

# VTNE ABBREVIATIONS

<b>BASIC METRIC UNITS</b>					
(in ascending numerical value)					
<b>Weight/Mass</b>		<b>Volume</b>		<b>Length</b>	
ng	nanogram	nL	nanoliter	nm	nanometer
mcg or µg	microgram	mcl or µL	microliter	mcm or µm	micrometer
mg	milligram	mL	milliliter	mm	millimeter
cg	centigram	cL	centiliter	cm	centimeter
dg	decigram	dL	deciliter	dm	decimeter
g	gram	L	liter	m	meter
dkg	dekagram	dkL	dekaliter	dkm	dekameter
hg	hecogram	hL	hectoliter	hm	hectometer
kg	kilogram	kL	kiloliter	km	kilometer
<b>OTHER COMMON METRIC UNITS</b>					
mEq	milliequivalent	cc	cubic centimeter	m <sup>2</sup>	meter squared

<b>US CUSTOMARY UNITS OF MEASUREMENT</b>							
c	cup	gr	grain	oz	ounce	T, Tbs or Tbsp	tablespoon
fl oz	fluid ounce	gtt	drops	pt	pint	t or tsp	teaspoon
gal	gallon	lb	pound	qt	quart		

<b>UNITS of TIME</b>							
d	day	h or hr	hour	min	minute	sec	second
<b>SYMBOLS</b>							
%	percent	°C	degree Celsius				
>	greater than	°F	degree Fahrenheit				
<	lesser than	#	number when placed in front of the numeral; i.e., #10				
			pound when placed behind the numeral; i.e., 10#				

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| <p>Ad lib (as much as desired)</p> <p>AD (right ear)</p> <p>ADP (Adenosine diphosphate)</p> <p>ALT (alanine aminotransferase)</p> <p>AS (left ear)</p> <p>AST (aspartate aminotransferase)</p> <p>ATP (Adenosine triphosphate)</p> <p>AU (both ears)</p> <p>BAL (Broncho alveolar lavage)</p> | <p>BAR (bright, alert, responsive)</p> <p>bid <i>also</i> b.i.d. (2 times a day)</p> <p>BS (body score)</p> <p>BSA (body surface area)</p> <p>BUN (blood urea nitrogen)</p> <p>Ca (calcium)</p> <p>CBC (complete blood count)</p> <p>CK (creatin kinase)</p> <p>cm H<sub>2</sub>O (centimeters of water)</p> |
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CNS	(central nervous system)	MCHC	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)
CO <sub>2</sub>	(carbon dioxide)	MCV	(mean corpuscular volume)
COX- <sub>1</sub>	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	mm Hg	(millimeters of mercury)
COX- <sub>2</sub>	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	M/N	(male neutered)
CPCR	(cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation)	mRNA	(messenger ribonucleic acid)
CPR	(cardiopulmonary resuscitation)	NaCl	(sodium chloride)
CRI	(constant rate infusion)	NPO	(nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)
CRT	(capillary refill time)	NRBC	(nucleated red blood cell)
CVP	(central venous pressure)	NSAID	(non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug)
DNA	(Deoxyribonucleic acid)	O <sub>2</sub>	(oxygen)
ECG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also EKG</i>	OD	(right eye)
EDTA	(ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)	OHE	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i>
EKG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also ECG</i>	OS	(left eye)
ELISA	(enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)	OU	(both eyes)
ETCO <sub>2</sub>	(end tidal carbon dioxide)	OVH	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>
FeLV	(feline leukemia virus)	PCV	(packed cell volume)
FIP	(feline infectious peritonitis)	PO	(per os - by mouth)
FIV	(feline immunodeficiency virus)	ppm	(parts per million)
FNA	(fine needle aspirate)	PRN	(as needed)
F/S	(female spayed)	psi	(pounds per sq. in.)
GI	(gastrointestinal)	qd	<i>also</i> q.d. (once a day)
HCT	(hematocrit)	qid	<i>also</i> q.i.d. (4 times a day)
Hgb	(hemoglobin)	RDA	(right displaced abomasum)
ID	(intra-dermal)	RBC	(red blood cell)
IM	(intra-muscular)	RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)
IO	(intra-osseous)	SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>
IP	(intra-peritoneal)	sid	<i>also</i> s.i.d. (once a day)
IPPV	(intermittent positive pressure ventilation)	SID	(source image distance)
IV	(intra-venous)	Sp./spp.	(species)
K	(potassium)	SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>
kPa	(kilopascal)	T <sub>3</sub>	(triiodothyronine)
kVp	(kilovolt peak)	T <sub>4</sub>	(thyroxin)
LDA	(left displaced abomasum)	tid	<i>also</i> t.i.d. (3 times a day)
LRS	(lactated ringer's solution)	TP	(total protein)
MAP	(mean arterial pressure)	TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)
ma	(milliamperage)	TSH	(thyroid stimulating hormone)
mAs	(milliamperage seconds)	U/A	(urinalysis)
MCH	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin)	WBC	(white blood cell)