

Terminology and Abbreviations

Alphabet Soup

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Anatomy

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Equipment
& Other

Anatomy

Eyes

- Opti-
- Ophthalm-
- OD = right eye
- OS = left eye
- OU = both eyes

Ears

- Oto-
- Aur-
- AD = right ear
- AS = left ear
- AU = both ears



Anatomy

Nose

- Naso-, nasal
- Rhino-

Mouth

- Os
- Oro-, ora-
- PO = per os (by mouth)
- buccal = cheek
- gingiva = gums
- Lingual = related to the tongue

Teeth

- Dent-
- Odont-

Anatomy

Chest

- Thorax, Thoracic, Thoraco-

Heart

- Cardio-, cardia-
- IC = intracardiac
- Atrial
- Ventricular
- LA, RA
- LV, RV
- MVR, TVR = mitral valve regurgitation, tricuspid valve regurgitation
- -tension = to do with blood pressure
- Hemo-, hemato- = blood

Anatomy

Lungs, airway

- Pleura, pleural
- Broncho-
- Pulmonary, pulmo-
- Pneumo-
- -pnea = breathing
- Trach-, tracheo-
- ET = endotracheal

Vasculature

- Ven-, veni-
 - IV = intravenous
 - Phleb- = vein
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Anatomy

Kidneys

- Renal
- Nephro-
- IR = intrarenal

Liver

- Hepatic
- Hepato-
- IH = intrahepatic

Stomach

- Gastric
- Gastro-



Anatomy

Spleen

- Spleno-
- Splenic

Gall Bladder

- Cholecyst-
- Chole- = bile
- Cholangio = bile duct

Intestines

- Entero-
- Duodeno-
- Jejun-
- Ileo-
- Ceco-
- Colic
- Colonic

Anatomy

Reproductive

- Genito-
- Uterine, Utero-
- Vulvo-
- Orchid-
- Prostat-

Urinary

- Cyst-, cysto- = bladder
- Uro-
- Uretero-
- Urethro-
- U

Feet

- Pod-

Anatomy

Skin

- Integument-
- Dermo-, Dermato-
- SQ, SC = under the skin

Muscle

- Myo-
- IM = in the muscle

Bone

- Osteo-
- Osseous
- Arthro-
- IO = in the bone

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Diseases & Conditions

Eyes

- KCS = keratoconjunctivitis sicca (“dry eye”)

Bones/Joints

- DJD = degenerative joint disease
 - MPL = medial patellar luxation
 - CCL tear = cranial cruciate ligament tear
 - IVDD/H = intervertebral disc disease/herniation
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Diseases & Conditions

Heart

- PRAA = persistent right aortic arch
- PDA = patent ductus arteriosus
- LAE = left atrial enlargement
- CHF = congestive heart failure
- HCM = hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- DVD = degenerative valve disease
- HW = heartworms
- Cardiomegaly = enlarged heart



Diseases & Conditions

Blood

- IMHA = immune mediated hemolytic anemia
- IITP = immune mediated thrombocytopenia
- DIC = disseminated intravascular coagulation



Diseases & Conditions

Kidneys

- CKD = chronic kidney disease
- CRF = chronic renal failure
- ARF = acute renal failure
- Hydronephrosis = swollen kidney

Liver

- HL = hepatic lipidosis
- Hepatomegaly = enlarged liver



Diseases & Conditions

Digestive System

- GDV = gastric dilatation-volvulus (“bloat”)
- IBD = irritable bowel disease
- HGE = hemorrhagic gastroenteritis
- Tenesmus = feeling the need to pass stool, none present
- Hematemesis = vomiting blood
- Hematochezia = passing fresh/frank blood in stool
- Melena = bloody stool (digested), black/tarry



Diseases & Conditions

Urinary System

- pu/pd = polyuria, polydipsia
- Pollakiuria = frequent, abnormal urination
- Oliguria = having very little urine
- Hematuria = bloody urine
- UTI = urinary tract infection
- UO = urinary obstruction



Diseases & Conditions

Viral/Infectious

- FUO = fever of unknown origin
- FIV = feline immunodeficiency virus
- FeLV = feline leukemia virus
- URI = upper respiratory infection



Diseases & Conditions

Other

- DM = diabetes mellitus
- DKA = diabetic ketoacidosis
- HBC = hit by car
- BDLD = big dog, little dog
- V, V+ = vomiting
- D, D+ = diarrhea
- Sz = seizure

Attitude/Mentation

- BAR = bright, alert, responsive
- QAR = quiet, alert, responsive
- ADR = “ain’t doing right”

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Surgery & Procedures

Suffixes

- -otomy = an incision into
 - -ostomy = creating a new opening
 - -ectomy = removal of
 - -centesis = puncturing a cavity to remove fluid
 - -pexy = surgical fixation/suspension
 - -oplasty = surgical repair
 - -oscopy = examination of
 - -odesis = binding or fusing
 - -orrhaphy = repair/suture
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Surgery & Procedures

Surgery

- R & A = resection and anastomosis
- P.U. = perineal urethrostomy
- OHE = ovariectomy

Procedures/Monitoring

- IOP = intraocular pressure
- BP = blood pressure
- FNA = fine needle aspirate
- ECG = electrocardiogram
- ETCO₂ = end-tidal CO₂
- PROM = passive range of motion
- ROM = range of motion

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Vitals

- PE = physical exam
- TPR = temperature, pulse, respiration
- MM = mucous membranes
- CRT = capillary refill time

People

- DVM = doctor of veterinary medicine
- RVT, LVT, CVT = registered, licensed, or certified veterinary technician
- CST = client service team
- AAVEC = Anne Arundel
Veterinary Emergency Clinic

Equipment & Other

Pharmacy Instructions

- SID = once a day
- BID = twice a day
- TID = three times a day
- QID = four times a day
- QD = once a day
- EOD = every other a day
- prn = as needed

- OTM = oral transmucosal
- Sublingual = under the tongue
- IV = intravenous
- IM = intramuscular
- SQ, SC = subcutaneous
- PO, NPO = by mouth, nothing by mouth

Equipment & Other

Tests

- AXR = abdominal X-ray
 - CXR = chest X-ray
 - u/s = ultrasound
 - AUS = abdominal ultrasound
 - NSR = normal sinus rhythm
 - NSF = no significant findings
 - WNL = within normal limits
 - D/C = discontinue, discharge
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Equipment & Other

More Tests

- CBC = complete blood count
- UA = urinalysis
- Hct = hematocrit
- PCV = packed cell volume
- TS = total solids
- OMBT/BMBT = oral/buccal mucosal bleeding time
- BG = blood glucose

Equipment & Other

All my exes live in...

- Abx = antibiotic
- Bx = biopsy
- Cx = culture
- Dx = diagnosis
- Ex = Chris (haha!)
- Fx = fracture
- Hx = history
- Px = prognosis
- Rx = prescription
- Sx = surgery
- Tx = treatment



Equipment & Other

Other

- o/s = outside
 - BM = bowel movement
 - DSH = domestic shorthair
 - DMH = domestic medium hair
 - DLH = domestic longhair
 - F/I, F/S = female intact, female spayed
 - M/I, M/N, M/C = male intact, male neutered, male castrated
 - CRI = constant rate infusion
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Thanks!