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“L” TESTS

Test Name	Synonyms	Panels	Clinical Significance
Lactate Dehydrogenase	LDH, LD		LDH is not tissue-specific, and is found in a variety of tissues, including liver, heart and skeletal muscle. Its elevation is non-specific and requires further investigation.
Lipase	LPS		Lipase increases in acute pancreatitis in dogs (longer half-life than amylase) and also occasionally in chronic renal dysfunction. Lipase is not a useful indicator of pancreatitis in cats.
Low Density Lipoprotein, Calculated	LDL-C	Vet Lipid Panel	LDL is calculated using Total Cholesterol, HDL, and Triglycerides. It is used to assess the risk of developing heart disease.