

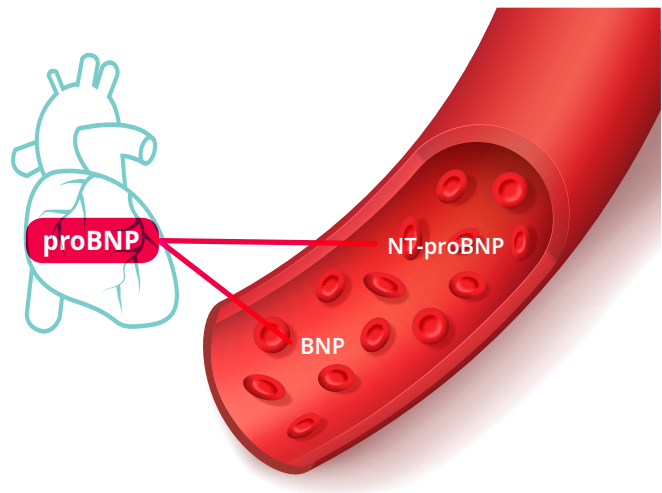
Vcheck Feline NT-proBNP

Initial Cardiac Biomarker
Screening for Heart Disease in cats



What is NT-proBNP?

B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) which is produced in the cardiac myocytes increases with excessive stretching of the cells.² This proBNP is cleaved into BNP and a by-product called N-terminal pro-B type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP).¹ NT-proBNP is stable and has a long half-life, making it a more desirable biomarker.



What NT-proBNP levels tell us

NT-proBNP concentration reflects the degree of cardiac activation secondary to stimulus, such as stretching², allowing this marker to be used to assess the magnitude of cardiac muscle stretching.

To screen for occult heart disease

- Prior to anesthesia
- In apparently healthy cats with heart murmurs
- At risk breeds - Maine Coon, Ragdoll, Birman, Persian

To determine Cardiac or Respiratory disease

- In Cats with respiratory signs such as dyspnea, tachypnea, cough
- To differentiate cardiac and respiratory causes of dyspnea

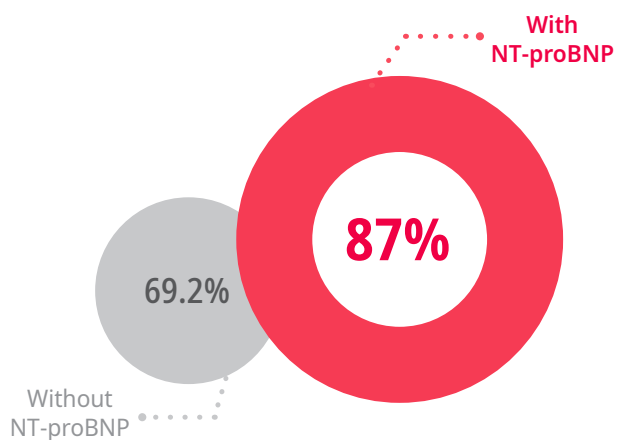
To determine the severity of heart disease

- For monitoring stabilization of CHF during hospitalization
- For predicting survival in cats with CHF⁴

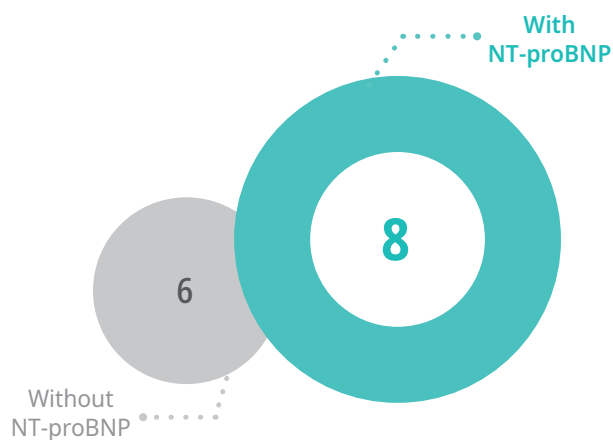
*CHF: Congestive Heart Failure

NT-proBNP should be interpreted in the context of other appropriate information, such as echocardiography, thoracic radiography, history and evaluation of clinical signs, to improve the accuracy of diagnosis.

The accuracy of diagnosis



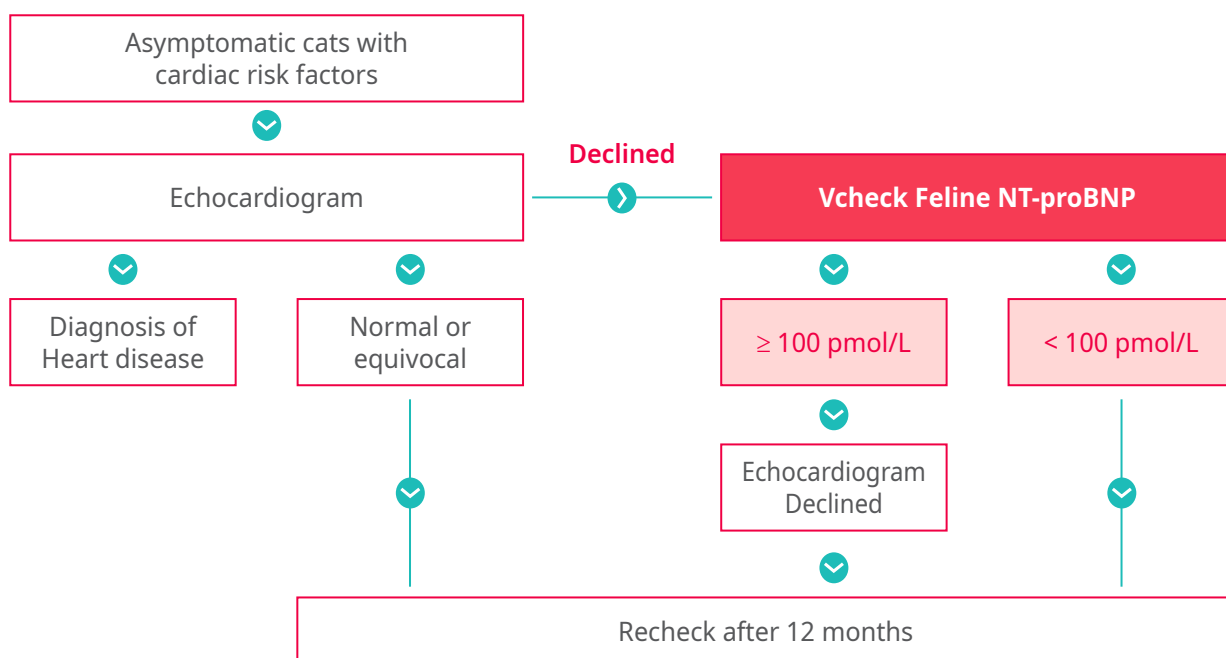
The confidence score of diagnosis



The ability to differentiate cardiac from non-cardiac causes of respiratory signs is a vital initial step in achieving an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment.³

Clinical Algorithm

NT-proBNP testing in cats⁵



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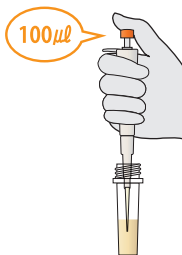
Specifications

- Species : Cat
- Sample : Serum, Plasma (Heparin, EDTA) 100 µl
- Testing Time : 10 minutes
- Measurement : Quantitative
- Measurement Range : 50 – 1,500 pmol/L
- Storage Condition : 1 - 30 °C

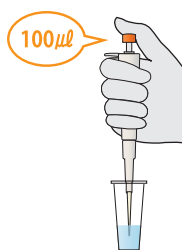


Test Procedure

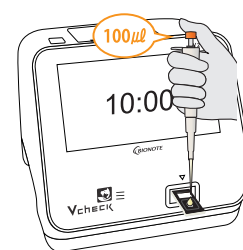
- 1 Add 100 µl of the sample to the assay diluent tube



- 2 Mix well by using a 100 µl pipette



- 3 Add the mixed sample (100 µl) into the test device



**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, leading to false negative results.

Reference Ranges

< 100 pmol/L

Normal

≥ 100 pmol/L

Abnormal

Additional diagnostics are recommended

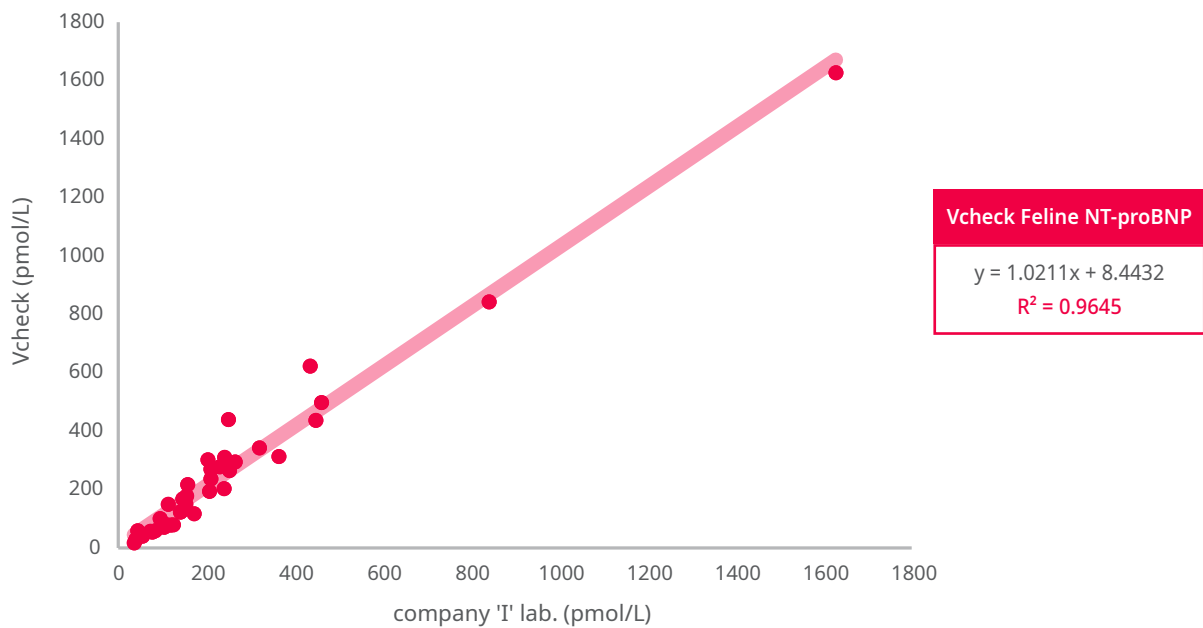
- A positive NT-proBNP test result should always be interpreted in combination and other diagnostic findings.
- In cats with respiratory signs, if the NT-proBNP is >270 pmol/L, CHF is the most likely cause of the clinical signs.

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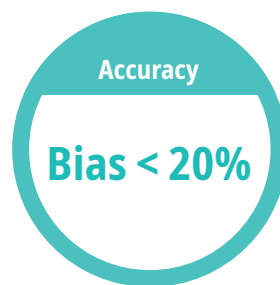
Performance

- Strong correlation with company 'I' laboratories

Comparative evaluation of Feline NT-proBNP (N=37)



Reproducibility and Accuracy



Ordering Information

Product No.	Product Name	Product Type	Packing Unit
VCF130DC	Vcheck Feline NT-proBNP	Device	5 Tests/Kit

Vcheck Feline NT-proBNP

Key Features

- **Quantitative measurement**
Quantifies the degree of elevation in NT-proBNP for an accurate evaluation
- **High correlation with company 'I' lab**
Vcheck Feline NT-proBNP has a high correlation ($R^2 = 0.96$) with company 'I' laboratory
- **A wide range of measurement**
Measures up to 1500 pmol/L
- **A user-friendly procedure & Fast results**
Simple one-step procedure, improving user convenience, and quick results within 10 min.



Indications

- In cats with Respiratory signs or Cardiac risk factors
- In high-risk cat breeds
- Preanesthesia evaluation
- For monitoring during hospitalization
- For predicting a survival time

Cardiac risk factors in cats

- Gallop rhythm
- Heart murmurs
- Arrhythmia
- Radiographic cardiomegaly
- Left axis shift on an ECG

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