

Animals Need Blood Banks, Too!

The Care Center is excited to announce that we have expanded to include an in-house blood bank. Through this service, we hope to make life-saving blood and plasma products easily accessible for our local veterinary community. This will allow for rapid and easier treatment of any condition causing blood or protein loss (trauma, immune-mediated diseases, rodenticide toxicity, and many more!) as well as help to treat animals that have conditions preventing normal blood clotting.

By having a local blood bank in our area, we can prevent the detrimental treatment delays that are inevitable when having to order these products from far away.



Join and Become Part of the K9 LifeLine

There are many potential reasons a pet may need a transfusion of blood or plasma, such as a trauma incident, blood clotting disorders, autoimmune diseases and certain cancers, certain poisonings, or excessive bleeding from illness or surgery. At the Care Center, we are committed to providing state-of-the-art care for your pet, which includes having a full assortment of blood products in stock and ready to administer if your animal is critically ill and requires a transfusion.

Why should my dog be a blood donor?

Just like for humans, there is always a shortage of blood products for animals in need. Each time your dog donates blood (on average, 4 times per year), they are saving the lives of up to 4 other dogs! The process of blood donation in dogs is easy and fast, with lots of love, petting, and treats provided during the collection process! Each blood donation only takes 10-15 minutes, although we like to monitor your dog for a short period afterwards while they eat a snack and rest. Most dogs aren't even tired afterwards! And, you get the satisfaction of knowing that your beloved dog is also a hero to other families with very sick pets.

In addition to knowing your dog is helping to save other dogs' lives, there are further benefits to participating in the Blood Bank program, including:

- Free bag of Hills Science Diet food (35 lbs.)
- One complimentary Care Center emergency office visit (\$115 value) per year¹
- No cost for blood donor screening (\$800 value)
- Complimentary laboratory screening and heartworm testing per year (\$275 value)
- Complimentary blood products should your dog ever become critically ill and require a transfusion²

¹ Blood donors receive a complimentary emergency office call (\$115). Additional services such as diagnostics and hospitalization not included.

² Complimentary blood products limited to the number of units your dog has donated during their participation in the Blood Bank. Blood products can be packaged and shipped if the donor is not in Cincinnati when transfusion is required.

Qualifications for Potential Donors



- Donors must be between 1-7 years old and have an agreeable personality around strangers
- Must weigh at least 50 pounds
- No major or chronic medical conditions
- Expected to make 3-4 scheduled blood donations per calendar year
- Must stay up to date on routine vaccinations through your family veterinarian and take heartworm prevention monthly

How Do I Get Started?

Go to CareCenterBloodBank.com and click on the donor qualifications tab or call 513.530.0911. Then, simply answer the survey questions to see if you will be one step closer to being the owner of a dog who is a member of this elite life-saving team!



Care Center Animal Blood Bank
See our life saving donors
and connect with us!

We've Got Your Pet Covered

We Need You and Your Pets!

The Care Center is extremely excited to be the first veterinary hospital to offer this important service to the Tri-State area, and we welcome you and your dogs to join our team! Blood products serve the same important function in animals as they do in humans, and each donation has the potential to impact multiple animals in a life-saving way. We would be happy to discuss all of these benefits as well as answer any logistical questions. We encourage you to call or email us anytime with your questions and concerns, or if you'd like to schedule your dog to begin the screening process!



Cincinnati location

With two locations, Care Center has veterinarians on staff 24 hours a day at our emergency and specialty hospitals located in Cincinnati and Dayton, OH.

We accept emergencies at any time, and our specialists welcome appointments for Surgery, Critical Care, Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Oncology as referred by your pet's primary care veterinarian.

Blood donations are accepted at both hospital locations!



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Whatever your companion animal needs, Care Center is equipped to provide it, whenever you need it.

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