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Veterinary SOAP Note Template

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PATIENT	SPECIES AND BREED	AGE AND SEX

WEIGHT	OWNER	VETERINARIAN

S · SUBJECTIVE

Reason for the visit and history from the owner: appetite, water intake, energy, vomiting or diarrhea, medications, diet.

O · OBJECTIVE

Temperature, pulse, respiration, weight, body condition score, and exam findings by body system. Results of any tests run today.

A · ASSESSMENT

Problem list, differential diagnoses or a confirmed diagnosis, and how sure you are.

P · PLAN

Diagnostics, treatment with dose and route, what you told the owner, and when to recheck.

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Veterinary SOAP Example: Canine Wellness Visit

FICTIONAL EXAMPLE. NOT A REAL PATIENT. FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.

PATIENT	**SPECIES AND BREED**
Biscuit (fictional)	Canine, Labrador Retriever
AGE AND SEX	**WEIGHT**
4 years, male neutered	34.2 kg (last year 31.8 kg)
OWNER	**VETERINARIAN**
Sam Reyes	Dr. Lena Ford, DVM

S · SUBJECTIVE

Annual wellness visit. Owner reports normal appetite and energy, no vomiting or diarrhea. Eats 3 cups of adult kibble a day plus treats. On monthly heartworm and flea prevention. Owner noticed he is slower on long walks.

O · OBJECTIVE

T 101.3 F, HR 96, RR 24. BCS 7/9. Eyes, ears, and mouth normal, mild tartar on upper premolars. Heart and lungs normal on auscultation. Abdomen soft, nonpainful. No lameness. Heartworm antigen test negative.

A · ASSESSMENT

Healthy adult dog. Overweight, BCS 7/9, gained 2.4 kg in a year. Mild dental tartar.

P · PLAN

Rabies and DHPP boosters given. Reduce food to 2.5 cups a day, cut treats in half, target weight 30 kg. Weight check in 8 weeks. Discuss a dental cleaning at the next visit. Owner agreed to the plan.

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Veterinary SOAP Example: Feline Sick Visit

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PATIENT	**SPECIES AND BREED**
Miso (fictional)	Feline, domestic shorthair
AGE AND SEX	**WEIGHT**
9 years, female spayed	4.1 kg (6 months ago 4.6 kg)
OWNER	**VETERINARIAN**
Priya Shah	Dr. Lena Ford, DVM

S · SUBJECTIVE

Vomiting three times in the last two days, food each time. Eating about half her usual amount. Drinking more water than usual for a month, owner refills the bowl twice a day now. Indoor only. No new foods or plants in the house.

O · OBJECTIVE

T 101.8 F, HR 190, RR 30. BCS 4/9. Mild dehydration, skin tent slightly prolonged. Thyroid slip palpable on the left. Heart murmur grade 2/6. Abdomen soft, no masses felt. Blood drawn for CBC, chemistry, total T4, and urinalysis.

A · ASSESSMENT

Weight loss, vomiting, and increased thirst. Differentials: hyperthyroidism, chronic kidney disease, diabetes mellitus, gastrointestinal disease. Murmur noted, likely related but not confirmed.

P · PLAN

Subcutaneous fluids 150 mL given. Maropitant 1 mg/kg SC given today. Owner to offer small meals four times a day. Results by phone tomorrow. Recheck in 1 week or sooner if vomiting continues or she stops eating.