

VTNE ABBREVIATIONS

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VTNE ACCEPTED ABBREVIATIONS

BASIC METRIC UNITS (in ascending numerical value)					
Weight/Mass		Volume		Length	
ng	nanogram	nL	nanoliter	nm	nanometer
mcg <i>or</i>	microgram	mcL <i>or</i> μ L	microliter	mcm <i>or</i> μ 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 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 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 ₂ (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 (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 (milliameperage 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 _T	(tidal volume)
O ₂	(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 ₃	(triiodothyronine)		
T ₄	(thyroxin)		
tid	<i>also</i> t.i.d. (3 times a day)		
TIVA	(total intravenous anesthesia)		
TP	(total protein)		