AVECCTN Approved Abbreviations for Case Logs

New for 2028: Case Log abbreviations must be from the list below, OR they must be expanded within the Case Log. *note: anything in red added to the list November 6, 2026

The following are accepted abbreviations that do not require expansion in your case logs. If an abbreviation does NOT appear on this list, it MUST be expanded in EACH case log. This helps the credentials committee to interpret the case logs efficiently. The abbreviations may be combined, if necessary (e.g., mmHg for millimeters of mercury when reporting blood pressure, or ml/kg/h for a CRI dose).

Please note, abbreviations in your **Case Reports** need to be explained in the first mention and then can be used as abbreviated for the rest of the Case Report.

Any alternate abbreviations used and NOT expanded will result in the denial of the case log.

- ACT - activated clotting time
- ALKP - alkaline phosphatase
- ALT -alanine aminotransferase
- AST - aspartate aminotransferase
- AV - atrio-ventricular
- ABG – arterial blood gas
- BID - twice a day
- BP - blood pressure
- bpm - beats per minute (NOT “breaths per minute”)
- BUN - blood urea nitrogen
- BW - body weight
- CBC - complete blood count
- cm - centimeter(s)
- CNS - central nervous system
- CO2 - carbon dioxide
- CPD - citrate-phosphate-dextrose
- CPD-A - citrate-phosphate-dextrose-adenine
- CPK - creatinine phosphokinase
- CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Crea / CREA - creatinine
- CRI - continuous rate infusion
- CSF cerebrospinal fluid
- CVT Certified Veterinary Technician
- CT - computed tomography
- d - day
- dL deciliter(s)
- DV - dorsoventral (in relation to radiographic views)
- DVM - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

- ECG / EKG - electrocardiogram or electrocardiographic
- EDTA - ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
- ELISA - enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
- F/S - female/spayed
- FeLV - feline leukemia virus
- FIP - feline infectious peritonitis
- FIV - feline immunodeficiency virus
- **FFP – fresh frozen plasma**
- g - gram(s)
- GGT - gamma-glutamyl transferase
- GLU – blood glucose
- H2O - water
- h / hr - hour(s)
- HBC – hit by car
- Hct - hematocrit
- Hg - mercury
- Hgb - hemoglobin
- HPF -high power field
- IM - intramuscular
- IN - intranasal
- IP - intraperitoneal
- IU - International Unit(s) (for lab values and drug concentrations)
- IV - intravenous
- IVC – Intravenous catheter
- kg - kilogram(s)
- L - liter(s)
- lb - pound(s)
- M/N - male neutered
- MCH - mean corpuscular hemoglobin
- MCHC - mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
- MCV - mean corpuscular volume
- min - minute(s)
- mcg - microgram(s)
- mg - milligram(s)
- mL - milliliter(s)
- mm - millimeter(s)
- mmol - millimol(s)
- mo - month(s)
- MRI - magnetic resonance imaging
- MVA motor vehicle accident
- NPO nothing by mouth (nil per os)
- NSAID - non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
- O2 - oxygen
- OD - right eye (oculus dexter)
- OS - left eye (oculus sinister)
- OU - both eyes
- oz - ounce(s)
- PCV - packed cell volume
- PDA - patent ductus arteriosus

- PE - physical exam
- pH - measure of the acidity of a solution
- PRN - as required / as needed
- PO - by mouth (per os)
- PPN – partial parenteral nutrition
- PT - Prothrombin Time
- PTH - parathyroid hormone
- PTT - Partial Thromboplastin Time
- q - every
- QD - once a day
- QID - four times a day
- QOD - every other day
- RBC - red blood cell
- rDVM - referring Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- RER - resting energy requirement
- rpm - respirations per minute
- Rx - prescription
- s - second(s)
- SC / SQ - subcutaneous
- SID - once a day
- T3 - triiodothyronine
- T4 - thyroxine
- T.Bili - total bilirubin
- temp -temperature
- TID – three times a day
- TPN – total parenteral nutrition
- TPR – temperature, pulse, respiration
- TS – total solids
- TSH – thyroid stimulating hormone
- u - units
- UA - urinalysis
- VD – ventrodorsal (in relation to radiographic views)
- VBG – venous blood gas
- WBC – white blood cell
- wk - week
- wt - weight
- y / yr - year