

VTNE ABBREVIATIONS

BASIC METRIC UNITS					
(in ascending numerical value)					
Weight/Mass		Volume		Length	
ng	nanogram	nL	nanoliter	nm	nanometer
mcg <i>or</i> µg	microgram	mcl <i>or</i> µL	microliter	mcm <i>or</i> 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	T, Tbs <i>or</i> Tbsp	tablespoon
fl oz	fluid ounce	gtt	drops	pt	pint	t <i>or</i> 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	
(lowercase indicates deciduous)	
I <i>or</i> i	incisor
C <i>or</i> c	canine
P <i>or</i> p	premolar
M	molar

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Ad lib	(as much as desired)	FIV	(feline immunodeficiency virus)
AD	(right ear)	FNA	(fine needle aspirate)
ADP	(Adenosine diphosphate)	F/S	(female spayed)
ALT	(alanine aminotransferase)	GI	(gastrointestinal)
AS	(left ear)	HCT	(hematocrit)
ASA	(American Society of Anesthesiologists)	Hgb	(hemoglobin)
AST	(aspartate aminotransferase)	HR	(heart rate)
ATP	(Adenosine triphosphate)	ID	(intradermal)
AU	(both ears)	IM	(intramuscular)
AV	(atrioventricular)	IO	(intraosseous)
BAL	(broncho alveolar lavage)	IP	(intraperitoneal)
BAR	(bright, alert, responsive)	IPPV	(intermittent positive pressure ventilation)
bid	<i>also</i> b.i.d. (2 times a day)	IV	(intravenous)
BP	(blood pressure)	K	(potassium)
BS	(body score)	kPa	(kilopascal)
BSA	(body surface area)	kVp	(kilovolt peak)
BUN	(blood urea nitrogen)	LDA	(left displaced abomasum)
Ca	(calcium)	LRS	(lactated ringer's solution)
CBC	(complete blood count)	MAP	(mean arterial pressure)
CK	(creatinase)	ma	(milliamperage)
cm H ₂ O	(centimeters of water)	mAs	(milliamperage seconds)
CNS	(central nervous system)	MCH	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin)
CO ₂	(carbon dioxide)	MCHC	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)
COX ₁	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	MCV	(mean corpuscular volume)
COX ₂	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)	MM	(mucous membrane)
CPCR	(cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation)	mmHg	(millimeters of mercury)
CPR	(cardiopulmonary resuscitation)	M/N	(male neutered)
CRI	(constant rate infusion)	mRNA	(messenger ribonucleic acid)
CRT	(capillary refill time)	NaCl	(sodium chloride)
CVP	(central venous pressure)	NPO	(nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)
DNA	(Deoxyribonucleic acid)	nRBC <i>or</i> NRBC	(nucleated red blood cell)
ECG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also</i> EKG	NSAID	(non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug)
EDTA	(ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)	O ₂	(oxygen)
EKG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also</i> ECG	OD	(right eye)
ELISA	(enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)	OHE	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also</i> OVH
ETCO ₂	(end tidal carbon dioxide)	OS	(left eye)
FeLV	(feline leukemia virus)	OU	(both eyes)
FIP	(feline infectious peritonitis)		

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OVH	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>
PCV	(packed cell volume)
PO	(per os - by mouth)
ppm	(parts per million)
PRN	(as needed)
PS	(physical status)
psi	(pounds per sq. in.)
PUPD	(polyuria, polydipsia)
qd	<i>also</i> q.d. (once a day)
qid	<i>also</i> q.i.d. (4 times a day)
q#h	(every # hours)
q#d	(every # days)
RBC	(red blood cell)
RDA	(right displaced abomasum)
RER	(resting energy requirement)
RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)
RR	(respiratory rate)
SA	(sinoatrial)
SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>
sid	<i>also</i> s.i.d. (once a day)
SID	(source image distance)
SOAP	(subjective, objective, assessment, plan)
Sp. <i>or</i> spp.	(species)
SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>
T ₃	(triiodothyronine)
T ₄	(thyroxin)
tid	<i>also</i> t.i.d. (3 times a day)
TP	(total protein)
TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)
TSH	(thyroid stimulating hormone)
U/A	(urinalysis)
VCPR	(veterinarian-client-patient relationship)
WBC	(white blood cell)