

Accepted Veterinary Medical Shorthand and Acronyms

Δ (delta) – change

A – assessment

AD – right ear (*auris dexter*)

ad lib – available at all times

ALKP – alkaline phosphatase

ALT – alanine aminotransferase

Ant. – anterior

AS – left ear (*auris sinister*)

AST – aspartate aminotransferase

ATG – added to green

AU – both ears (*auris utro*)

BID – twice per day (*bis in die*)

B Trio – breeding trio

BAR – bright, alert, responsive

BCS – body condition score

Brd Trio – breeding trio

BUN – blood urea nitrogen

BW – body weight

Bx – biopsy

Ca – calcium

CBC – complete blood count

Cd. – caudal

Chem – chemistry panel

CK – creatine kinase

Cl – chloride

cm – centimeter

COF – chow on floor

CPK – creatine phosphokinase

Cr. – cranial

CREA – creatinine

CTM – continue to monitor

CV – cardiovascular

DA – distended abdomen

D/C – discontinue

Ddx – differential diagnosis

DOA – dead on arrival

DV – dorso-ventral

Dx – diagnosis

ED – enviro-dri

EENT – eyes, ears, nose, throat

EOD – every other day

EU – excessive urination

F.O. – find original

F/W – fight wounds

Fx – fracture

g – gram

GI – gastrointestinal

GIT – gastrointestinal tract

HCT – hematocrit

Hgb – hemoglobin

H/S – hunched and scruffy

IC – intracardiac

ID – intradermal

IM – intramuscular

IN – intranasal

IP – intraperitoneal

IV – intravenous

K – potassium

kg – kilogram

(L) – left

Lat. – lateral

LN – lymph node

Mal – malocclusion

Med. – medial

MI – micro-isolation, micro-isolator

mm – millimeter

Na – sodium

Neg. – negative

NOSF – no other significant findings

NPO – nothing by mouth (*nil per os*)

NSF – no significant findings

O – objective
OD – right eye (*oculus dexter*)
OS – left eye (*oculus sinister*)
OU – both eyes (*oculus utro*)

P – pulse OR plan
PCV – packed cell volume
PE – physical exam
PHOS – phosphorous
PLNs – peripheral lymph nodes
Plt – platelet (count)
PO – by mouth (*per os*)
Pos. – posterior or positive
PPE – personal protective equipment
PRN – as needed (*pro re nata*)

q – every or each (*quaque*)
QAR – quiet, alert, responsive
QID – 4 times per day (*quater in die*)

R – respirations
(R) – right
RBC – red blood cell (count)
R/O – rule out
RR – respiratory rate

S – subjective
SC – subcutaneous
SID – once per day
SI – slightly
S/O – subjective, objective
SPF – specific pathogen free
SQ – subcutaneous
SSD – silver sulfadiazine
Sup. – superior
Sx – surgery

T – temperature
TAO – triple antibiotic ointment
TBIL – total bilirubin
TID – three times per day (*ter in die*)
TM – tumor monitoring
TP – total protein
Tx – treatment
TNT – toenail trim

UD – ulcerative dermatitis
U/F – urine and feces
UG – urogenital
USG – urine specific gravity
UTD – up to date
UTI – urinary tract infection

VD – ventro-dorsal
VT – veterinary technician

W – weanlings
WBC – white blood cell (count)
WNL – within normal limits
WPL – within protocol limits