

# Routine testing provides a snapshot of your pet's health.

A wellness visit that includes a physical exam and diagnostic screening tests, including blood, urine, and stool samples helps to give us a comprehensive picture of your pet's health and make the best recommendations for your pet's care.

## Physical exam



### Eyes

Small changes in the eyes may cause problems with vision or may be a sign of underlying diseases that would require treatment.



### Ears and skin

Evaluation can help us detect skin parasites like ear mites or fleas as well as changes that can signal infection or other conditions.



### Mouth and teeth

Evaluating the health and color of the gums and teeth can help us take proactive measures to protect and maintain healthy teeth as well as possibly identify signs of other underlying systemic diseases.



### Abdomen

Abnormal size or shape of organs or changes in the digestive tract can point us to disease, even without symptoms.



### Heart and lungs

Issues with the heart and lungs affect the body's ability to circulate blood and oxygen, which can have far-reaching effects in the body.



### Joints, muscle, and mobility

Looking for evidence of arthritis or changes in muscle and ability to move can help us determine if other treatments are needed for support.

## Diagnostic screening tests



### Blood cell health

Evaluating blood cells provides insight into the immune system, risks of bleeding, and the ability to distribute oxygen to the body.



### Organ function

Blood testing can help us evaluate liver function and kidney function as well as determine levels of important proteins, electrolytes, and thyroid hormones. Urine testing provides additional information on hydration and bladder health as well as deeper insights on organ function.



### Infectious disease

We also test the blood for dangerous parasites like heartworms and for diseases that can be transmitted by ticks. In cats that go outdoors, we can also test for diseases that can be contracted by contact with other cats. Pets may harbor intestinal parasites without any outward signs; some of these parasites are transmissible to humans. Fecal testing for pets detects intestinal parasites to help reduce infections in pets and protect humans.

Talk with your veterinarian about including diagnostic screening tests at your pet's next wellness visit.



Learn more about how your pet can benefit from wellness testing.