

Anatomical Terms-- Answers

Define the following terms in your journal:

1. Anterior- the front
2. Caudal- near the tail
3. Cranial- relating to the skull
4. Deep- further from the surface of the skin into the body
5. Distal- away from the body
6. Dorsal- the back (spine area)
7. Frontal Plane- separates the body in front and rear halves
8. Lateral- away from the midline of the body longitudinally
9. Median- imaginary line that separates the body into equal left & right halves, line starts at the head & goes back to the tail
10. Posterior- the rear of the animal
11. Proximal- near the center of the body
12. Sagittal- any planes to the right or left, which lie parallel to the median plane
13. Superficial- situated near the surface
14. Transverse- divides the trunk of the animal or the extremities
15. Ventral- relating to the underside of the animal