

TAURINE TESTING

Taurine (Whole Blood) Testing will be available at the clinic on Friday, November 22, 2018. You may have seen or heard the increasing awareness of a problem developing in our dogs. Diet Related Taurine Deficiency and Dilated Cardiomyopathy is being seen in our dogs at an alarming frequency. Grain Free and Boutique type diets are being suspected of having a relationship in this problem. The FDA has issued alerts regarding Diet Related TD - DCM. University of California, Davis, is one of the institutions involved with investigations regarding the disease and causative factors. They have issued a document that contains links to the FDA alerts and other helpful information. The document is available here:

https://ccah.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk4586/files/local_resources/pdfs/ucd-diet-and-dcm-handout.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2oKEuZqzif4qBRYbGoYWBKHhrIhmINTnk4OAJV8XwUgEEbQ97rtBJK3DM

If you wish to have a blood sample taken for analysis, the cost is \$120.00. The samples will be sent the following week and results are expected in 2-3 weeks. Please consult your regular Veterinarian for advice on whether you should consider testing.

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