

Belle Mead Animal Hospital
872 Route 206
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Blood Glucose Curve

Diabetic patients will typically have blood glucose curves performed around the time when initially starting insulin. This is to determine if our starting dose of insulin is appropriate; this dose may need to be adjusted in the future.

Blood glucose curves are also performed in long-standing diabetic patients to monitor progress or when clinical signs of increased thirst, urination, weight loss become apparent.

During a blood glucose curve an initial glucose level is obtained when your pet arrives. After food and insulin are given, the glucose is typically checked every 2 hours thereafter. This gives us a good idea of what your pet's blood glucose is doing throughout the day while on insulin therapy.

It is important to remember to bring your pet's insulin and syringes the day of the curve.

This test usually takes all day to perform, unless you are otherwise notified by a doctor, therefore we recommend you drop your pet off at 8am.

Some patients eat well in the hospital; in these cases we advise that you bring your pet's food and allow us to feed and give the morning insulin at the hospital. Other patients are very nervous and reluctant to eat in the hospital; in these cases we advise that you feed your pet at home prior to bringing him/her to the hospital. Do not give insulin the morning of the glucose curve; this will be done at the hospital once your pet arrives.

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Diabetic Patient Information:

Owner Name:

Pet Name:

Reason pet is being admitted to the hospital:

- A. Blood glucose curve
- B. Sick problem
- C. Exam, fructosamine, weight check
- D. Other (please explain)

Type and amount of insulin your pet is currently receiving:

Did you feed your pet this morning? What time? Did he/she eat the entire meal?

Did you give your pet insulin this morning? What time?

Has your pet been experiencing (check all that apply):

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Anorexia
- Weight loss
- Increased urination/urinary accidents
- Increased appetite
- Increased thirst
- Lethargy/depression
- Other (please explain):

Do we have your permission to perform diagnostic tests if needed (i.e. bloodwork, urinalysis, radiographs, etc.) Yes No

(Owner Signature)

(Date)

(Contact Number)