

AAVSB VTNE Accepted Abbreviations

BASIC METRIC UNITS (in ascending numerical value)					
Weight/Mass		Volume		Length	
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	hectogram	hL	hectoliter	hm	hectometer
kg	kilogram	kL	kiloliter	km	kilometer
OTHER COMMON METRIC UNITS					
mEq	milliequivalent	cc	cubic centimeter	m ²	meter squared

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

UNITS OF TIME					
d	day	h or 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 or i	incisor
C or c	canine
P or p	premolar
M or m	molar



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Ad lib (as much as desired)	ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)
AD (right ear)	ET (endotracheal tube)
ADP (Adenosine diphosphate)	ETCO ₂ (end tidal carbon dioxide)
ALT (alanine aminotransferase)	FAS (fear, anxiety, stress)
AP (anterior-posterior)	FDA (Food and Drug Administration)
AP (anteroposterior)	FeLV (feline leukemia virus)
aPTT (activated Partial Thromboplastin Time)	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>also</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 (creatin kinase)	K (potassium)
cm H ₂ O (centimeters of water)	kPa (kilopascal)
CNS (central nervous system)	kVp (kilovolt peak)
CO ₂ (carbon dioxide)	LDA (left displaced abomasum)
COX- ₁ (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	LRS (lactated ringer's solution)
COX- ₂ (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	MAP (mean arterial pressure)
CPCR (cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation)	mA (milliamperage)
CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)	mAs (milliampere 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 (mucous membrane)
DTM (dermatophyte test media)	mm Hg (millimeters of mercury)
DV (dorsal ventral)	M/N (male neutered)
ECG (electrocardiogram) <i>see also</i> EKG	mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid)
EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)	NaCl (sodium chloride)
EKG (electrocardiogram) <i>see also</i> ECG	NMDA (N-methyl-D aspartate)



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NPO	(nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)	TSH	(thyroid stimulating hormone)
NRBC	(nucleated red blood cell)	U/A	(urinalysis)
NSAID	(non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug)	VCPR	(veterinarian-client-patient relationship)
O ₂	(oxygen)	VD	(ventral dorsal)
OD	(right eye)	V _T	(tidal volume)
OHE	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i>	WBC	(white blood cell)
OS	(left eye)		
OU	(both eyes)		
OVH	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>		
PCV	(packed cell volume)		
pg	(picograms)		
PO	(per os - by mouth)		
PPE	(personal protection equipment)		
ppm	(parts per million)		
PPT	(partial prothrombin time)		
PRN	(as needed)		
psi	(pounds per sq. in.)		
qd	<i>also q.d.</i> (once a day)		
qid	<i>also q.i.d.</i> (4 times a day)		
RBC	(red blood cell)		
RDA	(right displaced abomasum)		
RECOVER	(Reassessment Campaign on Veterinary Resuscitation)		
RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)		
SA	(sinoatrial)		
SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>		
sid	<i>also s.i.d.</i> (once a day)		
SID	(source image distance)		
SOAP	(Subjective-Objective-Assessment-Plan)		
Sp./spp.	(species)		
SpO ₂	(oxygen saturation via pulse oximeter)		
SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>		
T ₃	(triiodothyronine)		
T ₄	(thyroxin)		
tid	<i>also t.i.d.</i> (3 times a day)		
TIVA	(total intravenous anesthesia)		
TP	(total protein)		
TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)		

