



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is VacciCheck?**

VacciCheck tests a dog or cat's blood or serum to check the immune response against the three core diseases that they are vaccinated against.

### **What are the three core diseases that VacciCheck tests for?**

One VacciCheck test checks titre levels for Infectious Hepatitis (ICH), Parvovirus (CPV) and Distemper (CDV) in dogs and Panleukopenia (FPLV), Herpesvirus (FHV) and Calicivirus (FCV) in cats.

### **Why does VacciCheck not test Leptospirosis for dogs?**

Due to the nature of Leptospirosis, a positive titre cannot be assumed to be an indication of long-term protection. Duration of immunity after vaccination does not last as long as it does for the core diseases (DHP), thus annual revaccination is required for this very dangerous disease.

### **Who can carry out the test?**

VacciCheck testing can only be supplied to and run by registered veterinary professionals.

### **What happens if a test result comes back as negative?**

A negative titre indicates that your pet is not adequately protected and should receive a booster for that disease.

### **What happens if a test result comes back as positive?**

A positive titre indicates that your pet is adequately protected and does not require a booster for that disease, at that time.

### **What do the different results scores mean?**

The results scores are only relevant to determine if the animal has a positive or negative titre. A score of 0-1 indicates a negative titre; a score of 2-6 indicates a positive titre. The actual number itself is irrelevant apart from determining if there is or is not a protective immune response.

### **How often should VacciCheck tests be run?**

We recommended annual testing, but the frequency of testing is up to the vet and owner.

### How much does a test cost?

Pricing is available to veterinarians, technicians and clinic staff only. Please email [info@cvcgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@cvcgroup.co.uk) from your business email address for pricing information.

### How much blood or serum is needed for a test?

Very little – 5µl (microliters) of serum or 10µl of whole blood.

### How soon can puppies be tested?

The recommendation is to titre test puppies no sooner than 20 weeks, and at least 2 weeks after the initial puppy vaccine protocol.

### Will positive results be good enough for a pet boarding facility?

Every facility has different requirements.

### How are Vaccicheck results used?

VacciCheck is a multi-use test. You can use it to check if immunity has been achieved after initial vaccination (minimum of 2 weeks after injection). You can use it to check if a booster is required or not. You can use it for rescue or stray animals where the vaccination history is unknown. You can use it for lapsed vaccination schedules. You can use it for animals on immunosuppressant treatment. You can use it as part of an annual health check.

### I am a pet owner; where can I get my cat or dog tested?

You can find a practice that is already offering VacciCheck testing on our map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1vDA5Puny5D0a7XR0jH-SamuG3ZY> Alternatively, you can contact us at [info@cvcgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@cvcgroup.co.uk) with your postcode and we will let you know if there are any practices near you who offer this service.

If there are no practices near you or if you would prefer to run the test at the practice that you are already registered with, you can email us with your practice name and the names of the animal(s) that you would like to test. We will contact your practice and let them know that you would like to run the test with them and how they can start offering this service.

### I am a vet; how can I offer this test to my clients?

We have two ways that you can run VacciCheck testing:

- 1) You can submit a sample.
- 2) You can buy a kit and run the tests in-house.

The exact same kit and method of testing is used with both options. Please contact us at [info@cvcgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@cvcgroup.co.uk) for more information.

