OrthoPets Medical Terminology List

• Rostral/Cranial/Anterior: Towards the front or head
• Caudal/Posterior: Towards the back or tail
• Lateral: To the outside
• Medial: To the inside
• Calcaneus: Heel bone that is at the back of the tarsus or ankle
• Malleoli: These are the bony prominences at the inside and outside of the tarsus or ankle (i.e. ankle bone)
• Fibular Head: The bony prominence that is at the outer aspect of the knee
• Patella: The knee cap
• Donning: Placement of the device on the limb
• Doffing: Removal of the device from the limb
• Proximal: Upwards, towards the top
• Distal: Downwards towards the bottom
• Tibia: The shin bone
• Femur: The thigh bone
• CrCl (ACL): Cranial Cruciate Ligament
• ROM: Range of Motion
• Gait: manner of walking

• Proprioception: The unconscious perception of movement and spatial orientation arising from stimuli within the body itself

• Ground Reaction Force: The force exerted by the ground on a body in contact with it

• Tarsus: Ankle (hock)

• Carpus: Wrist

• Stifle: Knee

• Orthotic: An artificial support or brace

• Prosthetic: An artificial limb

• Dorsiflex: Upward flexion

• Palliative: To ease a patient’s symptoms without curing the underlying injury or disease