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Acronyms and abbreviations commonly used in Wildlife Rescue/Rehab in South-east Queensland

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This list is not exhaustive but includes the most common acronyms and abbreviations used by wildlife volunteers in SEQ. It also includes common terms used in veterinary notes.

Birds	
RBL	Rainbow Lorikeet
SBL	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
SCC	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
RTBC	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo
YTBC	Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
BSD	Bar-shouldered Dove
NM	Noisy Miner (Mickey Bird, Soldier Bird)
BFHE	Blue-faced Honeyeater
BFCS	Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike
GST	Grey Shrike Thrush
FIG / Figgie	Australasian Figbird
BSC	Bush-stone Curlew
PB	Pacific Black Duck
WD / Woodie	Australian Wood Duck
TFM	Tawny Frogmouth
ONJ	Owlet Nightjar
WTNJ	White-throated Nightjar
EYR	Eastern Yellow Robin
WS	Welcome Swallow
WBWS	White-breasted Wood Swallow
FM	Fairy Martin
TM	Tree Martin
FW	Fairy Wren
WWT	Willy Wagtail
SPP	Spotted Pardalote
STP	Striated Pardalote
NHH	New Holland Honeyeater
LH	Lewins Honeyeater
BH	Brown Honeyeater

Reptiles	
BTS	Blue-tongued Skink
YFWS	Yellow-faced Whip Snake
CTS	Common Tree Snake
GST	Green Sea Turtle
EWD	Eastern Water Dragon

Mammals	
RTP	Common Ringtail Possum
BTP / CBP	Common Brushtail Possum
SEP	Short-eared Possum
GG	Greater Glider
YBG	Yellow-bellied Glider
SG / Sugar	Sugar Glider
SQG / Squirrel	Squirrel Glider
FG	Feathertail Glider
EGK	Eastern Grey Kangaroo
RNW	Red-necked Wallaby
SW / Swampy	Swamp Wallaby
WW / Whippy	Whiptail Wallaby
Pretty-Face	Whiptail Wallaby
RNP	Red-necked Pademelon
RLP	Red-legged Pademelon
BFF	Black Flying Fox
GHFF	Grey-headed Flying Fox
LRFF	Little Red Flying Fox
SBE	Short-beaked Echidna
LNB	Long-nosed Bandicoot
NBB	Northern Brown Bandicoot

General Wildlife Terms	
MOP / MoP	Member of the Public
CWH	Currumbin Wildlife Hospital
CWS	Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
AZWH / AZ	Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital
LHS	Left hand side
RHS	Right hand side
HBC or MVA	Hit by car / motor vehicle accident
DOA	Dead on arrival
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
TC	Trauma Carer
QSMP	Qld Species Management Plan
COP / CoP	Code of Practice
WC	Wildcare
ERS	Easy Reference Sheet
UTF	Unable to fly
NA	Not available
UFN	Until further notice

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Acronyms and Abbreviations – Wildlife Rehab (SEQ) (continued)

Veterinary Abbreviations – Medications	
SID	Once daily
BID	Twice daily
TID	Three times daily
QID	Four times daily
qd	Every day (same as SID)
q8h	Every 8 hours
q12h	Every 12 hours
PO or p.o.	Orally (per os)
IM or i/m	Intramuscular
SC, SQ or s/c	Subcutaneous
IV or i/v	Intravenous
ml or mL	Milli-litre
S8, S4	Schedule 8 or Schedule 4 drug
AB	Antibiotics
Analgesic	Relieves pain
Antibiotic	Inhibits growth of or kills bacteria
Sedative	Tranquiliser / Reduces mental activity
GA	General Anaesthetic / Unconsciousness
Anti-Inflammatory	Relives pain and reduces swelling

Veterinary Abbreviations – Physical Examination	
Ventral	Belly or underside of a body
Dorsal	Refers to the back
Cranial	Towards the head
Caudal	Towards the tail
Anterior	Front of the body.
Posterior	Rear of the body
Rostral	Nose end of the head
Caudal	Towards the tail
Cephalic	Refers to the head end of the body
Medial	Toward midline
Lateral	Away from the midline
Superior	Uppermost, above, toward the head
Inferior	Lowermost, below, toward the tail
Proximal	Near the start or beginning of a structure
Distal	Away from or the end of a structure
Superficial	Near the surface
Deep	Away from the surface
Palmar	Bottom of the front foot or hoof
Plantar	Bottom of the rear foot or hoof.

Veterinary Abbreviations – Physical Examination	
BAR	Bright, alert, responsive
BCS	Body condition score
FG	Fur grade
EUA	Examination under anaesthesia
PCV	Packed cell volume
TP	Total protein
WBCC	White blood cell count
RADS	Radiographics / Xrays
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction test
QAR	Quiet, alert, responsive
BPM	Beats per minute
CRT	Capillary refill time
GI	Gastrointestinal
HR	Heart rate
PM	Post mortem or necropsy
LOC	Level of consciousness
MM	Mucous membrane
P	Pulse
NAD	No abnormalities detected
FRC	For recheck
UFN	Until further notice
R	Respirations
RR	Respiration rate
Stat	Immediately (statim)
TLC	Tender loving care
TPR	Temperature, pulse and respiration
URI	Upper respiratory infection
WNL	Within normal limits
Wt or WT	Weight
BW	Body weight
↑	Increased
↓	Decreased
+VE or +	Positive – can be used as +++ etc
-VE or -	Negative
<	Less than
>	Greater than
♂	Male
♀	Female
Bx	Biopsy
Dx	Diagnosis
Fx	Fracture
Hx	History
Rx	Prescription
Sx	Surgery
Tx	Treatment