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Patient Protocol for Routine Laboratory Tests.

Laboratory values can be affected by changes in the bloodstream relative to food intake. The following are guidelines developed to help minimize the effects in routine lab samples. These guidelines are suggested for all dogs and cats over one year of age except pets with diabetes mellitus. These are general guidelines and are not designed to supercede any direct request by the doctors.

1. No food for 12 hours prior to blood draw.
2. Water is just fine.
3. For dogs, please do not let them urinate before the office visit thereby making it easier to obtain a urine sample.
4. For cats, picking up the litter box, confinement to small room without a litter box, or placing in travel crate a few hours prior to the office visit helps to ensure the availability of a urine sample.



This is provided as a courtesy to our clients and is not intended to be a diagnosis or to supercede any direct instructions by your veterinarian.

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