



# Veterinary Health Center

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OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

## APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

The purpose of this protocol is:

1. To provide a reference for abbreviations as used in documentation by the medical staff or other Veterinary Health Center staff.
2. To maintain a uniform method of documentation in the medical record.
3. To provide a method of reference for clear interpretation of abbreviations as used in the medical record.

The list of approved abbreviations to be used in the medical record will be kept on file in the Director of Client Services office. Only abbreviations on the list will be allowed to be used in the medical record. Abbreviations should be used consistently. Imaginative abbreviations which mean something to only a few individuals have no place in the medical record. Abbreviations are utilized to save time and space; however, if there is any questions, the word should be written out in its entirety.

The approved abbreviations are as follows:

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Description</u>
4DX	heart worm test
A fib	atrial fibrillation
ACL	cranial cruciate ligament
ACT	activated clotting time
ACTH stim	adrenocorticotrop hormone stimulation test
AD	right ear
AE	anterior enteritis
AI	artificial insemination
APC	atrial premature contraction
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute renal failure
AS	left ear
AS	aortic stenosis
ASD	atrial septal defect
AU	both ears
AV	abomasal volvulus
AV block	atrioventricular block
BA	bile acids
BAEP	brainstem auditory evoked potentials

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BAER	.....	brainstem auditory evoked response
BAL	.....	bronchoalveolar lavage
BAR	.....	bright, alert, responsive
BCS	.....	body condition score
BDLD	.....	big dog/little dog fight
BID	.....	twice a day
BLV	.....	bovine leukemia virus
BM	.....	bone marrow
BP	.....	blood pressure
BRSV	.....	bovine respiratory syncytial virus
BSE	.....	breeding soundness examination
BVD	.....	bovine viral diarrhea
Bx	.....	biopsy
C/S	.....	culture and sensitivity
C/S	.....	culture/susceptibility
CA	.....	carcinoma
CAH	.....	chronic active hepatitis
CBC	.....	complete blood count
CCL	.....	cranial cruciate ligament
CCLR	.....	cranial cruciate ligament rupture
CDVD	.....	chronic degenerative valvular disease
CERF	.....	canine eye registry foundation
CHD	.....	congenital hip dysplasia
CHEM	.....	chemistry panel
CHF	.....	congestive heart failure
CMO	.....	craniomandibular osteopathy
CNS	.....	central nervous system
COL	.....	collateral ligament
COPD	.....	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPR	.....	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CR	.....	complete remission
CRA	.....	crown amputation
CRF	.....	chronic renal failure
CSA	.....	chondrosarcoma
CSF	.....	cerebrospinal fluid
CSF	.....	cerebral spinal fluid
CSM	.....	cervical stenotic myelopathy
CT	.....	collapsing trachea
CT scan	.....	computed tomography scan
CVI	.....	cervical vertebral instability
CVP	.....	central venous pressure
DA2PP	.....	vaccine canine distemper, para influenza, parvo and adenovirus
DCM	.....	dilated cardiomyopathy dilatative cardiomyopathy
DDF	.....	deep digital flexor tendon
DDL	.....	dorsal decompressive laminectomy
DDx	.....	differential diagnosis
DIC	.....	disseminated intravascular coagulation
DJD	.....	degenerative joint disease

DKA	.....diabetic ketoacidosis
DM	.....diabetes mellitus
DX	.....diagnosis
Dz	.....disease
E-tube	.....esophagostomy tube
ECG	.....electrocardiogram
ECHO	.....echocardiogram
EDM	.....equine degenerative myelopathy
EHBDO	.....extrahepatic bile duct obstruction
EHV	.....equine herpes virus
EIA	.....equine infectious anemia
EMD	.....electromechanical dissociation
EMG	.....electromyogram
EMS	.....equine metabolic syndrome
EPI	.....exocrine pancreatic insufficiency
EPM	.....equine protozoal myelitis
ESF	.....external skeletal fixation
ET	.....embryo transfer
EVA	.....equine viral arteritis
FABC	.....feline asthma bronchitis complex, feline asthma
FAD	.....flea allergy dermatitis
FB	.....foreign body
FCP	.....fragmented coronoid process
FCRD	.....feline chronic retinal degeneration
FHNE	.....femoral head and neck excision
FHO	.....femoral head and neck excision ostectomy
FHV-1	.....feline-herpes virus-1
FIP	.....feline infectious peritonitis
FLUTD	.....feline lower urinary tract disease
FMD	.....foot and mouth disease
FORL	.....feline oral resorptive lesion
FPT	.....failure of passive transfer
FSA	.....fibrosarcoma
FUO	.....fever of unknown origin
FVRCP	.....vaccine rhinotracheitis/calicivirus/panleukopenia
FX	.....fracture
GD	.....gastric dilatation
GDV	.....gastric dilatation volvulus
GME	.....granulomatous meningoencephalitis
GN	.....glomerulonephritis
HAC	.....hyperadrenocorticism
HAS	.....hemangiosarcoma
HBC	.....hit by car
HCM	.....hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
HCT	.....hematocrit
HD	.....hip dysplasia
HDDST	.....high dose dexamethasone suppression test
HE	.....hepatic encephalopathy

HEMILAM	.....	hemilaminectomy
HISTOPATH	.....	histopathology
HL	.....	hepatic lipidosis
HL	.....	hemilaminectomy
HM	.....	heart murmur
HO	.....	hypertrophic osteopathy
H/O	.....	history of
HOCM	.....	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
HOD	.....	hypertrophic osteodystrophy
HPCA	.....	hemangiopericytoma
HSA	.....	hemangiosarcoma
HUM	.....	humerus
HWD	.....	heartworm disease
HWT	.....	heartworm test
Hx	.....	history of
HYC	.....	hyperthyroidism
IBD	.....	inflammatory bowel disease
IBR	.....	infectious bovine rhinotracheitis
ICU	.....	intensive care unit
IgG	.....	immunoglobulin G
IM	.....	intramuscular
IM PIN	.....	intramedullary pin
IMHA	.....	immune mediated hemolytic anemia
IMPA	.....	immune mediated polyarthropathy
IMT	.....	immune mediated thrombocytopenia
IMTP	.....	immune mediated thrombocytopenia
IOL	.....	intraocular lens
IOP	.....	intraocular pressure
IPV	.....	infectious pustular vulvovaginitis
ITP	.....	immune mediated thrombocytopenia
IV	.....	intravenous
IVDD	.....	intervertebral disk disease
KADM	.....	ketoacidotic diabetes mellitus
KBr	.....	potassium bromide
KCS	.....	keratoconjunctivitis sicca
L	.....	left
LarPar	.....	laryngeal paralysis
LATFAB	.....	lateral fabellar imbrication
LCL	.....	lateral collateral ligament
LDA	.....	left displaced abomasum
LDDST	.....	low dose dexamethasone suppression test
LL	.....	lung lobe
LN	.....	lymph node
LPE	.....	lymphoplasmacytic enteritis
LPL	.....	lateral patellar luxation
LPS	.....	lymphocytic-plasma stomatitis
LS	.....	lumbosacral
L/S	.....	lumbosacral

LSA	.....	lymphosarcoma lymphoma
LUX	.....	luxation
LVOT	.....	left ventricular outflow tract
MBD	.....	metabolic bone disease
MCF	.....	malignant catarrhal fever
MCL	.....	medial collateral ligament
MCT	.....	mast cell tumor
Mets	.....	metastases
MF	.....	mycosis fungoides
MG	.....	myasthenia gravis
MGA	.....	meibomian gland adenocarcinoma
MGT	.....	mammary gland tumor
MI	.....	mitral insufficiency
MM	.....	multiple myeloma
MPL	.....	medial patellar luxation
MR	.....	mitral regurgitation
MRI	.....	magnetic resonance imaging
MTC	.....	metacarpal
MTT	.....	metatarsal
MVD	.....	mitral valve degeneration
NED	.....	no evidence of disease
NLE	.....	necrotizing leukoencephalitis
NME	.....	necrotizing meningoencephalitis
NPO	.....	nothing per os, nothing by mouth
NS	.....	nuclear sclerosis
NSF	.....	no significant finding
NT	.....	toe nail trim
O	.....	owner
OA	.....	osteoarthritis
OC	.....	osteochondrosis
OCD	.....	osteochondritis dissecans
OD	.....	right eye
OE	.....	otitis externa
OFA	.....	Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
OHW	.....	heartworm test
OHW	.....	occult heartworm
ONF	.....	oronasal fistula
OR	.....	out of remission
ORIF	.....	open reduction internal fixation
OS	.....	left eye
OSA	.....	osteosarcoma
OTW	.....	orotracheal wash
OU	.....	both eyes
P	.....	patient
P2	.....	second phalanx
P3	.....	third phalanx (coffin bone)
PAF	.....	perianal fistula
PANO	.....	panosteitis

PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PCV	packed cell volume
PD	periodontal disease
PD	progressive disease
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PE	physical exam
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube
PEM	polioencephalomalacia
PHA	persistent hyaloid artery
PHPV	persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous
PI3	parainfluenza 3
PKD	polycystic kidney disease
PLN	peripheral lymph node
PLR	pupillary light response
PLT	platelet
PM	post mortem
PMIE	post – mating induced endometritis
PO	per os, by mouth
POH	post – op ocular hypertension
POO	pyloric outflow obstruction
PP	persistent pupillary membranes
PR	partial remission
PRA	progressive retinal atrophy
PRAA	persistent right aortic arch
PRBC	packed red blood cells
PRD	progressive retinal degeneration
PRN	as needed
PS	pulmonic stenosis
PSS	portosystemic shunt
PT	physical therapy
PT	prothrombin time
PTE	pulmonary thromboembolism
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PU	perineal urethrostomy
PU/PD	polyuria/polydipsia
PVC	premature ventricular contractions
PX	prognosis
q	every
QD	once a day, every 24 hours
QID	four times a day
qod	every other day
R	right
R/A	resection & anastomosis
R/U	radius and ulna
RADS	radiographs
RAO (COPD)	recurrent airway obstruction
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RCM	restrictive cardiomyopathy

RDA	.....right displaced abomasum
RECK	.....recheck
RESECT/ANAST	.....resection/anastomosis
RFM	.....retained fetal membranes
R/O	.....rule out
RR	.....internal root resorption
RTA	.....right torted abomasum
RTX	.....radiation therapy
RV TEAR	.....rectal vaginal tear
Rx	.....prescription
S/R	.....suture removal
SA	.....sarcoma
SAM	.....systolic anterior motion of the mitral valve
SARD	.....sudden acquired retinal degeneration
SAS	.....subaortic stenosis
SBE	.....septic bacterial endocarditis
SC	.....subcutaneously
SCC	.....squamous cell carcinoma
SD	.....stable disease
SDF	.....superficial digital flexor tendon
SEB SICCA	.....scaly skin
SIBO	.....small intestinal bacterial overgrowth
SID	.....once a day, every 24 hours
SLE	.....systemic lupus erythematosus
SLLN	.....sublumbar LN
SMLN	.....submandibular LN
SQ	.....subcutaneous
STS	.....soft tissue sarcoma
STT	.....schirmer tear test
Sx	.....surgery
T4	.....thyroid hormone level
TB	.....tuberculosis
TCC	.....transitional cell carcinoma
TEME	.....thromboembolic meningoencephalomyelitis
T/FX	.....fractured tooth
T/FX/CCF	.....complicated crown fracture
T/FX/CCRF	.....complicated crown – root fracture
T/FX/RF	.....root fracture
T/FX/UCF	.....uncomplicated crown fracture
T/FX/UCRF	.....uncomplicated crown – root fracture
THR	.....total hip replacement
TI	.....tricuspid insufficiency
TIB	.....tibia
TID	.....three times a day
TLI	.....trypsin like immunoreactivity
TNT	.....toe nail trim
TPLO	.....tibial plateau leveling osteotomy
TPO	.....triple pelvic osteotomy

TR	.....tricuspid regurgitation
TR	.....tooth resorption
TRT	.....treatment
TTT	.....tribal tuberosity transposition
TTW	.....transtracheal wash
Tx	.....treatment
U/S	.....ultrasound
UA	.....urinalysis
UAP	.....united anconeal process
UO	.....urinary obstruction
URI	.....upper respiratory tract infection
URTI	.....upper respiratory tract infection
US	.....ultrasound
UTI	.....urinary tract infection
V tach	.....ventricular tachycardia
VAS	.....vaccine associated sarcoma
V/D	.....vomiting & diarrhea
VPC	.....premature ventricular contraction
VPC	.....ventricular premature contraction, ventricular premature complex
VSD	.....ventral slot decompression
VSD	.....ventricular septal defect
WMD	.....white muscle disease
WNL	.....within normal limits
WNV	.....west nile virus
WPW	.....wolff-parkinson-white syndrome
X	.....extraction of tooth, simple closed
XS	.....extraction of tooth sectioning non-surgical
XSS	.....surgical (open) extraction of tooth