

**Canine Rehab Acronyms**  
**Bridging the Gaps between Veterinary Medicine and Physiotherapy Practice**

**COMMON VETERINARY ACRONYMS**

ADR	Ain't doing right
AU/AD/AS	ears- both, right, left
BAR	Bright Alert Responsive
BCS	Body Condition Score
BD	Big Dog
BID/Q12hr	Twice daily
BIOP	Been in owners possession
BP	Blood Pressue
CCSM	Caudal cervical spondylomyelopathy
CHD	Canine hip dysplasia
CP	Conscious proprioception
DISH	Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis
DJD	Degenerative joint disease
DPO	Double pelvic osteotomy
Dx	Diagnosis
EOD	Every other day
FCE	Fibrocartilaginous Embolism
FCP	Fragmented medial coronoid process
FHNE	Femoral Head and Neck Excision
FHO	Femoral Head Osteotomy
FL	Front limb
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
Fx	Fracture
GAGs	Glycosaminoglycans
HBC	Hit by car
HD	Hip dysplasia
HL	Hind limb
HOD	Hypertrophic osteodystrophy
HR	Heart rate
Hx	History
IM	Intramuscular
INI	If no improvement
IV	Intravenously
IVDD	Intervertebral disc disease
LCPD/LCP	Legg Calve Perthes Disease
LD	Little Dog
MPL	Medial patellar luxation
MSI	Medial shoulder instability
MSS	Medial shoulder syndrome

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NAD	No abnormality detected / No apparent distress
NDR	No Doctor Requested
NDR	Not doing right
NPO	Nothing per oral / Nothing given orally
NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory
NSF	Non-sufficient findings / No significant findings
O	Owner
overtop)	Owner
OA	Osteoarthritis
OC/OCD	Osteochondritis / Osteochondrosis dessicans
OR	Owner reports
OU/OD/OS	eyes- both, right left
PE	Physical exam
PL	Pelvic limb
PO	Per Oral / by mouth
PRN	Pro re nata / As needed
RI	Renal insufficiency
Rx	Prescribe / prescription
SHIG	See how it goes
SID/QD/Q24hr	Once daily
SOAP	Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan
SQ	Subcutaneous
TID/Q8hr	Three times daily
TL	Thoracic limb
TPA	Tibial Plateau Angle
TPLO	Tibial Plateaus Levelling Osteotomy
TPO	Triple Pelvic Osteotomy
TPR	Temperature, Pulse, Respiration
TTA	Tibial Tuberosity Advancement
TTT	Tibial Tuberosity Transposition
UAP	Ununited anconeal process
UWTM	Underwater treadmill
WB	Will Bite
WNL	Within Normal Limits

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**COMMON PHYSICAL THERAPY / PHYSIOTHERAPY ACRONYMS**

(B)	Bilateral
@	At
#	Fracture or pound or number
↑	Increase
↓	Decrease
↔	To and from / Back and forth
∴	Therefore
△	Change
1°	Primary
2°	Secondary
AAROM	Active Assisted Range of Motion
ABD / abd	Abduction
AD	Assistive device
ADD / add	Adduction
ADL	Activities of daily living
AFO	Ankle-foot orthosis
AMA	Against medical advice
AROM	Active Range of Motion
Ax	Assessment
B/L	Bilateral
BOS	Base of support
BPPV	Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo
c (with a line overtop)	With
C/o	Complaints of
C/S	Cervical spine
CC	Chief complaint
CKC	Closed kinetic chain
COG	Center of gravity
Conc	Concentric
CP	Cold pack or Cerebral Palsy
D/C	Discharge / discontinue
DDD	Degenerative disc disease
DOI	Date of injury
DOS	Date of surgery
Dx	Diagnosis
Ecc	Eccentric
EMS / Estim	Electrical muscular stimulation

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ER	External rotation
ESWT	Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy
Ex	Exercise
Ext	Extention
F/u	Follow up
FES	Functional electrical stimulation
FeWB	Feather weight bearing
Flex	Flexion
FWB	Full weight bearing
GHJ	Glenohumeral joint
Gt / GT	Gait training
HEP	Home exercise program
HP	Hot pack
HPI	History of present injury
I	Impression
IE	Initial examination
IFC	Interferential current
IMS	Intramuscular stimulation
IR	Internal rotation
Isom	Isometric
Jt	Joint
L/S	Lumbar spine
LBP	Low back pain
LLLT	Low level laser therapy
LMNL	Lower motor neuron lesion
LSJx	Lumbosacral junction
LTG	Long term goals
MENS/MNS	Microcurrent electrical nerve stimulator
MFR	Myofascial release
mm.	Muscle
MMT	Manual muscle test
Mobs	Mobilizations
MT	Manual therapy
MTrP	Myofascial triggerpoint
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
NAGS	Natural apophyseal glides
NDT	Neurodevelopmental technique
NMES	Neuromuscular electrical stimulation
NMR	Neuromuscular re-education
NS	No show
NWB	Non-weight bearing
OKC	Open kinetic chain

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PAIVM	Passive accessory intervertebral movement
PBM	Photobiomodulation
PEMF	Pulsed electromagnetic field
PKB	Prone knee bend
PMH/PMHx	Past medical history
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
POC	Plan of care
PPIVM	Passive physiological intervertebral movement
PRICE	Pressure, rest, ice, compression, elevation
PRO	Pronation
PROM	Passive Range of Motion
Pt	Patient
PT	Physical Therapist
PTA	Physical therapist assistant
PWB	Partial weight bearing
Q	Every
r/o	Rule out
RICE	Rest, ice, compression, elevation
ROM	Range of Motion
Rot	Rotation
Rx	Treatment
s (with a line overtop)	Without / Sans
SCI	Spinal cord injury
SIJ / SI	Sacroiliac joint
SLR	Straight leg raise
SOB	Shortness of breath
STG	Short term goals
STM	Soft tissue mobilization
SUP	Supination
T/S	Thoracic spine
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TENS / TNS	Transcutaneous electrical neuromuscular stimulation
Ther Ex	Therapeutic exercises
TM	Treadmill
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
Trxn	Traction
TTWB	Toe Touch weight bearing
Tx	Treatment
Tx	Traction
UMNL	Upper motor neuron lesion

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US	Ultrasound
w/o	Without
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated
WC / w/c	Wheelchair
WFL	Within functional limits
WNL	Within normal limits