

Urinalysis is a test conducted on a pet's urine that can provide valuable information about the health of the urinary tract, kidneys, and liver, as well as detect diabetes and evaluate the body's overall condition.

A Urinalysis is often recommended as part of a routine health examination, especially for older pets, to monitor animals with known health conditions, or to diagnose symptoms such as increased thirst, frequent urination, blood in the urine, or urinating in inappropriate places. Urinalysis is also crucial before some surgical procedures to ensure the pet is healthy enough for anesthesia.

For a urinalysis, you (the owner) can **bring in a urine sample in a clean/dry container and the sample should be no more than 4 hours old.** We find using a long-handled soup spoon or a wide dish works best for collecting a sample. When bringing a urine sample in, please let us know what time it was collected. If a urine sample is unable to be collected at home, we can try to collect a sample here at the clinic.

Once a urine sample has been collected, one of our technicians will place some of the urine in our Urine Analyzer machines. A urinalysis can help detect urinary tract infections, kidney disease, diabetes, and liver problems. It assesses the urine's concentration, presence of blood, proteins, glucose, and crystals, among other parameters, providing a snapshot of the pet's metabolic health.