



South Lakes Veterinary Centre Blood Test Appointment Information

It is important that your pet has not eaten for 12 hours before this test. We would normally advise feeding before 8.00pm at night and giving no treats after this time. Unless specifically requested your pet should have access to water at all times.

Depending on the type of blood test, the blood will be taken during a normal consultation appointment or your pet will be admitted for part of the day. You will need to sign a form allowing us to keep your pet at the surgery and you will also be given a collection appointment time.

Your pet will probably have a shaved neck or a shaved area on His/Her leg where we take the blood sample. This may be covered with a light dressing that can be removed in the evening.

If we run the blood tests in the surgery, the results will be available later in the day, other test results may take 2-14 days, depending on the type. You will be advised when to expect the results. We will always try and telephone results as soon as we receive them, but if you have not heard within the advised time, then please ring the surgery.

Unfortunately, very occasionally, blood samples have been lost in the post. If you would like to take your pet's samples to the post office and send them recorded delivery then please discuss this with the vet at the time of the blood test. This may involve having to wait 20 minutes for the samples to be processed and packaged.

If your pet is insured, please can you bring His/Her insurance documents, including the insurance policy, with you on the morning of His/Her appointment.