

Blood Donor Program



About The Program

The Canine and Feline Blood Donor Program, provides animal blood for use at veterinary practices throughout Indiana and across the country.

Blood is used by IVEC and other veterinary hospitals for transfusions during emergency treatments. Major surgeries and treatments for poisoning and anemia, also place demands on blood supplies.

IVEC's Canine and Feline Blood Donor Program collects and stores blood. Each unit of whole blood is broken down into packed red blood cells and plasma. Nothing is wasted and each unit can save 2-4 pets. Packed red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 days, while plasma can be stored for five years.

How To Become A Donor

The first step in becoming a donor is to call IVEC at 1-800-551-4879 and speak with us about the program.

We will schedule an appointment at your convenience for your initial consultation and pet screening. This is essentially a meeting so that you and your pet can get to know us and begin to feel comfortable at our office. Your initial physical and behavior exam will be conducted at this time at no cost.

After the initial consultation and examination, we will collect a small amount of blood for an initial screening and your pet's blood type will be established.

After your pet has passed the screening process, the next step is to set up a donation schedule. Each donor will donate six to eight times per year.



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Requirements

Canine Donors

Prospective canine donors are eligible for the program if they meet the following requirements:

- between 1 - 8 years of age;
- 35 pounds minimum weight;
- In good general health and current on all vaccinations (proof is required);
- Taking heartworm preventative medication, and
- Must be able to visit the clinic to donate blood a minimum of six times per year.

Feline Donors

Prospective feline donors must meet many of the same criteria as their canine counterparts where general health and current vaccinations are concerned. Cats also must be:

- Between one and eight years old;
- Weigh at least 9 pounds, and
- Be "indoor cats."

Benefits

Pet owners participating in the blood donor program receive several perks. Each qualifying donor receives:

- A complimentary, comprehensive physical exam that includes:
 - a blood chemistry profile;
 - a complete blood cell count
 - heartworm checks
 - bloodtyping
 - Felv/FIV testing (felines)
 - Hemobart testing (felines)
 - Ehrlichia testing (canines)
 - Lyme and anaplasmosis (canines)

Approved Donors who commit to the minimum number of visits receive at no charge:

- Annual examinations
- Annual vaccines
 - Dogs receive rabies, distemper, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, hepatitis, parvovirus and bordetella vaccinations.
 - Cats receive rabies, distemper, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, calcii virus, chlamydia and leukemia vaccinations.
- Yearly bloodwork
- Heartworm testing
- 40% discount on other services, including heartworm medications, flea medications and any other medications or emergency services.



**For More Information Or To Schedule
Your Initial Exam, Call: 1-800-551-4879**

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