

Testing Protocols

Below you'll find a brief description of some of the common blood tests we perform to help diagnose problems and monitor treatments, as well as how long we need your pet in the hospital to perform the test and if they need to be starved or not. If you have any further queries please contact the practice on **01280 703451**.

Test	Description	Appointment	Starve?
ACTH stimulation	Blood Tests used to diagnose and monitor treatment of Cushing's syndrome (hyperadrenocorticism) . Serial blood samples are required so your pet will need to be left with us.	In for day or 1hr 4-6hours post pill	No
Low Dose Dexamethasone		In for the day	No
Blood Glucose Curve	Measurement of blood glucose throughout the day to monitor the response to insulin therapy for diabetes mellitus	In for the day	Food and insulin as normal
Fructosamine	One blood sample is taken to assess the control of blood glucose over the last few weeks in stable diabetics	20 minute appointment	No
Phenobarbitone monitoring	A blood sample is taken to measure the concentration of drugs being used to control epilepsy so that dose can be adjusted appropriately	20 minute appointment	No
Potassium Bromide monitoring		20 minute appointment	No
GHP PAS Haematology	In house diagnostic tests of biochemistry and haematology parameters	20 minute appointment or in for the day	Yes
Thyroid Assay	A blood sample is taken to measure the levels of thyroid hormone used to diagnose and monitor treatment of hyperthyroidism in cats	20 minute appointment	No
T4 and TSH	A blood sample is taken to measure levels of thyroid hormone used to diagnose and monitor treatment of hypothyroidism in dogs	20 minute appointment 4-8hr post pill	No
Senior Cat Package	A blood sample, urine sample and serial blood pressure measurements are taken to screen for common conditions affecting cats over 10 years old	In for the day	Yes