



PANORAMA VETERINARY  
CLINIC & SPECIALIST CENTRE

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**BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM**

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**OWNER DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tel (H): \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel (W): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG/CAT DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB / Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

**VET DETAILS**

If you are not an existing client at Panorama please provide the name of your usual veterinary clinic:

Clinic / Vet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PET HEALTH**

Has your pet been spayed/castrated? Yes  No   
Has your pet been vaccinated in the last 12 months? Yes  No   
Has your pet ever received a blood or plasma transfusion? Yes  No   
Is your pet on any long-term medication? Yes  No

If yes, what medication?

I am able to be contacted:

During office hours (08h00 – 17h00) Yes  No   
After-hours (after 17h00 only) Yes  No   
Anytime (within reason) Yes  No

*The information I have provided is true and accurate.*

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*Signature* *Date*



# Is your pet a potential donor?

## Yes, if your pet...

- ✓ Is between 1 and 6 years old
- ✓ Weighs over 25kg (dog) or 3.5kg (cat)
- ✓ Has a good temperament
- ✓ Is up-to-date with vaccinations
- ✓ Is healthy and not receiving any medications

## No, if your pet...

- ✗ Has a serious health condition?
- ✗ Has ever received a blood transfusion
- ✗ Has donated blood in the past 6 weeks
- ✗ Is in season, pregnant or will be bred with soon
- ✗ Has received medications other than flea or tick treatments in the past 2 weeks
- ✗ Has been sick recently
- ✗ Has been vaccinated in the past 4 weeks

## Benefits

- Free health check by veterinarian including a blood smear check when donating.
- Free 6 tins of Hills Maintenance dog food every time they donate.
- 1 FREE 12kg bag of Hills for every 5 donations completed.
- A special gift from Hills to our frequent donors.
- Providing life-saving blood to critically ill dogs

## How often can my pet give blood?

Repeated blood donations over a relatively short period of time can lead to anaemia and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. For this reason, dogs can only donate a unit every 4-6 week.

## How much blood is collected?

A standard blood donation in the dog is 450ml ("1 canine unit") and this can safely be obtained from a 25kg dog. Smaller amounts may be obtained from smaller dogs and cats.

## When would a pet need a blood transfusion?

- ❖ Babesiosis / Biliary (tick bite fever)
- ❖ Trauma causing sudden, severe blood loss (haemorrhage) e.g. Road traffic accidents
- ❖ Rat poisoning (Warfarin)
- ❖ Immune-mediated disorders
- ❖ Treating anaemia
- ❖ Treating Parvo virus infection
- ❖ Support during and after surgery

## What is involved in the donation procedure?

- ➔ Each donor's health status is evaluated before each donation. A blood smear is performed and examined by the veterinarian to check for any parasites, anaemia, signs of infection etc.
- ➔ A sedative injection is given intravenously and the dog is placed on a table lying on his/her side.
- ➔ Hair is clipped from a small area on the neck and the skin cleaned and aseptically prepared.
- ➔ A needle is inserted into the jugular vein and the blood collected into a standard human blood bag containing anticoagulant. The collection process takes about 10-15 minutes.
- ➔ Once the bag is sufficiently full, the needle is removed and pressure is applied over the collection site for 1-2 minutes.
- ➔ The sedative is reversed and when the dog is awake he/she is fed a tin of high calorie food as a reward.
- ➔ The whole procedure takes about 30-60 minutes.

