

# VTNE ABBREVIATIONS

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### VTNE ACCEPTED ABBREVIATIONS

| BASIC METRIC UNITS<br>(in ascending numerical value) |                 |                       |                  |                       |               |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Weight/Mass                                          |                 | Volume                |                  | Length                |               |
| ng                                                   | nanogram        | nL                    | nanoliter        | nm                    | nanometer     |
| mcg <i>or</i>                                        | microgram       | mcL <i>or</i> $\mu$ L | microliter       | mcm <i>or</i> $\mu$ m | 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                                                   | hectogram       | hL                    | hectoliter       | hm                    | hectometer    |
| kg                                                   | kilogram        | kL                    | kiloliter        | km                    | kilometer     |
| OTHER COMMON METRIC UNITS                            |                 |                       |                  |                       |               |
| mEq                                                  | milliequivalent | cc                    | cubic centimeter | m <sup>2</sup>        | meter squared |

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

| UNITS of TIME |     |                |      |     |        |     |        |
|---------------|-----|----------------|------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| d             | day | h <i>or</i> hr | hour | min | minute | sec | second |

| SYMBOLS |              |    |                                                       |
|---------|--------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| %       | 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#       |

| DENTAL FORMULA |          |
|----------------|----------|
| I <i>or</i> i  | incisor  |
| C <i>or</i> c  | canine   |
| P <i>or</i> p  | premolar |

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|---|------|-------|
| M | or m | molar |
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|                                                |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Ad lib (as much as desired)                    | EKG (electrocardiogram) see also ECG              |
| AD (right ear)                                 | ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)         |
| ADP (Adenosine diphosphate)                    | ETCO <sub>2</sub> (end tidal carbon dioxide)      |
| ALT (alanine aminotransferase)                 | FeLV (feline leukemia virus)                      |
| AP (anterior-posterior)                        | FIP (feline infectious peritonitis)               |
| AS (left ear)                                  | FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus)               |
| AST (aspartate aminotransferase)               | fL (femtoliter)                                   |
| ATP (Adenosine triphosphate)                   | FNA (fine needle aspirate)                        |
| AU (both ears)                                 | F/S (female spayed)                               |
| AV (atrioventricular)                          | GDV (gastric dilatation volvulus)                 |
| BAL (broncho alveolar lavage)                  | GI (gastrointestinal)                             |
| BAR (bright, alert, responsive)                | HCT (hematocrit)                                  |
| bid <i>a/so</i> b.i.d. (2 times a day)         | Hgb (hemoglobin)                                  |
| BMBT (buccal mucosal bleeding time)            | ID (intradermal)                                  |
| BS (body score)                                | IM (intramuscular)                                |
| BSA (body surface area)                        | IO (intraosseous)                                 |
| BUN (blood urea nitrogen)                      | IP (intraperitoneal)                              |
| Ca (calcium)                                   | IPPV (intermittent positive pressure ventilation) |
| CBC (complete blood count)                     | IV (intravenous)                                  |
| CK (creatinine kinase)                         | K (potassium)                                     |
| cm H <sub>2</sub> O (centimeters of water)     | kPa (kilopascal)                                  |
| CNS (central nervous system)                   | kVp (kilovolt peak)                               |
| CO <sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide)               | LDA (left displaced abomasum)                     |
| COX- <sub>1</sub> (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase) | LRS (lactated ringer's solution)                  |
| COX- <sub>2</sub> (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase) | MAP (mean arterial pressure)                      |
| CPCR (cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation)  | mA (milliamperage)                                |
| CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)            | mAs (milliamperage seconds)                       |
| CRI (constant rate infusion)                   | MCH (mean corpuscular hemoglobin)                 |
| CRT (capillary refill time)                    | MCHC (mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)  |
| CVP (central venous pressure)                  | MCV (mean corpuscular volume)                     |
| DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid)                    | mm Hg (millimeters of mercury)                    |
| DTM (dermatophyte test media)                  | M/N (male neutered)                               |
| ECG (electrocardiogram) <i>see also</i> EKG    |                                                   |
| EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)         |                                                   |

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|----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| mRNA           | (messenger ribonucleic acid)             | TPR            | (temperature, pulse, respiration)          |
| NaCl           | (sodium chloride)                        | TSH            | (thyroid stimulating hormone)              |
| NMDA           | (N-methyl-D aspartate)                   | U/A            | (urinalysis)                               |
| NPO            | (nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)       | VCPR           | (veterinarian-client-patient relationship) |
| NRBC           | (nucleated red blood cell)               | VD             | (ventrodorsal)                             |
| NSAID          | (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug)   | V <sub>T</sub> | (tidal volume)                             |
| O <sub>2</sub> | (oxygen)                                 | WBC            | (white blood cell)                         |
| OD             | (right eye)                              |                |                                            |
| OHE            | (ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i> |                |                                            |
| OS             | (left eye)                               |                |                                            |
| OU             | (both eyes)                              |                |                                            |
| OVH            | (ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i> |                |                                            |
| PCV            | (packed cell volume)                     |                |                                            |
| pg             | (picograms)                              |                |                                            |
| PO             | (per os - by mouth)                      |                |                                            |
| ppm            | (parts per million)                      |                |                                            |
| PRN            | (as needed)                              |                |                                            |
| psi            | (pounds per sq. in.)                     |                |                                            |
| PT             | (prothrombin time)                       |                |                                            |
| PTT            | (partial thromboplastin time)            |                |                                            |
| qd             | <i>also</i> q.d. (once a day)            |                |                                            |
| qid            | <i>also</i> q.i.d. (4 times a day)       |                |                                            |
| RDA            | (right displaced abomasum)               |                |                                            |
| RBC            | (red blood cell)                         |                |                                            |
| RNA            | (Ribonucleic acid)                       |                |                                            |
| SA             | (sinoatrial)                             |                |                                            |
| SC             | (subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>        |                |                                            |
| sid            | <i>also</i> s.i.d. (once a day)          |                |                                            |
| SID            | (source image distance)                  |                |                                            |
| Sp./spp.       | (species)                                |                |                                            |
| SpO2           | (oxygen saturation via pulse oximeter)   |                |                                            |
| SQ             | (subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>        |                |                                            |
| T <sub>3</sub> | (triiodothyronine)                       |                |                                            |
| T <sub>4</sub> | (thyroxin)                               |                |                                            |
| tid            | <i>also</i> t.i.d. (3 times a day)       |                |                                            |
| TIVA           | (total intravenous anesthesia)           |                |                                            |
| TP             | (total protein)                          |                |                                            |