

Medical Terms

Directions:

Below is a chart which displays common medical terms as well as their meaning. Fill in the blank words. Use the word bank as a guide to help you with this activity.

Term	Definition
Pulse	Number of times the heart beats per minute
Lethargic	Not alert or active
Inflammation	Redness, swelling or pain on an area of the body
Dehydration	Loss of water from the body
Adverse	Behavior which is preventive or harmful
Zoonotic	Diseases which are communicable between humans and animals
Hydrotherapy	Washing a wound with water
Dissect	To cut apart or separate
Ligate	To tie or bind with ligature
Autoclave	Decontaminates and sterilizes surgical instruments
Radiology	Examine the body for injury or disease
Forceps	Grasp, cut, compress and pull tissues
Balling gun	Administer oral medication capsules or boluses
Controlled Substances	Drugs considered to be dangerous due to human abuse or misuse
Recumbent	Laying down on the back or either side
Vital Signs	Respiration, pulse and temperature
Lymph nodes	Are gland masses of tissue which contain cells
Ophthalmoscope	Instrument used when examining the eye
Lesion	Wound which causes pain or a change in the body

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Auscultation	Listening with a stethoscope or other instrument
Muzzle	Guard or strap which is fitted over an animal's nose and jaw to prevent biting
Submissive	Passive, obedient or conforming behavior
Tartar	Plaque build up on teeth
Twitch	Device used to distract horses during exams or procedures
Chute	Form of restraint used for cattle
Palpate	To examine by touching and feeling the area
Net	Used for fractious cats or wild animals
Defecation	To have a bowel movement
Subcutaneous (Sub Q)	Injection used to inject a drug into the tissue layer between the skin and the muscle
Femoral Pulse	Pulse found inside the thigh of the hind leg
Intramuscular (IM)	Injection of a substance directly into the muscle
Bevel	Small hole on the needle which allows the blood to flow into the syringe
Jugular	Any of the three large veins in the neck
SNAP®	Quick convenient blood tests which detect multiple diseases
Urinalysis	Gives information on kidney function and detects urinary tract infections
Antibodies	Cells of the immune system which kill foreign objects in the body
Syringe barrel	Part of the syringe which holds the medicine
White blood cells	Defend the body from invading organisms

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Red blood cells	Carry oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body
Intravenous (IV)	Injection of a substance directly into the vein
Fecal flotation	Detects internal parasites
Occlude	To close, shut or stop
Clinic protocol	Is a guideline which is followed by all veterinary staff to ensure safety within the clinic at all times
Platelets	Are responsible for clotting and increases with injury
Plasma	Liquid portion of the blood
Dental Prophylaxis	A procedure performed to clean an animal's teeth
Neonate	A newborn animal
Artificial Insemination	Inserting sperm into a female's uterus or cervix in order to achieve pregnancy
Pharmacodynamics	Is the study of the biochemical and physiological effects of drugs and their actions
Centrifuge	Is used for the separation of fluids by spinning a vessel holding material at a high speed
Microscope	Are used to analyze blood, fecal, urine and sperm microscopically
Scissors	Cut tissue, sutures and hard material
Electrocardiography (ECG or EKG)	Records electrical activity of the heart over a period of time
Therapeutic drug	Are used in the treatment of a condition
Embryo Transfer	Placing embryos into the uterus of a female in order to establish pregnancy
Multi-dose hypodermic syringe	Are used to inject or draw fluids into or out of the body
Preventive drug	Are used to prevent a condition
Anesthesia	Is a medication used primarily during surgery to minimize pain, discomfort and shock

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Word Bank:

Adverse	Lesion	Therapeutic drug
Anesthesia	Lethargic	Twitch
Antibodies	Ligate	Urinalysis
Artificial insemination	Lymph nodes	Vital Signs
Auscultation	Microscope	White blood cells
Autoclave	Multi-dose hypodermic syringe	Zoonotic
Balling gun	Muzzle	
Bevel	Neonate	
Centrifuge	Net	
Chute	Occlude	
Clinic protocol	Ophthalmoscope	
Controlled Substances	Palpate	
Defecation	Pharmacodynamics	
Dehydration	Plasma	
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Dissect	Preventive drug	
Electrocardiography (ECG or EKG)	Pulse	
Embryo transfer	Radiology	
Fecal flotation	Recumbent	
Femoral Pulse	Red blood cells	
Forceps	Scissors	
Hydrotherapy	SNAP ®	
Inflammation	Subcutaneous (Sub Q)	
Intramuscular (IM)	Submissive	
Intravenous (IV)	Syringe barrel	
Jugular	Tartar	