

AVCPT VETERINARY ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS GUIDE

Ab	Antibody
ABG	Arterial blood gas
ACT	Activated clotting time
ACTH	Adrenocorticotropic hormone
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone
Ag	Antigen
A:G	Albumin globulin ratio
AGID	Agar gel immunodiffusion
AHT	Animal health technician
AI	Artificial insemination
ALB	Albumin
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase (SGPT)
AML	Acute myeloid leukemia
AMS	Amylase
ANA	Antinuclear antibody
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
ARP	American Registry of Pathology
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase (SGOT)
ASVCP	American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology
AT-III	Antithrombin III
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
BA	Bile acids
BAL	Bronchoalveolar lavage
BIV	Bovine immunodeficiency-like virus
BHV	Bovine herpes virus

BLD	Blood
BLV	Bovine leukemia virus
BM	Bone marrow
BMBT	Buccal mucosal bleeding time
BP	Blood pressure
BRT	<i>Brucella</i> milk ring test
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BVD	Bovine viral diarrhea
Bx	Biopsy
C & S	Culture and sensitivity
Ca	Calcium
Ca ⁺⁺	Ionized calcium
CBC	Complete blood count
CEM	Contagious equine metritis
CF(T)	Complement fixation test
Chol	Cholesterol
CK / CPK	Creatine kinase / phosphokinase
Cl ⁻	Chloride
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CMI	Cell mediated immunity
CMT	California mastitis test
CNS	Central nervous system
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
Crea	Creatinine
CRP	C-reactive protein
CRT	Capillary refill time
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
cTnI	Cardiac troponin I

cTnT	Cardiac troponin T
CVT	Certified Veterinary Technician
D	Diarrhea
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
dl	deciliter
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DST	Dexamethasone suppression test
DTM	Dermatophyte test medium
Dx	Diagnosis
ECF	Extracellular fluid
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Escherichi coli</i>
EDTA	Ethylenediamine tetra acetic acid
EEE	Eastern equine encephalomyelitis
EIA	Equine infectious anemia
ELF	Enzyme-labeled fluorescence
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EM	Electron microscopy
EPG	Eggs per gram of feces
EPM	Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis
EPO	Erythropoietin
ERD	Early renal detection / disease
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
EVA	Equine viral arteritis
FDP	Fibrin degradation products
Fe	Iron
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma
FeLV	Feline leukemia virus
FHV	Feline herpes virus

FIA	Feline infectious anemia
FIP	Feline infectious peritonitis
FIV	Feline immunodeficiency virus
fl	Femtoliter
FNA	Fine needle aspirate
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone
FT ₄	Thyroxin, free
GES	Group E streptococcus
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
GGT	Gamma-glutamyl transferase
GH	Growth hormone
GHRH	Growth hormone-releasing hormone
GnRH	Gonadotropin releasing hormone
GTT	Glucose tolerance test
Hb, Hgb	Hemoglobin
HCl	Hydrochloric acid
HCO ₃	Bicarbonate
HCT	Hematocrit
HDSS	High dose dexamethasone suppression test
HDL	High density lipoprotein
HI	Hemagglutination inhibition
H ₂ O ₂	Hydrogen peroxide
HPF	High power field
HSL	Hypertonic saline
Hx	History
I	Iodine
ICF	Intracellular fluid
IDST	Intradermal skin test
IFA	Indirect fluorescent antibody
Ig (G, M)	Immunoglobulin

IHA	Indirect hemagglutination
IMHA	Immune-mediated hemolytic anemia
IO	Interosseous
IRAP	Interleukin 1 receptor antagonist protein
ITP	Immune mediated thrombocytopenia
IU	International units of measurements
K ⁺	Potassium
KOH	Potassium hydroxide
LA	Large animal
LDDS	Low dose dexamethasone suppression test
LDH	Lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	Low density lipoprotein
LH	Luteinizing hormone
LIS	Laboratory information system
LPF	Low power field
LVT	Licensed veterinary technician
MAC	Minimal antibiotic concentration
MBC	Minimal bactericidal concentration
MCC	Milk cell count
MCH	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
MEC	Minimal effective plasma concentration
Mg	Magnesium
MIC	Minimal inhibitory concentration
ml	Milliliter
MPV	Mean platelet volume
MRSA	Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MTP	Micro total protein
Na ⁺	Sodium

NaCl	Sodium chloride
NADH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NAVTA	National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America
NI	Neonatal isoerythrolysis
NMB	New methylene blue
NPO	Non per os
NVSL	National Veterinary Services Laboratories
nRBC	Nucleated red blood cells
NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory
O ₂	Oxygen
P	Phosphorous
PCO ₂	Carbon dioxide partial pressure
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PCV	Packed cell volume
PF	Platelet factor
pH	Negative logarithm of hydrogen ion activity
Plt	Platelets
PMSG	Pregnant mare serum gonadotropin / eCG equine chorionic gonadotropin
PO	Per os
PO ₂	Oxygen partial pressure
PO ₄	Phosphate
POCT	Point of care testing
PSS	Physiologic saline solution
PT	Prothrombin time
PTH	Parathyroid hormone
PTHrP	PTH related proteins
QA	Quality assurance
QC	Quality control
QCM	Quality control material

QNS	Quantity not sufficient
Rads	Radiographs
RBC	Red blood cell
RDW	Red cell distribution width
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RSAT	Rapid slide agglutination test
RV	Rabies vaccine
RVT	Registered Veterinary Technician
Rx	Prescription
SA	Small animal
SAP	Serum alkaline phosphatase
SBA	Serum bile acids
SD	Standard deviation
SDH	Sorbitol dehydrogenase
SDMA	Symmetric dimethylarginine
SG	Specific gravity
SI	International system of units
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SOP	Standard operating procedure
Sp	Species
SQ	Subcutaneous
SRID	Single radial immunodiffusion
SST	Serum separator tube
Sx	Surgery
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity

TLI	Trypsin-like immunoreactivity
TNTC	Too numerous to count
TP	Total plasma protein
TRH	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone
TSH	Thyroid-stimulating hormone
TTW	Transtracheal wash
T ₃	Triiodothyronine
T ₄	Thyroxine
V+	Vomiting
VT	Veterinary technician / technologist
UA	Urinalysis
UPC	Urine protein to creatinine ratio
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VEE	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis
VLA	Veterinary Laboratory Association
VS	Vesicular stomatitis
vWF	Von Willebrand's factor
WB	Western blot test
WBC	White blood cell
WEE	Western equine encephalomyelitis
WMT	Wisconsin mastitis test
WNL	Within normal limits
WRI	Within reference intervals
WVA	World Veterinary Association