



We support your interest in learning how to measure your pet's blood glucose levels at home. Because this procedure is usually done in the controlled hospital environment we want to be sure you follow some guidelines on how you sample the blood and how you use the glucometer. The detailed training for obtaining a small blood sample from your pet and the use of the glucometer will be provided by a doctor or senior nurse. Below we have listed some important points about home glucose monitoring of your pet:

- 1) Due to the potent nature of insulin, you must agree ***not to increase the dose of insulin at any time without first consulting with the doctor.***
- 2) If your pet should not eat normally, you should contact your pet's doctor before giving any insulin.
- 3) It is preferred that you submit blood glucose readings on the provided form via fax (with all of the information filled in). You may also drop off a copy of this information at the hospital. This form also available for download at Redwoodvet.com under the "downloads" link.
- 4) As always, we are happy to discuss your pet's medical issues over the phone. In the event you submit blood glucose values for interpretation and consultation by the doctor, a consultation fee will be posted to your account. Ask the doctor for the current rate.
- 5) Pets that are having their glucose levels monitored at home will need to be seen by a doctor every 6 months for a complete physical exam, possible additional blood and urine tests, and a weight check. This is to ensure your pet is doing well with his/her diabetes regulation.

By signing below I verify that I have been trained in the safe use of the glucometer as well as the safe disposal of medical sharps. I agree to the above guidelines regarding the use of the information and my pet's needs to be evaluated regularly by Redwood Veterinary Hospital. I agree to **not** increase the dose of insulin that I give to my pet without first consulting a doctor at Redwood Veterinary Hospital.

Owner name (print) _____

Pet's name _____

Owner signature _____

Date _____



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 Initials _____

Blood Glucose Reporting Form

Pet's name _____

Owner's name _____

Veterinarian name _____

Date these glucose readings were taken _____

[**Important:** It is usually best to check a blood glucose level first thing in the morning before any food or insulin is given; then give the food and insulin injection, and then check the blood glucose every 2 hours through the day for a total of seven blood glucose readings]

<u>TIME OF DAY</u>	<u>BLOOD GLUCOSE</u>	
_____	----> _____	➤ This morning I gave _____ unit(s) of insulin at _____ am/pm
_____	----> _____	➤ The diet I feed my pet is: _____
_____	----> _____	➤ Is food available for your pet during the day between the morning and evening meals? Yes/No
_____	----> _____	
_____	----> _____	
_____	----> _____	
_____	----> _____	

Has your pet's **thirst** changed since the last glucose measurements?
 (If yes, please explain)

Has your pet's **urinary habits** changed since the last glucose measurements?
 (If yes, please explain)

Has your pet's **appetite** changed since the last glucose measurements?
 (If yes, please explain)

Please fax this completed form to 707-558-1545. Your pet's doctor will call you to discuss the results.