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Practicing

Veterinary Abbreviations

**Purpose:** Veterinarians and their staff use dozens of abbreviations each day. It is important to know the correct meaning for each abbreviation; otherwise serious mistakes could be made.

**Directions:** Read each sentence and write the correct abbreviation above the underlined words.

1. Doctor Center is needed in the intensive care unit immediately. His patient just came out of surgery and needs an electrocardiogram.

2. Snowball is a female domestic long hair cat. She needs vaccinated for Feline Leukemia Virus, Feline Infectious Anemia, and Feline Infectious Peritonitis.

3. Please write a prescription for 6 milliliters of penicillin to be given three times a day.

4. As a vet tech you will have to monitor temperature, pulse, and respiration, every day, every hour.

5. The test results for specific gravity, urinalysis, packed cell volume, and white blood cell count are all normal.

6. Intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intraperitoneal are all routes to administer injections.

7. The date of birth for Max, a domestic short hair male cat, is 10/10/00.

8. The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine took a history on his patient and listened to his gastrointestinal sounds before he wrote his diagnosis.

9. Most cats are fed as much as they want, whereas dogs are usually fed twice a day.

1 0 . The dog that arrived dead on arrival was suspected to have a central nervous system disease.

11. A 3 year old male Labrador retriever was brought in after being hit by a car. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

12. The 2 year old female yorkie was given a physical examination after being bit by another dog. The dog was still in shock and showed an extremely slow capillary refill time. Severe lacerations are found around the left thorax. Intravenous fluids were started immediately to stabilize the patient to further diagnose the injuries.

13. Max, a 12 year old Shih Tzu male was presented with vomiting and diarrhea that has been going on for 3 days. The dog was lethargic and hasn’t been eating or drinking. A Urinalysis was found within normal limits. Temperature, Pulse, and Respiration were within normal limits. Packed cell volume was low. Due to a high white blood cell count, Max will go home with antibiotics to be given three times per day for 10 days by mouth.

**Clinical Situation:**

A 6 year old spayed female domestic long hair cat was seen at the veterinary clinic for a physical examination due to vomiting and diarrhea. The cat has a history of being within normal limits. A temperature, pulse, and respiration rate was found to be within normal limits. The cat’s weight is recorded as 11 pounds. The vet evaluated a complete blood count and radiographs to rule out infection and disease. The diagnosis is found to be acute colitis. The treatment is prepared. The cat’s owner is to give 2 tablets of Metronidazole by mouth once a day. The owner is to monitor the cat’s bowel movements. A recheck visit was scheduled.