



## **Pre-anaesthetic Bloods Information Sheet**

### **Enjoy peace of mind**

Pre-anaesthetic bloods offer peace of mind to ensure your pet can process and eliminate an anaesthetic. We run the bloods at the surgery and confirm your pet's organs are functioning properly and may find hidden health issues that could put your pet at risk.

### **Detect hidden illness**

Healthy looking pets may be hiding symptoms of a disease or ailment. Testing helps detect this kind of illness so we can avoid problems with anaesthesia.

### **Reduce risks and consequences**

If the pre-anaesthetic bloods are within normal ranges we can proceed with confidence. If not, we can alter the anaesthetic procedure or take other precautions such as intravenous fluid therapy to safeguard your pet.

### **Protect your pet's future health**

The tests also become part of your pet's clinical records which we can use as a baseline for future reference.

### **Procedure**

We offer two types of pre-anaesthetic blood tests:

- Mini Profile - Animals under 8yrs
- Full Profile - Animals over 8yrs, or younger animals that seem unwell

The blood sample is taken on the morning of the anaesthetic and run in our in-house laboratory. If there are no abnormalities we can go ahead with the surgery as planned. If there are any concerns we can go ahead supporting the animal's body systems with intravenous fluid therapy, altering the anaesthetic drugs or drug dosages or postpone the procedure and monitor until the condition improves.

Please inform the nurse admitting your pet on the morning of their surgery if you would like your pet to have the recommended blood tests, they will inform you of the cost.