

# Common Veterinary Acronyms

<b>ALS</b>	Advanced Life Support	<b>HR</b>	Heart Rate
<b>AMA</b>	Against Medical Advice	<b>Hx</b>	History
<b>BAR</b>	Bright, Alert and Responsive	<b>ICU</b>	Intensive Care Unit
<b>BCS</b>	Body Condition Score	<b>M/I</b>	Intact Male
<b>BDLD</b>	Big Dog Little Dog (attack)	<b>M/N</b>	Neutered Male
<b>BID</b>	Twice Daily/Every 12 hours	<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>BLS</b>	Basic Life Support	<b>O</b>	Owner
<b>BM</b>	Bowel Movement	<b>PE</b>	Physical Exam
<b>BP</b>	Blood Pressure	<b>PO</b>	Per OS or By Mouth or Orally
<b>BPM</b>	Beats per Minute	<b>PTS</b>	Put to Sleep (Euthanasia)
<b>BX</b>	Biopsy	<b>PU/PD</b>	Polyuria/Polydipsia (i.e., drinking and urinating more than normal)
<b>CC</b>	Chief Complaint	<b>QAR</b>	Quiet, Alert, Responsive
<b>CHF</b>	Congestive Heart Failure	<b>QOL</b>	Quality of Life
<b>CT</b>	Computed Tomography	<b>rDVM</b>	Referring Veterinarian
<b>D+</b>	Diarrhea	<b>ROM</b>	Range of Motion
<b>DACVECC</b>	Emergency & Critical Care Specialty	<b>RR</b>	Respiratory Rate
<b>DACVIM</b>	Internal Medicine Specialty	<b>RX</b>	Prescription
<b>DACVR</b>	Radiology Specialty	<b>SC/SQ</b>	Subcutaneous
<b>DACVS</b>	Surgical Specialty	<b>S/R</b>	Suture Removal
<b>DBW</b>	Dog Bite Wound	<b>SID</b>	Once Daily/ Every 24 hours
<b>DDL</b>	Dull, Depressed, Lethargic	<b>SOAP</b>	Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan — a method of organizing medical records
<b>DLH</b>	Domestic Long Hair	<b>STAT</b>	Immediately
<b>DNR</b>	Do Not Resuscitate	<b>SX</b>	Surgery
<b>DOA</b>	Dead on Arrival	<b>TID</b>	Three Time Daily/Every 8 hours
<b>DSH</b>	Domestic Short Hair	<b>TPR</b>	Temperature, Pulse and Respiration Rates
<b>DVM</b>	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	<b>TX</b>	Treatment
<b>DX</b>	Diagnosis	<b>U/S</b>	Ultrasound
<b>ECG</b>	Electrocardiogram	<b>UR</b>	Urination
<b>ER</b>	Emergency Room	<b>URI</b>	Upper Respiratory Infection
<b>F/I</b>	Intact Female	<b>UTI</b>	Urinary Tract Infection
<b>F/S</b>	Spayed Female	<b>V+</b>	Vomiting
<b>FLUTD</b>	Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease	<b>VTS</b>	Veterinary Technician Specialty
<b>FNA</b>	Fine Needle Aspirate	<b>VX</b>	Vaccine
<b>FUO</b>	Fever of Unknown Origin	<b>WNL</b>	Within Normal Limits
<b>FX</b>	Fracture		
<b>GDV</b>	Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (Bloat)		
<b>GI</b>	Gastrointestinal		
<b>HBC</b>	Hit by Car		
<b>HGE</b>	Hemorrhagic Gastroenteritis		