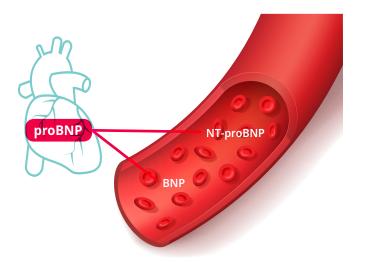
New Cardiac Biomarker for dogs V_{Check}



What is NT-proBNP?

The pro-hormone (proBNP) is produced by cardiac muscle cells and increases due to increased myocardial wall stress.

Upon release into the blood, it is cleaved into BNP and NT-proBNP. Due to its longer half-life and stability, NT-proBNP is better suited as a diagnostic biomarker for the diagnosis of heart diseases in dogs.



What NT-proBNP levels tell us

In dogs, NT-proBNP is correlated with heart size and systolic function, suggesting that the concentrations can be used to detect dogs with early disease.

Distinguishes cardiac from respiratory disease

- In dogs with dyspnea requiring emergency care
- Differentiates cardiac and respiratory causes of respiratory signs

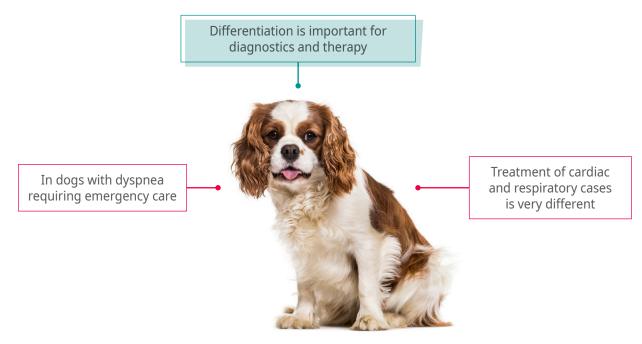
Staging of Myxomatous Mitral Valve Degeneration (MMVD)

- Differentiates dogs with MMVD with and without congestive heart failure
- Ongoing monitoring in dogs with MMVD

Detects Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) in Large Breeds

- Highly sensitive and specific for detecting occult DCM
- Predicts survival in Dobermans at high risk

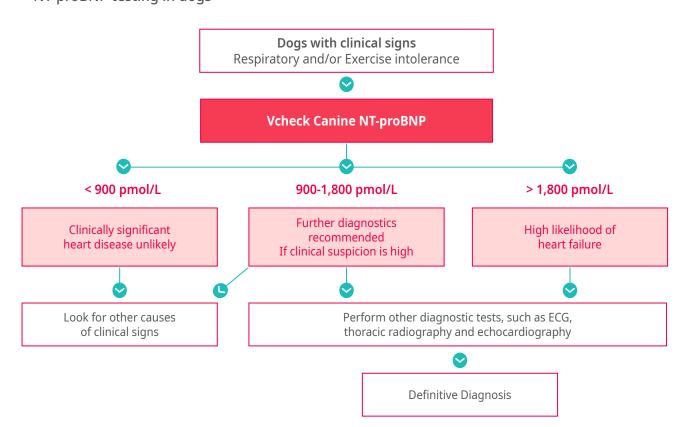
NT-proBNP should be interpreted with other diagnostic techniques, such as echocardiography, thoracic radiography, history and clinical signs to improve the accuracy of diagnosis.



NT-proBNP provides insights to distinguish cardiac from non-cardiac respiratory distress

Clinical Algorithm

NT-proBNP testing in dogs



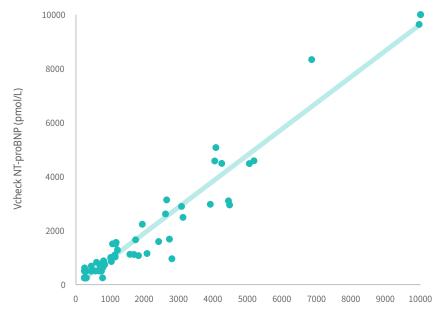
Key Features

- Quantitative Analysis
 Numerical results not qualitative
- Proven Accuracy and Reproducibility
 Correlated against a laboratory ELISA method
- Rapid and accurate results
 Simple procedure and quick results within 15 min.



Performance

• Strong correlation (R²=0.952, N=80) with an ELISA method (from company 'I' laboratories)

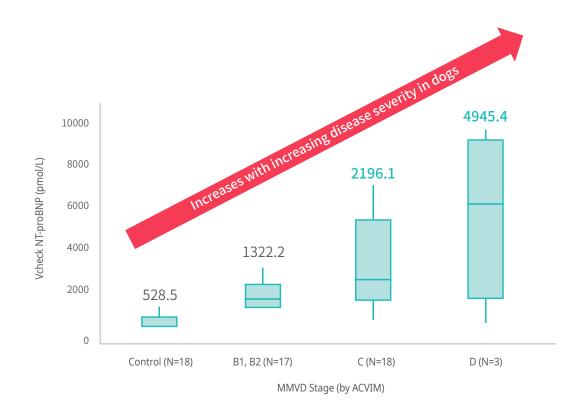


Vcheck Canine NT-proBNP y = 0.9658x - 11.299 R² = **0.9521**

NT-proBNP from an ELISA method (pmol/L)

Performance

• Vcheck NT-proBNP levels based on stages of ACVIM Consensus Classification



	Control	Stage B1, B2	Stage C	Stage D
ACVIM Stage	Control	Asymptomatic (-/+ Left heart volume increased)	CHF signals	Terminal stage

Ordering Information

Product No.	Product Name	Product Type	Packing Unit
VCF132DC	Vcheck Canine NT-proBNP	Device	5 Tests/Kit

Specifications

• Species: Dog

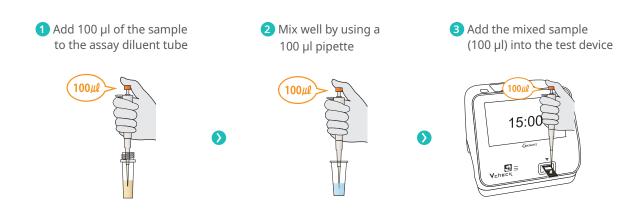
Sample : Serum 100 µl
 Testing Time : 15 minutes
 Measurement : Quantitative

Measurement Range: 500 – 10,000 pmol/L

Storage Condition: 2 - 8 °C



Test Procedure



Samples should be centrifuged and tested immediately after collection.

Alternatively, refrigerate and use within 24 hours or freeze.

* * Degradation of NT-proBNP may occur if stored at room temperature or refrigerated for more than 24 hours, causing false negative results.

Reference Ranges

< 900 pmol/L	900 – 1,800 pmol/L	> 1,800 pmol/L
	Suspected*	Abnormal*
Normal	Additional diagnostics	Additional diagnostics
	are recommended	are recommended

^{* &#}x27;Abnormal' or 'Suspected' NT-proBNP test results should always be interpreted in combination and other diagnostic findings such as an echocardiogram.



^{**} Concentration over 735 pmol/L in Doberman Pinschers indicates an increased risk for occult dilated cardiomyopathy.