**Veterinary Prescriptions:   
 *Abbreviations, Units & Conversions Chart***

*Common Units and Abbreviations:*

**Volume**  
liter: L  
milliliter: mL  
deciliter: dl  
cubic centimeter: cc  
tablespoon: TBL or Tbsp  
teaspoon: tsp  
gallon: gal  
quart: qt  
pint: pt  
cup: c  
fluid ounce: fl oz

**Weight or mass**  
kilogram: kg  
gram: g  
milligram: mg  
pound: lb  
grain: gr  
ounce: oz

**Abbreviations**  
BID: twice a day  
disp: dispense  
od: right eye  
os: left eye  
ou: both eyes  
PO: by mouth  
prn: as needed  
q : every  
q4h: every 4 hours  
q8h: every 8 hours  
qd: every day (daily)  
SID: once a day  
TID: three times daily  
QID: four times daily  
QOD: every other day  
STAT: immediately

*Metric Conversions:*

**Weight or mass**  
1 kilogram = 1,000 grams  
1 kilogram = 1,000,000 milligrams  
1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds

1 gram = 1,000 milligrams  
1 gram = 0.001 kilo kilogram  
1 gram = 15.43 grains

1 milligram = 0.001 gram  
1 milligram = 1,000 micrograms

1 pound = 0.454 kilogram  
1 pound = 16 ounces

1 grain = 64.8 milligrams

**Volume**  
1 liter = 1,000 milliliter  
1 liter = 10 deciliters

1 milliliter = 1 cubic centimeter  
1 milliliter = 1,000 microliters

1 tablespoon = 3 teaspoons  
1 tablespoon = 15 milliliters

1 teaspoon = 5 milliliters

1 gallon = 3.786 liters  
1 gallon = 4 quarts  
1 gallon = 8 pints

1 pint = 2 cups  
1 pint = 16 fluid ounces  
1 pint = 473 milliliters