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ATCvet Codes

The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification system (ATCvet) for veterinary medicinal products is based on the same main principles as the ATC classification system for drug substances used in human medicine. Usually an ATCvet code is created by inserting Q in front of an existing ATC code in the human ATC system when classifying a product in the ATCvet system. In some cases, specific ATCvet codes have been created where there is not a corresponding code in the ATC system.

In both the ATCvet system, preparations are divided into groups, according to their therapeutic use. First, they are divided into 15 anatomical groups (1st level), classified as QA-QV in the ATCvet system, on the basis of their main therapeutic use. Within most of the 1st level groups, preparations are subdivided into different therapeutic main groups (2nd level), coded for example as QA01, QA02, QA03 etc. Other levels provide further subdivisions. At a 5th level, e.g. QA02AA01, chemical substances are classified. For example, all plain ampicillin products for systemic use will be classified using the code J01CA01.

QA	ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM
QA01	STOMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS
QA02	DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS
QA03	DRUGS FOR FUNCTIONAL GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS
QA04	ANTIEMETICS AND ANTINAUSEANTS
QA05	BILE AND LIVER THERAPY
QA06	LAXATIVES
QA07	INTESTINAL ANTI-INFECTIVES
	A <i>Intestinal antiinfectives</i>
	B <i>Intestinal adsorbents</i>
	C <i>Electrolytes with carbohydrates</i>
	D <i>Antipropulsives</i>
	E <i>Intestinal antiinflammatory agents</i>
	F <i>Antidiarrheal microorganisms</i>
	X <i>Other antidiarrheals</i>
QA08	ANTIOBESITY PREPARATIONS, EXCL. DIET PRODUCTS
QA09	DIGESTIVES, INCL. ENZYMES
QA10	DRUGS USED IN DIABETES
	A <i>Insulins and analogues</i>
	B <i>Blood glucose lowering drugs, excl. insulins</i>
	X <i>Other drugs used in diabetes</i>
QA11	VITAMINS
	A <i>Multivitamins, combinations</i>
	B <i>Multivitamins, plain</i>
	C <i>Vitamin A and D, incl. combinations of the two</i>
	D <i>Vitamin B₁, plain and in combination with vitamin B₆ and B₁₂</i>
	E <i>Vitamin B-complex, incl. combinations</i>
	G <i>Ascorbic acid (vitamin C), incl. combinations</i>
	H <i>Other plain vitamin preparations</i>
	J <i>Other vitamin products, combinations</i>

QA12	MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS
	A <i>Calcium</i>
	B <i>Potassium</i>
	C <i>Other mineral supplements</i>
QA13	TONICS
QA14	ANABOLIC AGENTS FOR SYSTEMIC USE
	A <i>Anabolic steroids</i>
	B <i>Other anabolic agents</i>
QA15	APPETITE STIMULANTS
QA16	OTHER ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM PRODUCTS
	A <i>Other alimentary tract and metabolism products</i>
	Q <i>Other alimentary tract and metabolism products for veterinary use</i>
QB	BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS
QB01	ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS
QB02	ANTIHEMORRHAGICS
	A <i>Antifibrinolytics</i>
	B <i>Vitamin K and other hemostatics</i>
QB03	ANTIANGEMIC PREPARATIONS
	A <i>Iron preparations</i>
	B <i>Vitamin B₁₂ and folic acid</i>
	X <i>Other antianemic preparations</i>
QB05	BLOOD SUBSTITUTES AND PERFUSION SOLUTIONS
	A <i>Blood and related products</i>
	B <i>I.V. solutions</i>
	C <i>Irrigating solutions</i>
	D <i>Peritoneal dialytics</i>
	X <i>I.V. solution additives</i>
	Z <i>Hemodialytics and hemofiltrates</i>
QB06	OTHER HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS
QC	CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
QC01	CARDIAC THERAPY
	A <i>Cardiac glycosides</i>
	B <i>Antiarrhythmics, class I and III</i>
	C <i>Cardiac stimulants excl. cardiac glycosides</i>
	D <i>Vasodilators used in cardiac diseases</i>
	E <i>Other cardiac preparations</i>
QC02	ANTIHYPERTENSIVES
	A <i>Antiadrenergic agents, centrally acting</i>
	B <i>Antiadrenergic agents, ganglion-blocking</i>
	C <i>Antiadrenergic agents, peripherally acting</i>
	D <i>Arteriolar smooth muscle, agents acting on</i>
	K <i>Other antihypertensives</i>
	L <i>Antihypertensives and diuretics in combination</i>
	N <i>Combinations of antihypertensives in ATCvet gr. QC02</i>

QC03	DIURETICS	A	<i>Low-ceiling diuretics, thiazides</i>
		B	<i>Low-ceiling diuretics, excl. thiazides</i>
		C	<i>High-ceiling diuretics</i>
		D	<i>Potassium-sparing agents</i>
		E	<i>Diuretics and potassium-sparing agents in combination</i>
		X	<i>Other diuretics</i>
QC04	PERIPHERAL VASODILATORS		
QC05	VASOPROTECTIVES	A	<i>Agents for treatment of hemorrhoids and anal fissures for topical use</i>
		B	<i>Antivaricose therapy</i>
		C	<i>Capillary stabilizing agents</i>
QC07	BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	A	<i>Beta blocking agents</i>
		B	<i>Beta blocking agents and thiazides</i>
		C	<i>Beta blocking agents and other diuretics</i>
		D	<i>Beta blocking agents, thiazides and other diuretics</i>
		E	<i>Beta blocking agents and vasodilators</i>
		F	<i>Beta blocking agents and other antihypertensives</i>
QC08	CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	C	<i>Selective calcium channel blockers with mainly vascular effect</i>
		D	<i>Selective calcium channel blockers with direct cardiac effect</i>
		E	<i>Non-selective calcium channel blockers</i>
		G	<i>Calcium channel blockers and diuretics</i>
QC09	AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	A	<i>ACE inhibitors, plain</i>
		B	<i>ACE inhibitors, combinations</i>
		C	<i>Angiotensin II antagonists, plain</i>
		D	<i>Angiotensin II antagonists, combinations</i>
		X	<i>Other agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system</i>
QC19	LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	A	<i>Lipid modifying agents, plain</i>
		B	<i>Lipid modifying agents, combinations</i>
QD	DERMATOLOGICALS		
QD01	ANTIFUNGALS FOR DERMATOLOGICAL USE	A	<i>Antifungals for topical use</i>
		B	<i>Antifungals for systemic use</i>
QD02	EMOLLIENTS AND PROTECTIVES	A	<i>Emollients and protectives</i>
		B	<i>Protectives against UV-radiation</i>
QD03	PREPARATIONS FOR TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND ULCERS	A	<i>Cicatrizants</i>
		B	<i>Enzymes</i>
QD04	ANTIPRURITICS, INCL. ANTIHISTAMINES, ANESTHETICS ETC.		
QD05	ANTIPSORIATICS	A	<i>Antipsoriatics for topical use</i>
		B	<i>Antipsoriatics for systemic use</i>

QD06	ANTIBIOTICS AND CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS FOR DERMATOLOGICAL USE
	A <i>Antibiotics for topical use</i>
	B <i>Chemotherapeutics for topical use</i>
	C <i>Antibiotics and chemotherapeutics, combinations</i>
QD07	CORTICOSTEROIDS, DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS
	A <i>Corticosteroids, plain</i>
	B <i>Corticosteroids, combinations with antiseptics</i>
	C <i>Corticosteroids, combinations with antibiotics</i>
	X <i>Corticosteroids, other combinations</i>
QD08	ANTISEPTICS AND DISINFECTANTS
QD09	MEDICATED DRESSINGS
QD10	ANTI-ACNE PREPARATIONS
	A <i>Anti-acne preparations for topical use</i>
	B <i>Anti-acne preparations for systemic use</i>
QD11	OTHER DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS
QD51	PRODUCTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CLAWS AND HOOFS
QG	GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES
QG01	GYNECOLOGICAL ANTIINFECTIVES AND ANTISEPTICS
	A <i>Antiinfectives and antiseptics, excl. combinations with corticosteroids</i>
	B <i>Antiinfectives/antiseptics in combination with corticosteroids</i>
QG02	OTHER GYNECOLOGICALS
	A <i>Oxytocics</i>
	B <i>Contraceptives for topical use</i>
	C <i>Other gynecologicals</i>
QG03	SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM
	A <i>Hormonal contraceptives for systemic use</i>
	B <i>Androgens</i>
	C <i>Estrogens</i>
	D <i>Progestogens</i>
	E <i>Androgens and female sex hormones in combination</i>
	F <i>Progestogens and estrogens in combination</i>
	G <i>Gonadotrophins and other ovulation stimulants</i>
	H <i>Antiandrogens</i>
	X <i>Other sex hormones and modulators of the genital system</i>
QG04	UROLOGICALS
	B <i>Other urologicals, incl. antispasmodics</i>
	C <i>Drugs used in benign prostatic hypertrophy</i>
QG51	ANTIINFECTIVES AND ANTISEPTICS FOR INTRAUTERINE USE
	A <i>Antiinfectives and antiseptics for intrauterine use</i>
	B <i>Antiinfectives/antiseptics for intrauterine use, combinations</i>
QG52	PRODUCTS FOR TEATS AND UDDER

QH	SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREPARATIONS, EXCL. SEX HORMONES AND INSULINS
QH01	PITUITARY AND HYPOTHALAMIC HORMONES AND ANALOGUES
	A <i>Anterior pituitary lobe hormones and analogues</i>
	B <i>Posterior pituitary lobe hormones</i>
	C <i>Hypothalamic hormones</i>
QH02	CORTICOSTEROIDS FOR SYSTEMIC USE
	A <i>Corticosteroids for systemic use, plain</i>
	B <i>Corticosteroids for systemic use, combinations</i>
	C <i>Antiadrenal preparations</i>
QH03	THYROID THERAPY
QH04	PANCREATIC HORMONES
QH05	CALCIUM HOMEOSTASIS

QI	IMMUNOLOGICALS
QI01	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR AVES
QI02	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR BOVIDAE
QI03	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR CAPRIDAE
QI04	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR OVIDAE
QI05	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR EQUIDAE
QI06	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR FELIDAE
QI07	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR CANIDAE
QI08	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR LEPORIDAE
QI09	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR SUIDAE
QI10	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR PISCES
QI11	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR RODENTS
QI12	IMMUNOLOGICALS FOR OTHER SPECIES

QJ	ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE
QJ01	ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE
	A <i>Tetracyclines</i>
	B <i>Amphenicols</i>
	C <i>Beta-lactam antibacterials, penicillins</i>
	D <i>Other beta-lactam antibacterials</i>
	E <i>Sulfonamides and trimethoprim</i>
	F <i>Macrolides, lincosamides and streptogramins</i>
	G <i>Aminoglycoside antibacterials</i>
	M <i>Quinolone and quinoxaline antibacterials</i>
	R <i>Nations of antibacterials</i>
	X <i>Other antibacterials</i>
QJ02	ANTIMYCOTICS FOR SYSTEMIC USE
QJ04	ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS
QJ05	ANTIVIRALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE

QJ51	ANTIBACTERIALS FOR INTRAMAMMARY USE
	A <i>Tetracyclines for intramammary use</i>
	B <i>Amphenicols for intramammary use</i>
	C <i>Beta-lactam antibacterials, penicillins, for intramammary use</i>
	D <i>Other beta-lactam antibacterials for intramammary use</i>
	E <i>Sulfonamides and trimethoprim for intramammary use</i>
	F <i>Macrolides and lincosamides for intramammary use</i>
	G <i>Aminoglycoside antibacterials for intramammary use</i>
	R <i>Combinations of antibacterials for intramammary use</i>
	X <i>Other antibacterials for intramammary use</i>
QJ54	ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS FOR INTRAMAMMARY USE
QL	ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENTS
QL01	ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS
	A <i>Alkylating agents</i>
	B <i>Antimetabolites</i>
	C <i>Plant alkaloids and other natural products</i>
	D <i>Cytotoxic antibiotics and related substances</i>
	X <i>Other antineoplastic agents</i>
QL02	ENDOCRINE THERAPY
QL03	IMMUNOSTIMULANTS
QL04	IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS
QM	MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM
QM01	ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS
	A <i>Anti-inflammatory and antirheumatic products, non-steroids</i>
	B <i>Anti-inflammatory/antirheumatic agents in combination</i>
	C <i>Specific antirheumatic agents</i>
QM02	TOPICAL PRODUCTS FOR JOINT AND MUSCULAR PAIN
QM03	MUSCLE RELAXANTS
	A <i>Muscle relaxants, peripherally acting agents</i>
	B <i>Muscle relaxants, centrally acting agents</i>
	C <i>Muscle relaxants, directly acting agents</i>
QM04	ANTIGOUT PREPARATIONS
QM05	DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES
QM09	OTHER DRUGS FOR DISORDERS OF THE MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM
QN	NERVOUS SYSTEM
QN01	ANESTHETICS
	A <i>Anesthetics, general</i>
	B <i>Anesthetics, local</i>
QN02	ANALGESICS
	A <i>Opioids</i>
	B <i>Other analgesics and antipyretics</i>
	C <i>Antimigraine preparations</i>
QN03	ANTI-EPILEPTICS

QN04	ANTI-PARKINSON DRUGS
	A <i>Anticholinergic agents</i>
	B <i>Dopaminergic agents</i>
QN05	PSYCHOLEPTICS
	A <i>Antipsychotics</i>
	B <i>Anxiolytics</i>
	C <i>Hypnotics and sedatives</i>
QN06	PSYCHOANALEPTICS
	A <i>Antidepressants</i>
	B <i>Psychostimulants, agents used in ADHD and nootropics</i>
	C <i>Psycholeptics and psychoanaleptics in combination</i>
	D <i>Anti-dementia drugs</i>
QN07	OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS
	A <i>Parasympathomimetics</i>
	C <i>Antivertigo preparations</i>
	X <i>Other nervous system drugs</i>
QN51	PRODUCTS FOR ANIMAL EUTHANASIA
QP	ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS
QP51	ANTIPROTOZOALS
QP52	ANTHELMINTICS
QP53	ECTOPARASITICIDES, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS
QP54	ENDECTOCIDES
QR	RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
QR01	NASAL PREPARATIONS
	A <i>Decongestants and other nasal preparations for topical use</i>
	B <i>Nasal decongestants for systemic use</i>
QR02	THROAT PREPARATIONS
QR03	DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES
	A <i>Adrenergics, inhalants</i>
	B <i>Other drugs for obstructive airway diseases, inhalants</i>
	C <i>Adrenergics for systemic use</i>
	D <i>Other systemic drugs for obstructive airway diseases</i>
QR05	COUGH AND COLD PREPARATIONS
	C <i>Expectorants, excl. combinations with cough suppressants</i>
	D <i>Cough suppressants, excl. combinations with expectorants</i>
	F <i>Cough suppressants and expectorants, combinations</i>
	X <i>Other cold combination preparations</i>
QR06	ANTI-HISTAMINES FOR SYSTEMIC USE
QR07	OTHER RESPIRATORY SYSTEM PRODUCTS

QS	SENSORY ORGANS
QS01	OPHTHALMOLOGICALS
	A <i>Anti-infectives</i>
	B <i>Anti-inflammatory agents</i>
	C <i>Anti-inflammatory agents and anti-infectives in combination</i>
	E <i>Antiglaucoma preparations and miotics</i>
	F <i>Mydriatics and cycloplegics</i>
	G <i>Decongestants and antiallergics</i>
	H <i>Local anesthetics</i>
	J <i>Diagnostic agents</i>
	K <i>Surgical aids</i>
	X <i>Other ophthalmologicals</i>
QS02	OTOLOGICALS
	A <i>Anti-infectives</i>
	B <i>Corticosteroids</i>
	C <i>Corticosteroids and anti-infectives in combination</i>
	D <i>Other otologicals</i>
	Q <i>Antiparasitics</i>
QS03	OPHTHALMOLOGICAL AND OTOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS
	A <i>Anti-infectives</i>
	B <i>Corticosteroids</i>
	C <i>Corticosteroids and anti-infectives in combination</i>
	D <i>Other ophthalmological and otological preparations</i>
QV	VARIOUS
QV01	ALLERGENS
QV03	ALL OTHER THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS
QV04	DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS
	B <i>Urine tests</i>
	C <i>Other diagnostic agents</i>
QV06	GENERAL NUTRIENTS
	A <i>Diet formulations for treatment of obesity</i>
	B <i>Protein supplements</i>
	C <i>Infant animal formulas</i>
	D <i>Other nutrients</i>
QV07	ALL OTHER NON-THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS
QV08	CONTRAST MEDIA
	A <i>X-ray contrast media, iodinated</i>
	B <i>X-ray contrast media, non-iodinated</i>
	C <i>Magnetic resonance imaging contrast media</i>
	D <i>Ultrasound contrast media</i>

QV09	DIAGNOSTIC RADIOPHARMAEUTICALS
	A <i>Central nervous system</i>
	B <i>Skeleton</i>
	C <i>Renal system</i>
	D <i>Hepatic and reticulo endothelial system</i>
	E <i>Respiratory system</i>
	F <i>Thyroid</i>
	G <i>Cardiovascular system</i>
	H <i>Inflammation and infection detection</i>
	I <i>Tumour detection</i>
	X <i>Other diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals</i>
QV10	THERAPEUTIC RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS
QV11	SURGICAL DRESSINGS

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