screen for any surgical or dental procedure.

4.) A blood profile may help us avoid using medications that may be unsafe for a pet's medical condition or health status.

If abnormalities are found, we may recommend additional tests. If your pet has a new or previously diagnosed condition, the veterinarian will discuss the need for specific tests such as radiographs (x-rays), urinalysis, or electrocardiograms. In addition, we recommend pets 7 years of age receive a yearly thyroid blood test. Remember, all animals can benefit from some level of blood testing, even if your pet appears otherwise healthy.