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Blood Testing for Pets that Have Been on Vitamin K

All pets that have been put onto a course of Vitamin K after eating rat/mouse bait need to have a blood test after finishing the course to make sure there is no bait left in their system. The blood test must be done **48 hours after their last tablet**. The blood test is performed in the clinic, with a Veterinarian, during a 20 minute consultation.

The easiest way to do this is make sure the **last tablet is given in the MORNING, 2 days before the appointment for the blood test** (eg. last tablet given Tuesday morning, blood test consultation booking Thursday). If the blood test falls due on a Sunday (ie. tablets run out Friday) your pet will need an extra day of tablets, so the blood test can be booked on Monday, as the clinic is only available for emergencies on Sundays.

It is **very important to make sure your pet has the blood test done at the correct time**, even as little as 8 hours either side of 48 hours can make a big difference. Too early and the blood test won't pick up a problem yet, too late and your pet may develop **life threatening** bleeding before the test is done. **If you are not able to get your pet into the clinic for their blood test at the appropriate time please call** and arrange to get more vitamin K tablets to last until 48 hours before you are able to come in for the test.

Please ensure your pet does not have continued access to rat/mouse bait or baited mice as MANY pets are repeat offenders!!