Big Words to Impress Your Friends With Courtesy of Veterinary Medicine Tara M. Sacramone, DVM

Going to veterinary school was like learning a new language. While most of the terms I learned have never been useful in my everyday life, I have managed to compile a few that could add some flair to an average vocabulary.

Ataxia – in coordinated walking Anisocoria – two different sized pupils Coprophagia – eating feces Deciduous teeth – baby teeth Epistaxis – bloody nose Erythema - redness Pruritis – itchiness Ptyalism – excessive drooling Syncope – fainting.

Obviously some of them are more useful than others, and many of them are just fancy long words to describe gross things. The real challenge will be to see how many of them you can incorporate into the conversation during your next evening out (preferably not at dinner).