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Patient Protocol for Performing Thyroid Level Determinations of Pets on Thyroid Medication.

Periodic monitoring of thyroid levels (generally yearly) are required in order to monitor the effectiveness of thyroid replacement therapy. Many factors affect thyroid levels and it is not unusual to need to adjust the dose throughout an animals lifetime. Theses 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. Give the normal AM dose of medication (L-thyroxine supplement or Tapazole/methimazole)
4. **Schedule the blood draw for 4-6 hours after you have administered the AM medication.**



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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