

# What is a wellness screen?

**M**ore than 10 percent of pets brought to veterinary clinics for checkups have some type of underlying disease or abnormality, according to published research. Many of these pets appear normal upon physical examination, and their abnormalities would go undetected without a wellness screen—a blood test designed to detect these silent problems.

The process of disease development in pets can be slow and insidious. When an organ system starts to fail, that organ will compensate to bring function back to normal. Over time, this compensating mechanism will fail as well and the pet will become ill. Once the pet is in organ failure, treatment options are limited and the prognosis is poor.

Our staff can perform a simple in-house blood test that will check your pet's:

- ✓ liver
- ✓ kidneys
- ✓ pancreas
- ✓ electrolytes
- ✓ minerals
- ✓ blood sugar.



The test also can alert us to infection, inflammatory disease, and anemia.

Early detection of disease is key. Once a problem has been identified, we can make appropriate treatment recommendations at a point when treatment will make the most difference. Often, a simple diet change is all that's needed to avoid major health problems.

Our wellness screen is a simple blood test. We usually have results in 20 to 30 minutes. If you have questions, please talk with a team member.

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