

A Pet Owner's Guide:

Pre-Anesthetic Testing





How Old Is Your Pet in Human Years?

Cats and dogs age faster than people, one human year can be equivalent to multiple years of your pet’s life. Use the chart below to find out approximately how old your pet is in human years and speak with your veterinarian about their life stage.


Anesthetic risk is determined by your pet’s age, breed, and medical conditions, which is why your veterinarian may recommend diagnostic testing.

Determine Your Pet’s Life Stage

Juvenile/ Young Adult 🐾	Mature 🐾		Senior/Geriatric 🐾	
 Your Cat's Age	Equivalent Age in Human Years			
6 months–2 years	10–24			
3–10 years	28–56			
11–15+ years	60–76+			
 Your Dog's Age	Your Dog's Weight			
	≤20 lbs	21–50 lbs	51–90 lbs	≥90 lbs
	Equivalent Age in Human Years			
1–6 years	15–40	15–42	15–45	15–49
7–9 years	44–52	47–56	50–61	56–71
10–12 years	56–64	60–65	66–77	78–93
12–13 years	64–68	69–74	77–82	93–101
14+ years	72+	78+	88+	108+

Pre-Anesthetic Testing Recommendations*

Use the age and key charts on the left with the table below to see what specific tests your veterinarian may recommend based on your pet’s physical exam, life stage, and individual needs.

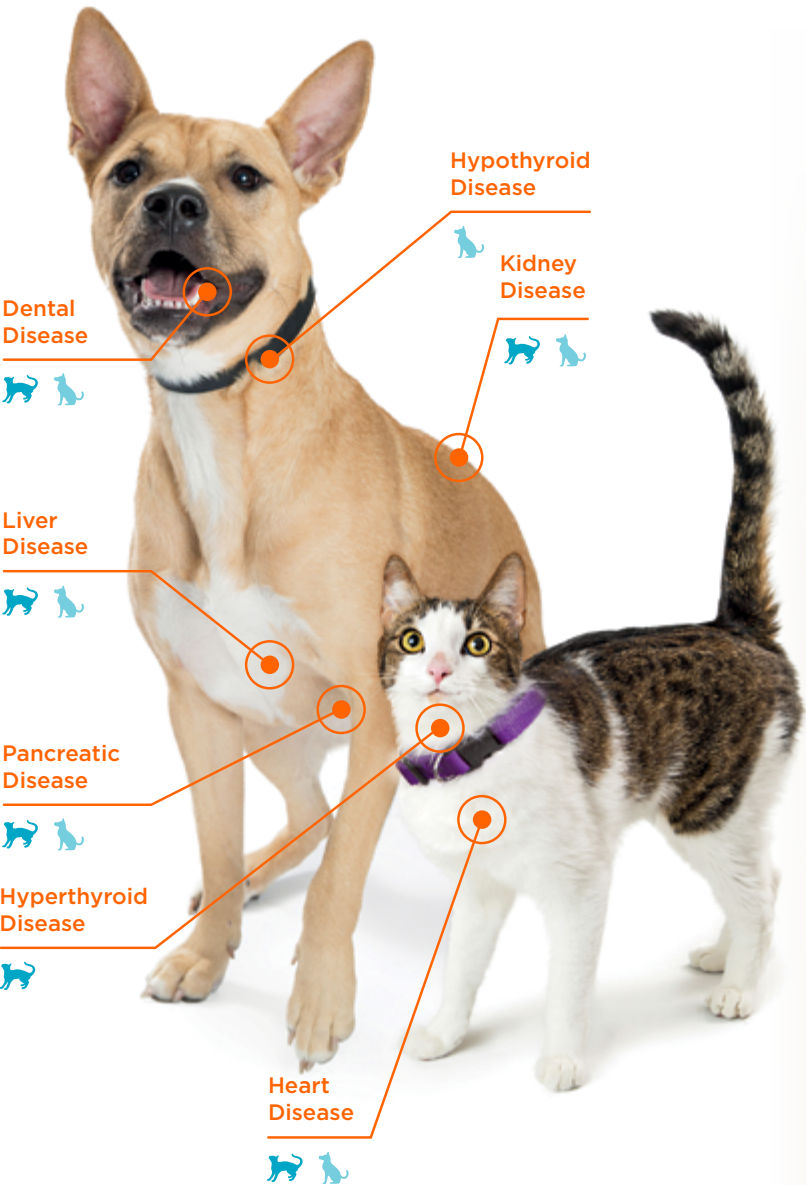
  	Chemistry Panel Provides information on several organ systems, important proteins, and electrolytes.
  	Complete Blood Count (CBC) Provides information on red and white cell counts to detect anemia, inflammation and platelets involved in blood clotting.
  	Urinalysis Provides information on the urinary system and helps interpret the chemistry panel.
  	Coagulation Testing In addition to platelets, a system called the coagulation cascade must be working properly to control and stop bleeding.
  	Fecal Screens for gastrointestinal parasites.
  	Infectious Disease In dogs, screens for parasitic diseases such as heartworm and tick-borne diseases. In cats, screening is lifestyle dependent for diseases such as Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV).
	Thyroid Testing Determines if the thyroid gland is functioning normally. Recommended for senior cats and dogs with clinical signs.
	Blood Pressure Screens for hypertension or hypotension that can accompany certain diseases.

*Recommended by the American Animal Hospital Association and the American Association of Feline Practitioners, with the exception of coagulation testing.



Reduce Risks with Pre-Anesthetic Testing

Pre-anesthetic testing helps determine which medications are safe to be administered, reduces the likelihood of complications, and may identify unseen diseases in your pet.



Benefits of Pre-Anesthetic Testing

While the medications used during the procedure are extremely safe, it is important to understand that all anesthetic procedures carry some degree of risk, even for healthy pets. Pre-anesthetic testing helps mitigate that risk.

Testing allows your veterinarian to fully evaluate your pet's health prior to the procedure and to help ensure a positive outcome - giving you peace of mind.





Ask Your Veterinarian About Diagnostic Testing for Your Pet

Your veterinarian will be able to detect issues earlier and treat them sooner with simple preventive diagnostic testing designed for your pet. Diagnostic testing is also used to establish a biometric baseline to closely monitor your pet's health.

This clinic uses Zoetis diagnostics to aid in the evaluation of your pet's health.

Schedule Wellness Visits

Wellness visits with your veterinarian are the perfect time for you to ask medical questions, track behavioral and weight changes, and receive tips for at-home care.

Some topics that may be covered during your visit include:

- Behavior
- Environment
- Elimination
- Nutrition
- Oral health
- Parasite control
- Vaccination
- Diagnostic testing

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