

Acronyms	
ACT	animal care tech
AD	right ear
ADD	acquired dental disease
ad lib	use as much as you want
AS	left ear
AU	both ears
BARH	bright, alert, responsive, hydrated
BCS x/9	body condition score (fat & muscle) (1 - 9)
	1 = skinny, 5-7 = ideal, 9 = obese
BID	2 times a day
Bx	biopsy
C7d	recheck in 7 days
CBC	complete blood count
CC	critical care
C/S	coughing/sneezing
CWPT	continue with present therapy
DC	discontinue
D/C	discharge
DTM	ringworm test (Dermatophyte Test Media)
Dx	diagnosis
EC	<i>Encephalitozoon cuniculi</i> (parasite or disease)
EOD	every other day
Fx	fracture
HR	heart rate
Hx	medical history
IM	intramuscular (injection)
IN	intranasal (meds by nose)
IV	intravenous (injection)
LPL	left posterior limb
MM	mucous membranes
N	normal
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSF	no significant finding
OD	right eye
OS	left eye
OU	both eyes
OVH	ovariohysterectomy (spay)
P	pulse
PO	by mouth; orally
PRN	as needed (Latin: pro re nata)
PUFA	put up for adoption
Px	physical examination findings
Q	quiet
Q4-6H	every 4-6 hours
Q8H	every 8 hours
Q24H	every 24 hours
QAR	quiet, alert & responsive
QID	4 times a day

rads	X-rays
R/O	rule out
RPL	right posterior limb
RRR	resting respiration rate
Rx	prescription
SC	subcutaneous (injection)
SID	once a day
S/N	spay or neuter
SQ	subcutaneous (injection)
SQF	sub-Q fluids
Sx	surgery OR symptoms
TAT/TATT	tattoo to show was spayed/neutered
TID	3 times a day
TPR	temperature, pulse & respiration
TPRn	temperature, pulse & respiration all normal
Tx	treatment
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
V chkmk	(V with checkmark) vet check
VIN	Veterinary Information Network
W/	with
WNL	within normal limits
W/O	without
XR	X-ray
YORN	yes or no; your opinion right now

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Terms	
alopecia	loss of fur
ano-genital	anus and genital region
apical	tip of a rounded structure, like the root of a tooth
ataxic	loss of the ability to coordinate muscular movement
carpal	wrist
caudal	near the tail or posterior part of the body
clinical	disease shows obvious symptoms
comminuted	bone broken into 3 or more pieces
conjunctivitis	swelling (inflammation) or infection of the membrane lining the eyelids
coxofemoral	hip/thigh
cranial	relating to the head or skull; towards the head
cryptorchidism	only 1 or no testicles descended
cryptorchid testes	see above
debride	remove damaged tissue or foreign object
debris at medial carpal	nasal discharge on inside of front legs
debris at nares	nasal discharge
distal	furthest from the trunk or point of attachment of the body
dorsal	relating to the back of an animal
dysplasia	abnormal growth of cells
dyspnea	difficult or labored breathing
ectos	external parasite
enucleation	removal of eye
epiphora	tears on the face
eupnea	normal breathing
hepatic	relating to the liver
lateral	away from the center line of the body; toward the side
luxation	dislocation
maxillary	upper jaw
mandibular	lower jaw
marsupialization	suture a cavity open
medial	towards the center line of the body
nasolacrimal duct	tear duct; drains tears from eyes into nas+C119aI cavity
neoplasia	uncontrolled cell growth
nystagmus	repetitive, uncontrolled movement of the eyes
osteomyelitis	infection of the bone or bone marrow
otitis	inflammation or infection of the ear
palmar	bottom of the front paw
panleuk	Feline panleukopenia virus (FPV), distemper, causes internal ulceration of GI
paraparesis	partial paralysis of the lower limbs
paraparetic	paraparesis
paresis	partial paralysis
periapical	apex of the root of a tooth
perineum/perineal area	area between anus & genitals
pinna/pinnae/pinnas	ear/ears
plantar	bottom of the rear paw
prepuce	skin protecting head of penis or clitoris
proximal	nearest to the trunk or point of attachment of the body

pyometra	uterine infection
renal	relating to the kidneys
retrobulbar	behind the eyeball
rostral	toward the oral or nasal region of the body
sepsis/septicemia	blood poisoning by bacteria
subclinical	no obvious symptoms
subluxation	partial dislocation
tachycardia	rapid heartbeat
tachypnea	abnormally rapid breathing
torsion	twisting of a part on its long axis
ventral	relating to the underside of an animal

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