

ADVANCES OF THE GRIZZLY BEAR PROGRAM

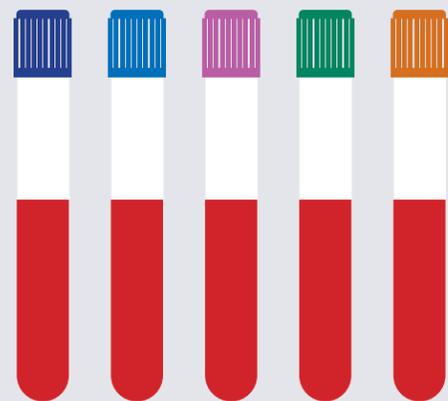
Since 1998, the program has added immensely to our understanding of grizzly bears and improved the methods that biologists use to study many species and ecosystems.



HEALTH

Making the Most of a Capture

When we catch a bear, we fit them with a GPS collar to track their movements, and do a health checkup. We measure and weigh them and take a tiny blood and skin sample.



We have learned which molecules in our samples are good markers of bear health and developed efficient lab tests for them. From this we can measure its metabolism, stress, and reproductive status, all key indicators of the individual bears' – and their population's – health.

