



## Why We Recommend Bloodwork for Your Pet

Our goal here at South Anderson Veterinary Clinic is to help you and your pet have more quality days together. Bloodwork is a diagnostic tool that can help us achieve this goal. Our veterinarians often recommend wellness bloodwork when you bring your cat or dog in for their yearly exam. This recommendation is always made in the interest of your pet's health.



Research shows that over 10% of pets coming into the veterinary clinic for a checkup have some type of underlying disease or abnormality not detectable by physical exam alone. Without performing the recommended wellness bloodwork, these abnormalities would go undetected until the disease progresses far enough to cause serious illness. Early detection of illness can allow us to start treatment earlier to help your pet feel better and reduce the chance of complications from illness. Disease development can be slow and at first the body can often compensate for abnormalities making your pet seem normal. However, over time the body's ability to compensate fails and your pet will begin to show signs of disease. At this point, however, treatment options are often more expensive and can be limited or less successful. Treatment

early on is better as often it carries the best prognosis and may be less stressful on the pocketbook. This is why, here at South Anderson Veterinary Clinic, we recommend yearly wellness bloodwork even when your pet appears very healthy.

Even if your pet's bloodwork turns out to be normal, the results can be helpful in the future. Normal bloodwork results may seem insignificant to you, but to our veterinarians this information is invaluable. These results will let them know what values are normal for your cat or dog. If more bloodwork is done in the future the results can be compared, and any changes that may have occurred that are not normal for your pet will be noticed.

The entire staff at South Anderson Veterinary Clinic is concerned about the health of your beloved pets. Please let us know if you have any questions, or would be interested in wellness bloodwork for your animal.

