Fax form for bloodwork performed outside the VHC for the purpose of monitoring the
effects of chemotherapy. **NOTE: If possible, blood should be drawn from the jugular
vein to spare the peripheral veins for chemotherapy administration.**

Fax to: Oncology nurse

Fax Number: **573-884-0705**

Patient name and (if available) VHC case number: ________________________________

Chemotherapy last administered: Drug _____________________________ Date ______________

On the day of blood collection, the patient’s rectal temperature was ________ and body
weight was ________________.

The owners reported NO / INFREQUENT / FREQUENT (circle one) diarrhea (number of
times per day _____ and for how many days ______ if available) and NO/ INFREQUENT/
FREQUENT (circle one) vomiting (number of times per day _____ and for how many days
_____ if available).

The requested bloodwork that follows was performed on _____________ (date) and reported
on ___________ (date).

*Please note that faxes are reviewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If a
return phone call is not received during these times, please call us to verify receipt.*

*Please check one of the following:*

[   ] This bloodwork is being sent for your records. The results have already been
communicated to the owners, and no further communications are required either to the
owner or the clinic.

[   ] Please review this bloodwork, and contact the owner directly for recommendations. I
understand that no information will be relayed to the clinic.

[   ] Please review this bloodwork and contact the clinic. We (the referring clinic) will
contact the owner to relay the recommendations of the Oncology service.

*Use the following guidelines for patients receiving chemotherapy:*

Dogs with neutrophil counts less than 1000/ul that are *not febrile* should be started
immediately on a broad-spectrum antibiotic, and the owner should be instructed to monitor
rectal temperature at home.

If the dog is *febrile* and *neutropenic* (any count), 24-hour care should be instituted with
intravenous antibiotics (ampicillin or cefazolin, and enrofloxacin) and intravenous fluids.
Please contact the VHC as soon as possible.

Rectal temperatures over 103° F should be treated as an emergency in dogs that are
receiving chemotherapy.