

Words of the Day – Small Animal Science

Albino – lacking color pigment (melanin) in skin, hair or eyes

Bib – distinct marking under chin/neck region

Canidae – family name for dogs

Dewlap – loose fold of skin under chin or hanging from throat

Euthanasia – painless and quick induced death

Feral – once domesticated, returned to the wild

Gestation – length of pregnancy

Hemorrhage – uncontrollable bleeding

Incisor – front teeth between the canines in either jaw

Jovial – happy, easygoing, good natured

Keen – very sensitive, alert, intense

Luster – shine or gloss of coat

Molt – shedding of feathers, skin or shell to allow for new growth

Nape – back of neck

Over-conditioning, Obesity, Overweight – excessive accumulation of fat in the body.

Palatable – pleasing taste, to be eaten and digested

Quick – Inner pink center of the nail that contains blood vessels

Retractile – Claws of a cat that can be drawn back into the toes

Spray – The act of secreting urine on objects to mark territory, often done by male cats

Tapeworm – parasitic worm that lives in intestines of a host animal

Umbilical cord – cord that connects the fetus with the placenta to carry food and remove waste from the fetus

Vegan - person who does not consume animal byproducts

Whelping – to give birth in dogs

Zoonose – diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans or vice versa