



### Thyroid (T4) Test

1. Dogs must have their blood taken **4 to 6 hours** after you have given them their morning thyroid medication. It is best not to wait until 6 hours; if you do and you are delayed, then you will be outside of the time required for an accurate test.
    - ❖ Please do not feed your dog until after the blood has been drawn.  
Samples can be too fatty if the blood is taken too soon after a meal.
  2. Cats who are hyperthyroid may have their blood drawn at any time during the day regardless of when their medication is given.
- Please note: both dogs and cats must have been taking their medication **every day** for at least 30 days in order to produce an accurate blood test. If your pet has not been on his or her medication consistently for this period of time, then let your doctor know – the test may need to be rescheduled.

