

## COMMON VETERINARY ABBREVIATIONS

This list focuses on abbreviations and acronyms commonly used in veterinary practice and supplements the standard and widely available reference sources such as Gale's *Acronyms, Initialisms & Abbreviations Dictionary*. It is intended for use by veterinary students, researchers, practitioners, and librarians.

The initial selection of abbreviations and acronyms was based on *The Merck Veterinary Manual, Seventh Edition*, published by Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N.J, U.S.A., 1991. The list continues to be supplemented using many other sources such as *Guide to Veterinary Medical Terminology* by Phillip E. Cochran, published by American Veterinary Publications, Inc., Goleta, CA.

### -A-

#### AAAP

1. American Association of Avian Pathologists; 2. Asian-Australasian Association of Animal Production Societies

#### AABP

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

#### AAEP

American Association of Equine Practitioners

#### AAHA

American Animal Hospital Association

#### AAFCO

American Association of Feed Control Officials

#### AASP

American Association of Swine Practitioners

#### AASRP

American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners

ab, Ab

Antibody

#### ABPE

Acute bovine pulmonary emphysema and edema

#### ABVP

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

ac

[Latin] *Ante cibum / cibos*, before meals

#### ACD

Acid-citrate-dextrose

#### ACE

Angiotensin-converting enzyme

#### ACL

Anterior cruciate ligament

#### ACT

1. American College of Theriogenologists; 2. Activated coagulation time

#### ACTH

Adrenocorticotrophic hormone

#### AD

Aleutian Disease

**ADF**

Acid detergent fiber

**ADH**

Antidiuretic hormone, vasopressin

**ADP**

Adenosine diphosphate

***ad lib***

[Latin] *Ad libitum*, as much as desired

**AEMV**

American Exotic Mammal Veterinarians

**AFIP**

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

**ag, Ag**

1. Antigen; 2. Antigenemia

**AGID**

Agar gel immunodiffusion

**AHS**

African horse sickness

**AHT**

Animal health technician

**AHV-1**

Alcelaphine herpesvirus 1

**AI**

Artificial insemination

**AIDS**

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

**AIHA**

Autoimmune hemolytic anemia

**AIPE**

Asphyxia-induced pulmonary edema

**ALD**

Approximate lethal dose

**ALP**

Alkaline phosphatase

**ALT**

Alanine aminotransferase / alanine transaminase (see also **GPT**, **SGPT**)

**AMB**

Amphotericin B

**ANA**

Antinuclear antibodies

**ANF**

Atrial natriuretic factor

**ant.**

Anterior

**AP**

Anterior-posterior

**APHIS**

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (of USDA)

**APPO**

Assistance Program for Pet Owners

**APR**

Acute phase response

**APTT**

Activated partial thromboplastin time

**APUD**

Amine precursor uptake decarboxylase

**ARD**

Antibiotic-responsive diarrhea

**ARD**

Acute renal disease

**ARP**

American Registry of Pathology

**ARPAS**

American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists

**ASF**

African swine fever

**ASPCA**

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**AST**

Aspartate transaminase (aspartate aminotransferase) / aspartic acid transaminase (aspartic acid aminotransferase) (see also **GOT**, **SGOT**)

**ATP**

Adenosine triphosphate

**AUC**

Area under the curve

**AV**

1. Atrioventricular; 2. Arteriovenous; 3. Abomasal volvulus (see also **RDA**, **RTA**)

**av**

Average

**AVECCT**

Academy of Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Technicians

**AVMA**

American Veterinary Medical Association

**AZT**

Azidothymidine (now called Zidovudine, **ZDN**), 3'-Azido-3'-deoxythymidine

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**-B-****BAER**

Brain stem auditory evoked responses

**BAL**

1. previously used name for Dimercaprol (1,2-Dimercapto-3-propanol); 2. bronchoalveolar lavage

**BCG**

Bacillus Calmette-Guérin

**BD**

Border disease

**BER**

Basal energy requirement

**BFR**

Benign foot rot

**b.i.d.**

[Latin] *Bis in die*, twice a day

**BIV**

Bovine immunodeficiency-like virus

**BHC**

Benzene hexachloride

**BHV**

Bovine herpesvirus

**BLV**

Bovine leukemia virus

**BMD**

Bone mineral density

**bp, BP**

Blood pressure

**bpm**

Beats per minute

**BPDME**

Bovine progressive degenerative myeloencephalopathy

**BRD**

Bovine respiratory disease

**BRS**

Brown recluse spider

**BRSV**

Bovine respiratory syncytial virus

**BRT**

*Brucella* milk ring test

**BSE**

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy

**BSP**

Bromsulphophthalein

**BT**

Bluetongue (virus)

**BUN**

Blood urea nitrogen

**BVD(V)**

Bovine viral diarrhea (virus)

**BW**

Body weight

**Bx**

Biopsy

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-C-

C-1, C-2, C-3, ..., C-7

the cervical vertebrae

**CA**

Contagious agalactia

**CAE(V)**

Caprine arthritis and encephalitis (virus)

**cAMP**

Cyclic adenosine monophosphate

**CAR**

Congenital articular rigidity

**CAT scan**

Computerized axial tomography

**CAV**

Canine adenovirus

**CAV**

Chick anemia virus

**CBC**

Complete blood count

**CBF**

Cerebral blood flow

**CCHF**

Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever

**ccms**

Clean catch, midstream

**CCV**

Canine coronavirus

**CDC**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CDV**

Canine distemper virus

**CEAH**

Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health

**CEM**

Contagious equine metritis

**CF**

1. Chronicity factor; 2. Complement fixation (test)

**CFU**

Colony forming units

**CHF**

Congestive heart failure

**CHV**

Canine herpesvirus

**CL**

Corpus luteum

**CLA**

Caseous lymphadenitis

**CM**

Castrated male

**CMT**

California mastitis test

**CN1**

Cranial nerve 1, olfactory nerve

**CN2**

Optic nerve

**CN3**

Oculomotor nerve

**CN4**

Trochlear nerve

**CN5**

Trigeminal nerve

**CN6**

Abducens nerve

**CN7**

Facial nerve

**CN8**

Vestibulocochlear nerve

**CN9**

Glossopharyngeal nerve

**CN10**

Vagus nerve

**CN11**

Accessory nerve

**CN12**

Hypoglossal nerve

**CNS**

Central nervous system

**COPD**

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (heaves)

**CP**

conscious proprioception

**CPD**

Citrate-phosphate-dextrose

**CPD-A**

Citrate-phosphate-dextrose-adenine

**CPK**

Creatinine phosphokinase

**CPR**

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

**CPRA**

Central progressive retinal atrophy

**CPV**

Canine parvovirus

**CRD**

Chronic respiratory disease

**CRD**

Chronic renal disease

**CRG**

Controlled-release glasses  
**crit**  
Hematocrit  
**CRTZ**  
Chemoreceptor trigger zone  
**CRWAD**  
Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease  
**CSF**  
Cerebrospinal fluid  
**CSM**  
Cottonseed meal  
**CT**  
1. Calcitonin, thyrocalcitonin; 2. computerized tomography  
**CTC**  
Chlortetracycline  
**CVP**  
Central venous pressure  
**CVT**  
Certified Veterinary Technician

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**-D-**

**DEA**  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
**DEC**  
Diethylcarbamazine (N,N-diethyl-4-methyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide)  
**DES**  
Diethylstilbestrol  
**DFA**  
Diffuse fibrosing alveolitis  
**DHIA**  
Dairy Herd Improvement Association  
**DHIR**  
Dairy Herd Improvement Registry  
**DHLP-P**  
Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus (vaccine)  
**DHV**  
Duck hepatitis virus  
**DI**  
Diabetes insipidus  
**DIC**  
Disseminated intravascular coagulation  
**DIP**  
Distal interphalangeal joint [in horses]  
**DJD**  
Degenerative joint disease  
**DLE**  
Discoid lupus erythematosus

**DM**

1. Deciduous molar(s); 2. Diabetes mellitus; 3. diastolic murmur; 4. dry mass; 5. dry matter; *et alia*

**DMNA**

Dimethylnitrosamine

**DMOAD, DMOADs**

Disease-modifying osteoarthritis drug(s)

**DMSO**

Dimethyl sulfoxide

**DNA**

Deoxyribonucleic acid

**DOCA**

Desoxycorticosterone acetate

**DOCP**

Desoxycorticosterone pivalate

**DSS**

Dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate

**DTM**

Dermatophyte Test Medium

**DV**

Dorsal-ventral

**DVM**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

**Dx**

Diagnosis

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**-E-****EBA**

Epizootic bovine abortion

**EBV**

Epstein-Barr virus

**ECF**

Extracellular fluid

**ECG, EKG**

Electrocardiogram

**eCG**

Equine chorionic gonadotropin

***E. coli***

*Escherichia coli*

**ECP**

Estradiol cypionate

**ED**

Elbow dysplasia [e.g. in dogs]

**EDDI**

Ethylenediamine dihydroiodide

**EDP**

Edema disease principle

**EDS**



Egg drop syndrome

**EE**

Equine encephalomyelitis

**EEE**

Eastern equine encephalomyelitis

**EEG**

Electroencephalogram

**EF**

Ejection fraction

**EFA**

Essential fatty acids

**EHD**

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease

**EHV**

Equine herpesvirus

**EKG** see **ECG**

**EIA**

1. Enzyme immunoassays; 2. equine infectious anemia

**EIAV**

Equine infectious anemia virus (a lentivirus)

**EIPH**

Exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage

**ELF**

Enzyme-labeled fluorescence

**ELISA**

Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

**EM**

Electron microscopy

**EMC**

Encephalomyocarditis

**EMG**

Electromyography

**EP**

Enzootic pneumonia

**EPA**

Environmental Protection Agency

**EPG**

Eggs per gram (of feces)

**EPI**

Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency

**EPM**

Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis

**EPO**

Erythropoietin

**FA**

1. Fatty acid(s); 2. Fluorescent antibody

**FAD**

Flea allergy dermatitis

**FARAD**

Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank

**FCP**

Fragmentation of the coronoid process, fragmented coronoid process

**FCV**

Feline calicivirus

**FDA**

Food and Drug Administration

**FDP**

Fibrin degradation products

**FeBb**

Feline *Bordetella bronchiseptica*

**FECV**

Feline enteric coronavirus

**FeLLC**

Feline lymphosarcoma-leukemia complex

**FeLV**

Feline leukemia virus

**FFA**

Free fatty acids

**FHD**

Feline heartworm disease

**FHV**

1. Feline herpesvirus; 2. Flock House virus

**FIA**

Feline infectious anemia

**FIP**

Feline infectious peritonitis

**FIV**

Feline immunodeficiency virus

**fLUTD**

Feline lower urinary tract disease

**FMD**

Foot-and-mouth disease

**FMDV**

Foot-and-mouth disease virus (Aphthovirus)

**FNA**

Fine-needle aspiration

**FOCMA**

Feline oncornavirus-associated cell membrane antigen

**FORL**

Feline odontoclastic resorptive lesion(s)

**FRV**

1. Feline rhinotracheitis virus; 2. feline rotavirus(es)

**FSH**

Follicle-stimulating hormone

**FSV**

Feline sarcoma virus

**FUD**

Fever of undetermined origin

**FUS**

Feline urological syndrome

**fx**

Fracture

**FVRCP**

Feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, panleukopenia [vaccine]

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**-G-****GABA**

Gamma-aminobutyric acid

**GALT**

Gut-associated lymphoid tissue

**GDU**

Gastroduodenal ulceration

**GDV**

Gastric dilatation-volvulus

**GES**

Group E streptococcus

**GFR**

Glomerular filtration rate

**GH**

Growth hormone

**GHRH**

Growth hormone-releasing hormone

**GI**

Gastrointestinal

**GME**

Granulomatous meningoencephalomyelitis

**Gn-RH**

Gonadotropin-releasing hormone

**GOT**

Glutamic-oxaloacetic (glutamate-oxaloacetate) transaminase / aspartate aminotransferase (see also **AST**, **SGOT**)

**GPT**

Glutamate-pyruvate (glutamic-pyruvic) transaminase / alanine aminotransferase (see also **ALT**, **SGPT**)

**GRAS**

Generally regarded as safe

**GVH**

Goose viral hepatitis

**G6PD**

Glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase

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**-H-**

**H&E**

Hematoxylin and eosin (stain)

**HA**

1. Hemagglutinin; 2. hemagglutination; 3. Hypertensive angiopathy

**HACCP**

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points

**Hb, Hgb**

Hemoglobin

**HBC**

Hit by car

**HCG**

Human chorionic gonadotropin

**HCH**

Halogenated cyclic hydrocarbons

**Hct**

Hematocrit

**HD**

Hepatositis dietetica

**HD**

Hip dysplasia

**HEV**

Hemagglutinating encephalomyelitis virus

**Hgb** see **Hb**

**HGE**

Hemorrhagic gastroenteritis

**HHM**

Humoral Hypercalcemia of malignancy

**HI**

Hemagglutination-inhibition

**HMP**

Hexose monophosphate shunt

**HOD**

Hypertrophic osteodystrophy

**HPA**

Hypophyseal-pituitary axis

**HPF**

High-power field

**Hpg**

*Haemophilus paragallinarum*

**HS**

Hemorrhagic septicemia

**HSL**

Hypertonic saline

**HUS**

Hemolytic uremic syndrome

**hypp**

Hyperkalemic periodic paralysis

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**IAADP**

International Association of Assistance Dog Partners

**IACUC**

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

**IBD**

1. Infectious bursal disease; 2. inflammatory bowel disease

**IBH**

Inclusion body hepatitis

**IBR**

1. Inclusion body rhinitis; 2. infectious bovine rhinotracheitis

**IC**

1. Infectious coryza; 2. intracardiac

**ICF**

Intracellular fluid

**ICH**

Infectious canine hepatitis

**ID**

Intradermal

**IDDM**

Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus

**IDST**

Intradermal skin testing

**IFA**

Indirect fluorescent antibody

**IFN**

Interferon

**Ig**

Immunoglobulin

**IGR**

Insect growth regulators

**IHA**

Indirect hemagglutination

**iLUTD**

Idiopathic lower urinary tract disease

**IM**

Intramuscular

**IN**

Intranasal

**inf.**

1. Infection; 2. inferior

**INH**

Infectious necrotic hepatitis

**IP**

Intraperitoneal  
**IPN**  
Infectious pancreatic necrosis  
**IPV**  
Infectious pustular vulvovaginitis  
**isom(s) or ISCOM(s)**  
Immunostimulating complex(es)  
**IV**  
Intravenous  
**IVD**  
Intervertebral disc  
**IVP**  
Intravenous pyelogram, intravenous pyelography  
**IVSA**  
International Veterinary Students' Association

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**-J-**

**JAAHA**  
*Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*  
**JAVMA**  
*Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*

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**-K-**

**KBH**  
Kicked by horse  
**KCS**  
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca  
**KPMG L.L.P.**  
Name of the consulting firm which produced the report "The Current and Future Market for Veterinarians and Veterinary Medical Services in the United States", commonly referred to as the KPMG study or KPMG report. (See King. L. J. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times": a perspective on the KPMG study. J. Am. Vet. Med. Assoc. 217(7):996-998.)  
**KTZ**  
Keratonazole  
**kVp**  
Kilovolt peak

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**-L-**

**LA**  
Large animal  
**LCM**  
Lymphocytic choriomeningitis  
**LD**  
Lethal dose  
**LDA**

Left displacement of abomasum

**LE**

Lupus erythematosus

**LH**

Luteinizing hormone

**LMN**

Lower motor neurons

**LPE**

Lymphocytic-plasmacytic enteritis

**LPF**

Low-power field(s)

**LPS**

Lipopolysaccharide

**LRS**

Lactated Ringer's solution

**LVT**

Licensed veterinary technician

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**-M-**

**mA**

Milliamperes

**MAC**

Minimal antibiotic concentration

**MALT**

Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue

**MAOI**

Monoamine oxidase inhibitor(s)

**MAP**

Mouse antibody production

**MBC**

Minimal bactericidal concentration

**MCF**

Malignant catarrhal fever

**MCH**

Mean corpuscular hemoglobin

**MCHC**

Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration

**MCP**

Metacarpophalangeal joint [in horses]

**MCT**

1. Market cattle testing; 2. Mast cell tumor(s)

**MCV**

1. Mean cell volume; 2. Mean corpuscular volume

**ME**

Metabolizable energy

**MEC**

Minimal effective plasma concentration

**MED**

Median effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>)

**MG**

Monoglycerides

**MH**

Malignant hyperthermia

**MHA**

Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia

**MHD**

Mulberry heart disease

**MHV**

Mouse hepatitis virus

**Mhz**

Megahertz

**MIC**

Minimal inhibitory concentration

**MI**

3-methylindole

**MLV**

Modified live virus

**MMA**

Mastitis-metritis-agalactia complex

**MNTD**

Maximum nontoxic dose

**MOET**

Multiple ovulation and embryo transfer

**mOsm**

Milliosmol(s)

**MRCVS**

Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

**MRI**

Magnetic resonance imaging

**mRNA**

Messenger ribonucleic acid

**MSD**

Marble spleen disease

**MSH**

Melanocyte-stimulating hormone

**MTC**

Maximum tolerated plasma concentration

**MTD**

Median toxic dose (TD<sub>50</sub>)

**MTD**

Maximum tolerated dose

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**-N-****NADH**



Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide

**NADPH**

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate

**NAF**

No abnormal findings

**NAHMS**

National Animal Health Monitoring Systems (of USDA)

**NASPHV**

National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians

**NAVLE**

North American Veterinary Licensing Examination

**NAVTA**

North American Veterinary Technician Association

**NBEC**

National Board Examination Committee for Veterinary Medicine

**NCPPSP**

National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy

**NCV**

Nerve conduction velocities

**ND**

Newcastle disease

**NDF**

Neutral detergent fiber

**NECL**

Nonepitheliotropic cutaneous lymphosarcomas

**NFM**

Northern fowl mite

**NMB**

New Methylene Blue

**NMD**

Nutritional muscular dystrophy

**NMS**

Neonatal maladjustment syndrome

**NPN**

Nonprotein nitrogen

**NPO**

[Latin] *Nil per os*, nothing by mouth

**nRBC**

Nucleated red blood cells

**NRC**

National Research Council

**NSAID, NSAIDs**

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

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**-O-**

**OA**

Osteoarthritis, degenerative joint disease

**OCD**  
Osteochondritis dissecans  
**O.D.**  
[Latin] *Oculus dexter*, right eye  
**ODE**  
Old-dog encephalitis  
**OFA**  
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals  
**OID**  
Ovine interdigital dermatitis  
**OP**  
Organophosphates  
**OR**  
Operating room  
**os, ossa** [Latin]  
Bone  
**O.S.**  
[Latin] *Oculus sinister*, left eye

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**-P-**

**P-A**  
Posterior-anterior  
**PABA**  
Para-aminobenzoic acid  
**PAD**  
Pododermatitis aseptica diffusa  
**PAF**  
Platelet activating factor  
**PBB**  
Polybrominated biphenyls  
**PBFD**  
Psittacine beak and feather disease  
**pc**  
[Latin] *Post cibum / cibos*, after meals  
**PCB**  
Polychlorinated biphenyls  
**PCV**  
Packed cell volume  
**PDA**  
Patent ductus arteriosus  
**PDE**  
Phosphodiesterases  
**PE**  
Physical examination  
**PED**  
Porcine epidemic diarrhea  
**PEDV**

Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus

**PEM**

Polioencephalomalacia

**PF**

Platelet Factor

**PG, PGs**

1. Prostaglandin; 2. proteoglycan(s)

**PHS**

Pulmonary hypertension syndrome

**PI-3**

Parainfluenza-3 virus

**PIE syndrome**

Pulmonary infiltration with eosinophilia

**PKD**

Proliferative kidney disease

**PLH**

Pharyngeal lymphoid hyperplasia

**Plt**

Platelet(s)

**PMN**

Polymorphonuclear leukocytes

**PMSG**

Pregnant mare serum gonadotropin

**PNS**

Peripheral nervous system

**PNU**

Protein nitrogen units

**PO**

[Latin] *Per os*, orally

**post.**

Posterior

**POVMR**

Problem-oriented veterinary medical record

**PPLO**

Pleuropneumonia-like organism

**PPN**

Partial parenteral nutrition

**PPR**

Peste des petits ruminants

**pr**

Per rectum

**PRA**

Progressive retinal atrophy

**PRDC**

Porcine respiratory disease complex

**PRN, p.r.n.**

[Latin] *Pro re nata*, as occasion arises (as needed)

**PRRS**

Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome

**PRV**

Pseudorabies virus

**PSE**

Pale soft exudative pork

**PSGAG**

Polysulfated glycosaminoglycan

**PSS**

1. Physiologic saline solution; 2. porcine stress syndrome

**PT**

Prothrombin time

**PTH**

Parathormone, parathyroid hormone

**PTHrP**

PTH-related proteins

**PTS**

Put to sleep

**pulv**

Pulverized, powder

**Px**

Physical examination

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**-Q-**

**q., qq.**

[Latin] *Quaque*, every, each (e.g. **q.d.** *quaque die*, every day; **qh** *quaque hora*, every hour; **q4h** every four hours; etc.)

**q.i.d.**

[Latin] *Quater in die*, four times daily

**ql**

[Latin] *Quantum libet*, as much as desired

**QNS**

Quantity not sufficient

**qod**

every other day (see **q.**)

**QOL**

Quality of life

**qs**

[Latin] *Quantum sufficiat*, as much as is sufficient

**qv**

[Latin] *Quantum vis*, as much as you please

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**-R-**

**R, r**

Roentgen [international unit of measurement of x- or g-rays]

**RA**

Rheumatoid arthritis

**RANA**

Registered Animal Nursing Auxiliary

**RAST**

Radioallergosorbent test

**RBC**

Red blood cells

**RDA**

Right displacement of the abomasum (see also AV 3.)

**REM**

Rapid eye movement

**RER**

Resting energy requirement

**RES**

Reticuloendothelial system

**REV**

Reticuloendotheliosis virus

**RMSF**

Rocky Mountain spotted fever

**RNA**

Ribonucleic acid

**RSAT**

Rapid slide agglutination test

**RTA**

Right torsion of the abomasum (see also AV 3.)

**RTF**

Resistance transfer factor

**RV**

Rabies vaccine

**RVF**

1. Rift Valley fever; 2. Right ventricular failure

**RVVT**

Russell's viper venom time

**R<sub>x</sub>**

[Latin] *recipe*, take, receive (used to indicate a prescription or treatment)

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**-S-****SA**

1. Sinoatrial; 2. Small animal

**SAIDS**

Simian acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

**SAMS**

Sow abortion and mortality syndrome

**SAP**

Serum alkaline phosphatase

**SARA**

Subacute ruminal acidosis

**SBE**

Sporadic bovine encephalomyelitis

**SC**

Subcutaneous(ly)

**SCUD**

Septicemic cutaneous ulcerative disease

**SDA**

Sialodacryoadenitis

**SDH**

Sorbitol dehydrogenase

**SDF**

Synchronous diaphragmatic flutter, "thumps"

**SF**

Spayed female

**SFT**

Society for Theriogenology

**SG**

Specific gravity

**SGOT**

Serum glutamic-oxaloacetic (glutamate-oxaloacetate) transaminase / aspartate aminotransferase (see also **AST, GOT**)

**sGPT, SGPT**

Serum glutamate-pyruvate (glutamic-pyruvic) transaminase / alanine aminotransferase (see also **ALT, GPT**)

**SHS**

Swollen head syndrome

**SI**

1. Safety index; 2. superior-inferior

**SIBO**

Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth

**SIRS**

Systemic inflammatory response syndrome

**SIV**

1. Simian immunodeficiency virus; 2. swine influenza virus

**SLE**

Systemic lupus erythematosus

**SLS**

Streptococcal lymphadenitis

**SMSV**

San Miguel sea lion virus

**SMZ**

Sulfamethazine

**SPD**

Salmon poisoning disease

**SPF**

Specific pathogen free

**sp / spp**

Species (singular) / species (plural)

**SSRI, SSRIs**

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor(s)

**subcut.**

Subcutaneous(ly) (see also **Sub-Q**)

**Sub-Q**

Subcutaneous(ly) (see also **subcut.**)

**sup.**

Superior

**SVD**

Swine vesicular disease

**sx**

Surgery

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**-T-**

**TAT**

Tetanus antitoxin

**TB**

Tuberculosis

**TBF**

Tick-borne fever

**TCP**

Tropical canine pancytopenia

**TDN**

Total digestible nutrients

**TEME**

Thromboembolic meningoencephalitis

**TGC**

Tender gentle care

**TGE**

Transmissible gastroenteritis

**t.i.d.**

[Latin] *Ter in die*, three times a day

**TLC**

Tender loving care

**TLI**

Trypsin-like immunoreactivity

**TME**

Transmissible mink encephalopathy

**TMJ**

Temporomandibular joint

**TMS**

Trace mineral salt

**TNF**

Tumor necrosis factor

**TNTC**

Too numerous to count

**TPN**

Total parenteral nutrition

**TOX, TOXO, Toxo**

1. Toxoplasma; 2. Toxoplasmosis

**TRH**

Thyrotropin-releasing hormone

**TRTVs**

Turkey rhinotracheitis viruses

**TSH**

Thyroid-stimulating hormone, thyrotropin

**TT**

1. Tetanus toxoid; 2. thrombin time

**TTW**

Transtracheal washes or washing

**T<sub>3</sub>**

Triiodothyronine

**T<sub>4</sub>**

Thyroxine

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**-U-**

**UAP**

Ununited anconeal process

**UD**

Ulcerative dermatosis

**UIP**

Undegraded intake protein

**UMCP**

Ununited medial coronoid process

**UMHE**

Ununited medial humeral epicondyle

**UMN**

Upper motor neurons

**USP**

United States Pharmacopeia

**UTI**

Urinary tract infection

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**-V-**

**VD**

Ventral-dorsal

**VEE**

Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis

**VEN,PEN**

Viral erythrocytic necrosis

**VES(V)**

Vesicular exanthema of swine (virus)

**VFA**

Volatile fatty acids



**VFD**  
Veterinary feed directive  
**VFR**  
Virulent foot rot  
**VHD**  
Viral hemorrhagic disease  
**VMD**  
Veterinary medical doctor  
**VN**  
Virus neutralization  
**VS**  
Vesicular stomatitis  
**VT**  
Veterinary technician  
**VVND**  
Viscerotropic velogenic Newcastle disease  
**VWD**  
Vomiting and wasting disease  
**VWF**  
Von Willebrand's factor

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**-W-**

**WB**  
Western blot [test]  
**WBC**  
White blood cells  
**WEE**  
Western equine encephalomyelitis  
**WHO**  
World Health Organization  
**WMD**  
White muscle disease  
**WMT**  
Wisconsin mastitis test  
**WVA**  
World Veterinary Association  
**WVPA**  
World Veterinary Poultry Association

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