

# Prescription Medications

## Why Is Testing Necessary?

*Testing helps us choose the right medication*

*Monitoring helps ensure lasting effectiveness*

In human medicine, medications play an important role in health care, as long as the correct dose is given and side effects are carefully monitored by a physician. The same is true for animals. **All Pets Veterinary Hospital** wants to make sure your pet's medication is truly helping and not causing any side effects. For the best outcome, we follow pharmaceutical manufacturers' recommendations and guidelines for each of the medications we prescribe.

### When Will Testing Occur?

**Before prescribing medication**—To be sure organ function is normal and the prescription is right for your pet's age, breed, size and physical condition.

**After treatment has begun**—So we can monitor response and uncover any hidden reactions. Should problems arise, we can alter the treatment plan immediately.

**Periodically during treatment**—As recommended by pharmaceutical manufacturers, to make sure continued use of the medicine has not triggered any adverse reactions.

### The Top 4 Reasons To Monitor Your Pet's Medication

**Your pet deserves the best care.** We monitor your pet's health to ensure greater success in treating a condition. Some tests can be completed in just a few minutes and you'll have answers during your visit.

**Monitoring your pet helps us prescribe the proper medication.** Dosing any medication is based on your pet's age, size, breed and physical condition.

**Pharmaceutical manufacturers recommend monitoring.** Monitoring schedules ensure safe medication administration, guiding us as we evaluate your pet for any side effects, potential complications and/or interactions with other drugs.

**Monitoring helps us establish a baseline picture** of your pet's vital organs, so we know when changes indicate areas of concern. This helps us evaluate the treatment plan and make adjustments as necessary.