

DONATION DAY - WHAT TO EXPECT



Appointment - Before your dogs lifesaving donation we will send you a donor information pack this includes a Consent Form and Donor Health Check Form please complete these and bring them with you to your appointment (Spare forms are available on the day) along with your dog's vaccination record. If for any reason you are unable to attend please contact us so that your appointment can be given to another donor.

Your dog will receive treats from the PBB team throughout the donation appointment however if your dog has a sensitive tummy or receives a certain treat regularly that is their favourite please bring some along to help make their experience of giving blood rewarding.

On Arrival - You will be greeted by the venue staff hosting the donation session and be asked to weigh your dog with the staff member as part of our initial checks.

Health Check (15 mins) - One of the PBB veterinary surgeons and a PBB animal care assistant will check through your paperwork, perform a full physical examination of your dog and take the initial pre-screening blood samples to allow us to determine your dogs health status - Please ask any questions you may have at this time, the PBB staff will be happy to help. We will also at this stage clip a small amount of hair approx. 5cm square from the donation site on the neck. If your pet passes the initial health checks, you will be shown through to the donation area - Please inform a member of PBB staff if you do not wish to be present at your dog's donation.

Donation (15 mins) - The PBB veterinary team will decide which position is best for your dog's donation; normally lying on their side on the table is comfortable for everyone. It will always be necessary for the trained staff to hold your dog during the donation for health and safety reasons, but you will be welcome to stay. The PBB team will talk you through the donation whilst monitoring your dog. The clipped area will be cleaned with cleansing solution and the needle placed into the jugular vein. (A sterile single use blood collection bag will be used for the blood collection). Depending on the weight of your dog a pre-agreed amount of blood will be drawn approx 450ml, the donation takes 5-10 minutes. The needle will be removed from the vein and a dressing will be applied to the site of venipuncture to help reduce the risk of bruising.

Refreshments (10 mins) - After donation we like dogs to stay within the donation venue for a short while to have a drink, treats and to be observed by the PBB staff. Your dog will receive a Goodie Bag which includes an "I'm a Lifesaver" Bandana and Tag to thank them.

Post Donation - You will receive a call from one of the PBB staff within a few days of your dog donating and paperwork relating to the donation will be sent to you and your veterinary practice. Please refer to the post donation instruction sheet for full details of post donation precautions.

Your dog's donation will help save up to four other dogs lives!

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