

## PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION

We require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Chemistry Profile and Complete Blood Count (CBC)** be performed on all pets undergoing general anesthesia. Blood work done prior to any surgical procedure allows us to minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize your pets' safety.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Chemistry Profile and CBC** helps alert the veterinarian to the presence of diseases that could complicate the procedure. These conditions would not be detected without performing the tests. These tests are very similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests are often useful in revealing an underlying disease that your pet may not be showing you clinically. This will allow faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments. The tests are run in house with our state of the art equipment. This allows us to receive prompt results.

**Pre- Anesthetic Blood Testing** includes and looks for:

- CBC : infection, inflammation, anemia and possible clotting disorders
- Profile : general organ function (liver, kidney, gall bladder, pancreas, etc)

### **Special Regard to our Feline Patients**

In addition to the pre-anesthetic blood testing, we highly recommend a **FeLV/FIV Test** be performed on all *outdoor* cats.

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are viruses in which no cure exists. If you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and FIV, please ask one of our staff members for information.