

PAVE Qualifying Science Examination (QSE) Abbreviations

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METRIC UNITS					
cc	cubic centimeter	kL	kiloliter	mg	milligram
cm	centimeter	L	Liter	mL	milliliter
dL	deciliter	m ²	meter squared	mm	millimeter
g	gram	mcg or µg	microgram	mm ³	millimeter cubed
kg	kilogram	mEq	milliequivalent		

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

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#

Ad lib	(as much as desired)	CBC	(complete blood count)
AD	(right ear)	CK	(creatin kinase)
AGID	(Agar gel immunodiffusion test)	CNS	(central nervous system)
ALP	(Alkaline Phosphatase)	CO ₂	(carbon dioxide)
ALT	(alanine aminotransferase)	COX-1	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)
AMH	(Anti-Mullerian Hormone)	COX-2	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)
ANA	(Antinuclear antibody test)	CRI	(constant rate infusion)
AS	(left ear)	CRT	(capillary refill time)
AST	(aspartate aminotransferase)	CVP	(central venous pressure)
AU	(both ears)	DNA	(Deoxyribonucleic acid)
BAL	(Broncho alveolar lavage)	eCG	(Equine Chorionic Gonadotropin)
BAR	(bright, alert, responsive)	ECG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also EKG</i>
BCS	(Body Condition Score)	EDTA	(ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)
bid	(2 times a day)	EKG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also ECG</i>
BSA	(body surface area)	ELISA	(enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)
BPM	(Breaths per minute)	ETCO ₂	(end tidal carbon dioxide)
BUN	(blood urea nitrogen)	FAMACHA	(Faffa Malan Chart)
Ca	(calcium)	FelV	(feline leukemia virus)
		FIP	(feline infectious peritonitis)

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FIV	(feline immunodeficiency virus)	OD	(right eye)
FNA	(fine needle aspirate)	OHE	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i>
F/S	(female spayed)	OS	(left eye)
FSH	(Follicle/Stimulating Hormone)	OU	(both eyes)
GABA	(Gamma amino butyric acid)	OVH	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>
GGT	(Gamma Glutamyl Transferase)	PaO ₂	(Arterial Oxygen)
GI	(gastrointestinal)	PGF ₂ α	(Prostaglandin F ₂ α)
GnRH	(Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone)	PCR	(polymerase chain reaction)
HCG	(Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)	PCV	(packed cell volume)
HCT	(hematocrit)	PO	(per os - by mouth)
Hgb	(hemoglobin)	ppm	(parts per million)
HPF	(high power field)	PRN	(as needed)
ID	(intradermal)	psi	(pounds per sq. in.)
IM	(intramuscular)	qd	(once a day)
IO	(intraosseous)	qid	(4 times a day)
IP	(intraperitoneal)	RBC	(red blood cell)
IPPV	(intermittent positive pressure ventilation)	RDA	(right displaced abomasum)
IV	(intravenous)	RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)
K	(potassium)	rRNA	(ribosomal ribonucleic acid)
kVp	(kilovolt peak)	SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>
LCG	(Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)	SDH	(Sorbitol Dehydrogenase)
LDA	(left displaced abomasum)	sid	(once a day)
LH	(Luteinizing Hormone)	SID	(source image distance)
LRS	(lactated ringer's solution)	siRNA	(small interfering ribonucleic acid)
MAP	(mean arterial pressure)	Sp./spp.	(species)
mA	(milliamperage)	SPO ₂	(Peripheral Oxygen Saturation)
mAs	(milliamperage seconds)	SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>
MCH	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin)	T ₃	(Triiodothyronine)
MCHC	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)	T ₄	(Thyroxin)
MCV	(mean corpuscular volume)	tid	(3 times a day)
mm Hg	(millimeters of mercury)	TP	(total protein)
M/N	(male neutered)	TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)
mRNA	(messenger ribonucleic acid)	U/A	(urinalysis)
NaCl	(sodium chloride)	WBC	(white blood cell)
NPO	(nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)	+RNA	(transfer ribonucleic acid)
NRBC	(nucleated red blood cell)		
NSAID	(Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug)		
O ₂	(oxygen)		