



CAT AND DOG NORMALS

Terms:

BAR – Bright, Alert, Responsive

QAR – Quiet, Alert, Responsive

D&D – Dull and Depressed

CRT – Capillary Refill Time (Calculated by counting how long it takes for the pigment to return to the animals’ gums after being depressed by the thumb. **Normal is 1 – 2sec.**)

Parameter	Dogs	Cats
Temperature	37.5 - 39.2°C	38 - 39.2°C
Respiratory Rate -breaths/minute	10 - 30	24 - 42
Heart Rate - beats/minute	60 - 180	140 - 220
Estrous Cycle	Seasonally monestrous	Seasonally polyestrous
Age of Puberty (males)	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months
Age of Puberty (females)	6 - 9 months	4 - 12 months
Gestation Period	56 - 72 days	63 - 65 days

****Please note that the smaller the dog (ie. Chihuahuas or puppies), the faster the heart and respiratory rates will be and vice versa for the larger dogs.**

To Calculate Respiratory and Pulse rates:

Number of beats/breaths (in 15 seconds) x 4 = breaths/beats per minute