# Science of Veterinary Medicine 



## Veterinary Terminology Unit Handouts

## Scientific Root Words, Prefixes, And Suffixes

| a-, an- | not, without, lacking, deficient | centi- | hudredth | -escent | becoming |
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| ab- | away from, out from | centr- | center | eso- | inward, within, inner |
| -able | capable of | cephal- | head | eu- | well, good, true, normal |
| ac- | to, toward | cerat- | horn | eury- | widen |
| -aceous | of or pertaining to | cerebr- | brain | ex- | out of, away from |
| acou-, acous- | hear | cervic- | neck | extra | beyond, outside |
| d- | to, toward | chel- | claw | -fer- | bear, carry, produce |
| aden- | gland | chem- | dealing with chemicals | ferro- |  |
| adip- | fat | chir- | hand | fibr- | fiber, thread |
| aero- | air | chlor- | green | -fid, fiss- | split, divided into |
| agri- | field, soil | chondr- | cartilage | -flect, -flex | bend |
| -al | having the character of | chrom-, -chrome | color | flor- | flower |
| alb- | white | chron- | time | flu-,fluct-,flux | flow |
| alg-, -algia | pain | -chym- | juice | foli- |  |
| alto- | high | -cid-, -cis- | cut, kill, fall | fract- | break |
| ambi- | both | circa-, circum- | around, about | -gam- | marriage |
| ameb- | change, alternation | cirru- | hairlike curls | gastr- | stomach |
| amni- | fetal membrane | co- | with, together | geo- | land, earth |
| amphi-, ampho- | both | cocc- | seed, berry | -gen, -gine | producer, former |
| amyl- | starch | coel- | hollow | -gene- | origin, birth |
| ana- | up, back, again | coll- | glue | -gest- | carry, produce, bear |
| andro- | man, masculine | coni- | cone | -glen- | eyeball |
| anemo- | wind | contra- | against | -glob- | ball, round |
| ang- | choke, feel pain | corp- | body | gloss- | tongue |
| angi- | blood, vessel, duct | cort-, cortic- | outer layer | gluc-, glyc- | sweet, sugar |
| ante- | before, ahead of time | cosmo- | world, order, form | glut- | buttock |
| anter- | front | cotyl- | cup | gnath- | jaw |
| antho- | flower | counter- | against | -gon | angle, corner |
| anti- <br> antrhopo- | against, opposite man, human | crani- <br> cresc-, cret- | begin to grow | -grad- <br> -gram, graph | step record, writing |
| -ap-, -aph- | touch | crypt- | hidden, covered | grav- | heavy |
| apo-, ap- | away from | -cul-, -cule | small, diminutive | -gross- | thick |
| aqu- | water | cumul- | heaped | gymno- | naked, bare |
| archaeo- | primitive, ancient | cuti- | skin | gyn- | female |
| -ary, -arium | denotes a place for something | cyan- | blue | gyr- | ring, circle, spiral |
| arteri- | artery | -cycle, cycl- | ring, circle | -hal-, -hale | breathe, breath |
| arthr- | joint, articulation | -cyst- | sac, pouch, bladder | halo- | salt |
| -ase | forms names of enzymes | cyt-, -cyte | cell, hollow container | hapl- | simple |
| aster-, astr- | star | dactyl- | finger | hector- | hundred |
| -ate | verb form - the act of | de- | away from, down | -helminth- | worm |
| anther- | fatty deposit | deca- | ten | hem- | blood |
| -ation | noun form - the act of | deci- | tenth | hemi- | half |
| atmo- | vapor | deliquesc- | become fluid | hepar-, hepat- | liver |
| audi- | hear | demi- | half | herb- | grass, plants |
| aur- | ear | dendr- | tree | hetero- | different, other |
| auto- | self | dent- | tooth | hex- | six |
| bacter-, bactr- | bacterium, stick, club | derm- | skin | hibern- | winter |
| barb- | beard | di-, dipl- (Latin) | two, double | hidr- | sweat |
| baro- | weight | di-, dia- (Greek) | through, across, apart | hipp- | horse |
| bath- | depth, height | dia- (Latin) | day | hist- | tissue |
| bene- | well, good | digit- | finger, toe | holo- | entire, whole |
| bi- (Latin) | two twice | din- | terrible | homo- (Latin) | man, human |
| bi-, bio- (Greek) | life, living | dis- | apart, out | homo- (Greek) | same, alike |
| -blast- | sprout, germ, bud | dorm- | sleep | hort- | garden |
| brachi- | arm | dors- | back | hydr- | water |
| brachy- | short | du-, duo- | two | hygr- | moist, wet |
| brady- | slow | -duct | lead | hyper- | above, beyond over |
| branchi- | fin | dynam- | power | hyph- | weaving, web |
| brev-bronch- | short windpipe | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { dys- } \\ & \text { ec- } \end{aligned}\right.$ | bad, abnormal, difficult out of, away from | hyphno- | sleep below, under, less |
| cac- | bad | echin- | spiny, prickly | hyster- | womb, uterus |
| calor- | heat | eco- | house | -iae | person afflicted with disease |
| capill- | hair | ecto- | outside of | -iasis | disease, abnormal condition |
| capit- | head | -elle | small | -ic | (adjective former) |
| carcin- | cancer | -emia | blood | -chthy- | fish |
| cardi- | heart | en-, endo-, ent- | in, into, within | ign- | fire |
| carn- | meat, flesh | -en | made of | in-, il-, im-, ir- | not |
| carp- | fruit | encephal- | brain | in-, il-, im-, ir- | to, toward, into |
| carpal- | wrist | enter- | intestine, gut |  | very, thoroughly |
| cata- | breakdown, downward | entom- | insects | -ine | of or pertaining to |
| caud- | tail | -eous | nature of, like | infra- | below, beneath |
| -cell- | chamber, small room | epi- | upon, above, over | inter- | within, inside |
| cen-, cene- | now, recent | -err- | wander, go astray | intra- | between |
|  |  |  |  |  | a state or condition |


| iso- | equal, same | oo- | egg | saur- | lizard |
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| -ist | person who deals with | opthalm- | eye | schis-, schiz- | split, divide |
| -it is | inflammation, disease | opt- | eye | sci- | know |
| -ium | refers to a part of the body | orb- | circle, round, ring | scler- | hard |
| -kary- | cell nucleus | -orium, -ory | place for something | -scop- | look, device for seeing |
| kel- | tumor, swelling | ornith- | bird | -scribe, -script | write |
| kerat- | horn | orth- | straight, correct, right | semi- | half, partly |
| kilo- | thousand | oscu- | mouth | sept- | partition, seven |
| kine- | move | -osis | abnormal condition | -septic | infection, putrefaction |
| lachry- | tear | oste- | bone | sess- |  |
| lact- | milk | oto- | ear | sex- | six |
| lat- | side | -ous | full of | -sis | condition, state |
| leio- | smooth | ov- | egg | sol- | sun |
| -less | without | oxy- | sharp, acid, oxygen | solv- | loosen, free |
| leuc-, leuk- | white, bright, light | pachy- | thick | som-, somat-, -some | body |
| lign- | wood | paleo- | old, ancient | somn- | sleep |
| lin- | line | palm- | broad, flat | son- | sound |
| lingu- | tongue | pan- | all | spec-, spic- | look at |
| lip- | fat | par-, para- | beside, near, equal | -sperm- | seed |
| lith-, -lite | stone, petrifying | path-, -pathy | disease, suffering | -spher- | ball, round |
| loc- | place | -ped- | foot | spir-, -spire | breathe |
| -log- | word, speech | -ped- | child | -spor- | seed |
| -logist | one who studies | pent- | five | stat-, -stasis | standing, placed, staying |
| -logy | study of | per- | through | stell- | stars |
| lumin- | light |  | around | sten- | narrow |
| -lys, -lyt, -lyst | decompose, split, dissolve | permea- | pas, go | stern- | chest, breast |
| macr- <br> malac- | large soft | phag-pheno- | eat <br> show | stom-, -stome strat- | mouth <br> strat |
| malle- | hammer | -phil- | loving, fond of | stereo- | solid, 3-dimensional |
| mamm- | breast | phon-, -phone | sound | strict- | drawn tight |
| marg- | border, edge | -phore,, pher- | bear, carry | styl- | pillar |
| mast- | breast | photo- | light | sub- | under, below |
| med- | middle | phren- | mind, diaphragm | super-, sur- | over, above, on top |
| meg- | million, great | phyc- | seaweed, algae | sym-, syn- | together |
| mela-, melan--mer | black, dark part | phyl- | related group leaf | tachy- tarso- | quick, swift ankle |
| mes- | middle, half, intermediate | physic- | nature, natural qualities | $\operatorname{tax}-$ | arrange, put in order |
| met-, meta--meter, -metry | between, along, after measurement | phyt-, phyte pino- | platn <br> drink | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { tele- } \\ & \text { telo- } \end{aligned}\right.$ | far off, distant end |
| micro- | small, millionth | pinni- | feather | terr- | earth, land |
| milli- | thousandth | plan- | roaming, wandering | tetr- | four |
| mis- | wrong, incorrect | plasm-, -plast- | form, formed into | thall- | young shoot |
| mito- | thread |  | flat | -the-, -thes- |  |
| mole- | mass | pleur- | lung, rib, side | -thel- | cover a surface |
| mono- | one, single | pneumo- | lungs, air | therm- | heat |
| mort- | death | -pod | foot | -tom- | cut, slice |
| mot- | move | ply- | many, several | toxico- | poison |
| morph- | shape, form | por- | opening | top- | place |
| multi- | many |  | carry | trache- | windpipe |
| mut- | change | post- | after, behind | trans- | across |
| my- | muscle | pom | fruit |  | three |
| myc- | fungus |  | before, ahead of time |  | hair |
| mycel- | threadlike | prim- | first | -trop- | turn, change |
| myriad- | many | pro- | forward, favoring, before | -troph- | nourishment, one who feels |
| moll- | soft | p[roto- | first, primary | turb- | whirl |
| nas- | nose | pseudo- | false, deceptive | -ul-, -ule | diminutive, small |
| necr- | corpse, dead | psych | mind | ultra- | beyond |
| nemat- | thread |  | having wings or fins | uni- |  |
| neo- | new, recent | pulmo- | lung | ur- | urine |
| neprho- | kidney | puls- | drive, push | -ura | tail |
| -ner- | moist, liquid |  | heat, fire |  |  |
| neur- | nerve | quadr- | four | vect- | carry |
| noct-, nov- | night | quin- | five | ven-, vent- | come |
| -node | knot | radi- | ray | ventr- | belly, underside |
| -nom-, -nomy | ordered knowledge, law | re- | again, back | -verge | turn, slant |
| non- | not | rect- | right, correct |  | strong |
| not- | back | ren- | kidney | vit-, viv- | life |
| nuc- | center | ret- | net, made like a net | volv- | roll, wander |
| ob- | against | rhag-, -rrhage | burst forth | -vor- | devour, eat |
| ocul- | eye | rhe-, rrhea | flow | xanth- | yellow |
| oct- | eight | rhin- | nose | xero- | dry |
| odont- | tooth | rhiz- | root |  | wood |
| -ond | form, appearance | rhodo- | rose | zo-, -zoa | animal |
| olf- | smell | roto- | wheel | zyg- | joined together |
| oligo- | few, little | rubr- | red | zym- | yeast |
| -oma | abnormal condition, tumor | sacchar- | sugar |  |  |
| omni- | all | sapr- | rotten |  |  |
| onc- | mass, tumor | sarc- | flesh |  |  |

## Introduction to Veterinary Medical Terminology Building Blocks of Words

## Names of group members:

## Directions:

- For each group you will create and build 3 die.
- One will be for Prefixes
- One will be for Root Words
- One will be for Suffixes

For each dice you will select 6 terms, example: on the Prefixes dice you will select 6 to label the 6 sides. Once you have labeled and constructed the three dice, take turns rolling the dice and list the prefix, the root word and the suffix, and determine the correct notation of the word and its meaning.

| Prefix | Root word | Suffix | Word | Meaning |
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## Veterinary Terminology

Directions: Match the prefix, suffix, or root on the left with the correct meaning on the right.

1. $\qquad$ -natal
A. inflammation
2. $\qquad$ hepat/o-
B. around
$\qquad$ iso-
C. cell
3. $\qquad$ -itis
D. liver
4. $\qquad$ ur/o-
E. red
5. $\qquad$ eu-
F. birth
6. $\qquad$ -cyte
G. equal
7. $\qquad$ dys-
H. urine
$\qquad$ erythr/o
I. difficult
8. $\qquad$ peri-
J. normal
K. foot, child
9. $\qquad$ cuti-
L. head
$\qquad$ nas/o
M. after
10. $\qquad$ -blast-
-ped-
N. eating, swallowing
$\qquad$
enter/o
O. skin
11. $\qquad$
post-
P. nose
12. $\qquad$
-phag
Q. against
13. 

anti-
R. intestines
19. $\qquad$ -osis
S. sprout, germ, bud
20. $\qquad$ cephal/o-
T. abnormal condition

Directions:

- Dissect the following words into their pieces by drawing a line between the prefix, root, combining form, and suffix.
- Define each piece.
- Write a definition for the whole word.

Example:
Cardiology=cardi/o/logy
Heart study of Cardiology = the study of the heart
21. Anemia
22. Angiogram
23. Declaw
24. Dysuria
25. Hydrocephalous
26. Mastitis
27. Millimeter
28. Pericarditis
29. Subcutaneous
30. Tetrapod

## Crossword

Directions: Read the clues below and fill in the boxes that correspond with the number of the clue.

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Across:

1. Abnormally large liver
2. Abnormally large heart
3. An incision into the trachea blood cell
4. Insufficient oxygen
5. An instrument used to examine the ear
6. A recording of the mammary gland
7. The study of the urinary system

Down:

1. Pertaining to water
2. Difficulty breathing
3. Destruction of the red
4. Pertaining to the head
5. Producing a lot of urine
6. Red blood cell
7. Instrument used to listen to the chest
8. Newborn

## Common Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| ad lib. | As much as desired |
| sid | One time daily |
| bid | Two times daily |
| tid | Three times daily |
| qid | Four times daily |
| qh | Every hour |
| qd | Every day |
| w/o | Without |
| stat | Immediately |
| n | Normal |
| DSH | Domestic short hair (cat) |
| DLH | Domestic long hair (cat) |
| Dx | Diagnosis |
| Hx | History |
| Rx | Prescription |
| Sx | Surgery |
| FeLV | Feline leukemia virus |
| FIA | Feline infectious anemia |
| FIP | Feline infectious peritonitis |
| ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| ICU | Intensive care unit |
| cc | Cubic centimeter, mL |
| mL | Milliliter, cc |
| wt | Weight |
| HR | Heart rate |
| PCV | Packed cell volume |
| sg | Specific gravity |
| TPR | Temperature, pulse, respiration |
| UA, U/A | Urinalysis |
| IM | Intramuscular |
| IP | Intraperitoneal |
| IV | Intravenous |
| Sub-Q | Subcutaneous |
| rbc | Red blood cell |
| wbc | White blood cell |
| DVM | Doctor of Veterinary Medicine |
| CNS | Central nervous system |
| GI | Gastrointestinal |
| DOA | Dead on arrival |
| DOB | Date of birth |
| 9 | Female |
| $\widehat{0}$ | Male |

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## Common Abbreviations

Purpose: Veterinarians and their staff use dozens of abbreviations that they use. It is important to know the correct meaning for each abbreviation, otherwise serious mistakes could be made and animals could die.

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.
10. The dog that arrived dead on arrival was suspected to have a central nervous system disease.
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## Gummy Bear Dissection

Purpose: To practice using directional terminology.
Objectives: The students will be able to apply directional terminology by dissecting a three-dimensional object.

## Materials:

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8 \text { Gummy bears } & \text { Plastic knives } & \text { Paper Plate } & \text { Napkins }
\end{array} \text { Tape }
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## Procedure:

Divide each Gummy using the knife. Label on your plate and sketch the image below. Raise your hand when you finish.

| Bear 1 | Dorsal | Ventral |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bear 2 | Anterior | Posterior |
| Bear 3 | Cranial |  |

## Gummy Bear Dissection:

Cut each bear according to the description in the chart. Label on your plate and sketch the image below.

| Bear \# | Start Position | Cut | Part 1 | Part 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 4 | On its legs, like how a <br> four-legged animal <br> stands | Cut 1 Leg | Proximal | Distal |
| 5 | On its legs, like how a <br> four-legged animal <br> stands | Cut along the <br> Transverse Plane | Cranial | Caudal |
| 7 | On its side, like a four- <br> legged animal lying <br> down | Cut along the Frontal <br> Plane | Dorsal | Ventral |
| 8 | On its legs, like how a <br> four-legged animal <br> stands with anterior <br> facing you | Along the Median <br> Plane to break into 2 <br> equal halves | Left | Right |
|  | On its legs, like how a <br> four-legged animal <br> stands with anterior <br> facing you | Along the Median <br> Plane to break into 2 <br> unequal halves | Left |  |

## Directional Terminology

## Procedure:

For each animal below, use a colored pen or pencil and label the animal with the correct directional term(s).

1. Divide these animals with a frontal plane.

2. Label the dorsal and ventral regions of these animals.

3. Divide these animals into a median and a sagittal plane.

4. Label these animals as being a lateral, posterior, or anterior view.

5. Label the cranial and caudal regions on these animals.

6. Divide these animals with a transverse plane.

7. Label proximal and distal on the horse's legs and the parrot's tail.

