Mon-Fri: 6:30am - 9:00pm
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROGESTERONE TESTING

BEGINNING
Start progesterone testing between the 5th-7th day of the cycle (day 1 = first day of bloody vaginal discharge).

WHEN TO TEST?
Try to be reasonably consistent as to the time of day (i.e., morning vs. evening). Start by testing every other day. You may be instructed to switch to daily testing as the cycle progresses. You will be instructed when to stop testing.

PREPARATION OF THE BITCH
Nothing special; you do not need to fast your bitch prior to the blood tests.

TESTING AT BRVC
We are open 7 days per week for your convenience. You do not need to schedule an appointment with me, or another DVM for this service. Please schedule a drop in appointment with a technician to expedite the process.

TESTING AT ANOTHER VETERINARY HOSPITAL
Please have your DVM follow these instructions: Submit whole blood (plain RTT) to Idexx for a progesterone test #806. Do not need to separate serum. Do not use a serum separator tube. If obtaining serum for another reason, transfer serum to a plain RTT for progesterone submission.

COMMUNICTION OF RESULTS
If testing at your local hospital, please have your DVM contact you with the results as soon as they are available. Then send an email to drvega@webvets.com to report the results, I will send an email advising on what to do next. This is actually the most efficient method to be sure I am getting your test results. Please do not rely on faxes or copies of lab reports to be sent to me.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS
I access results for blood drawn at BRVC every morning and will email you with an interpretation. If you haven't heard from me by 11:00 am, please send an email to drvega@webvets.com. If drawing blood elsewhere, I may not be available to assess results until later in the day.

MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGESTERONE TESTING
Please read my handout about ovulation timing and let me know if you have additional questions!