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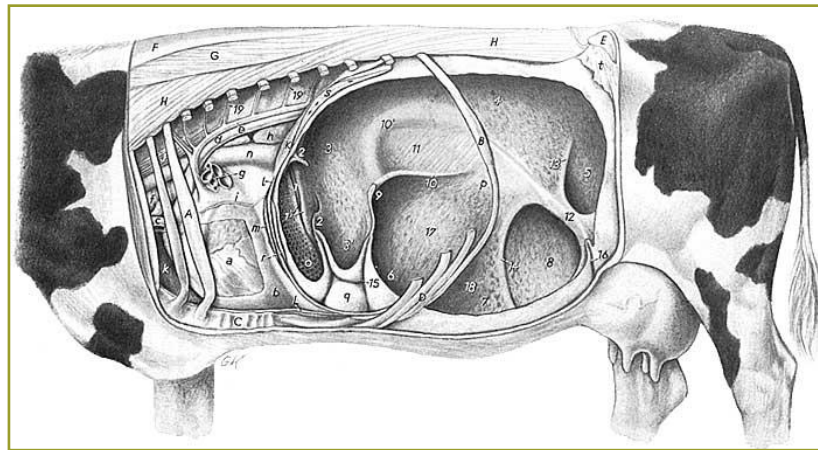
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Digestive and Endocrine Systems

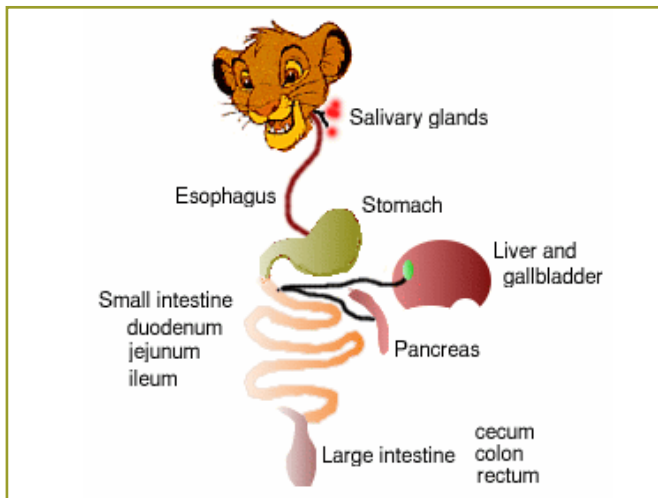
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# The Digestive System

## Chapter 11



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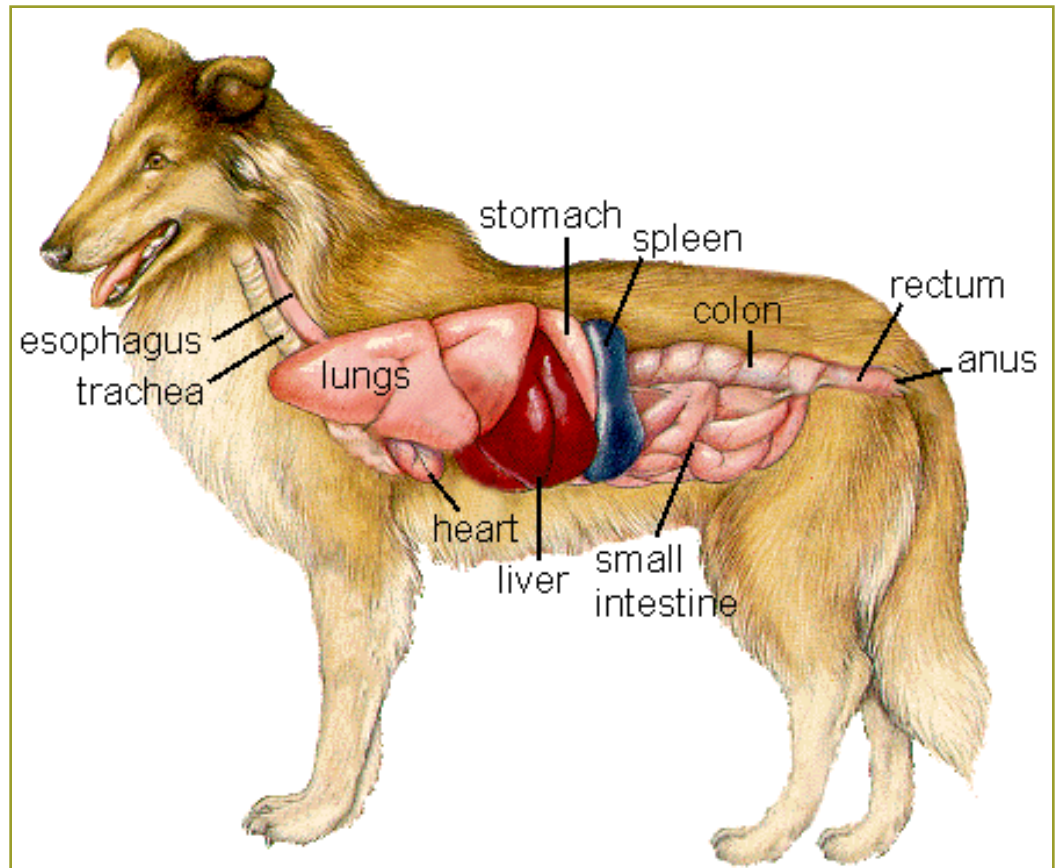
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- List the functions of the digestive system.
- Describe the epithelial and muscle layers of the gastrointestinal tract.
- Explain the process of peristalsis.
- List the structures of the oral cavity.
- List and give the locations of the salivary glands.
- Name the types of teeth found in carnivores and herbivores and describe the structure of teeth.
- Differentiate between mechanical and chemical digestion.
- List the structures that make up the monogastric stomach and describe the function of each area.
- Explain the effect(s) on the gastrointestinal system of amylase, lipase, gastrin, pepsin, pepsinogen, prostaglandins, mucin, bicarbonate, secretin, cholecystokinin, proteases, and hydrogen and chloride ions.
- Describe the structure and functions of the rumen, reticulum, omasum, and abomasum.
- Differentiate between fermentative and nonfermentative digestion.
- List the segments of the small and large intestine and describe the general functions of each segment.

# The Digestive System

- Gastrointestinal tract (GIT)
- Alimentary canal



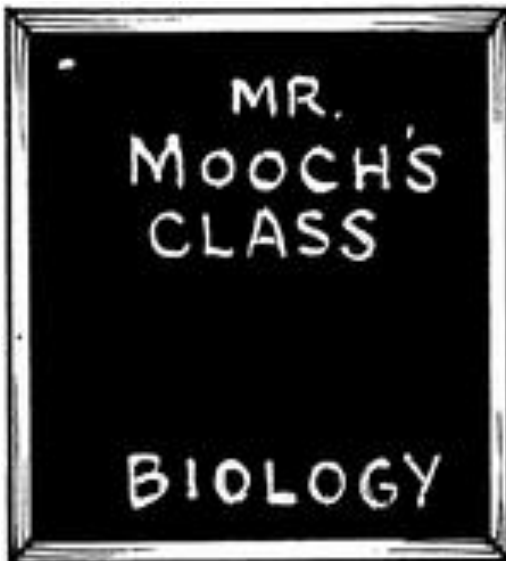
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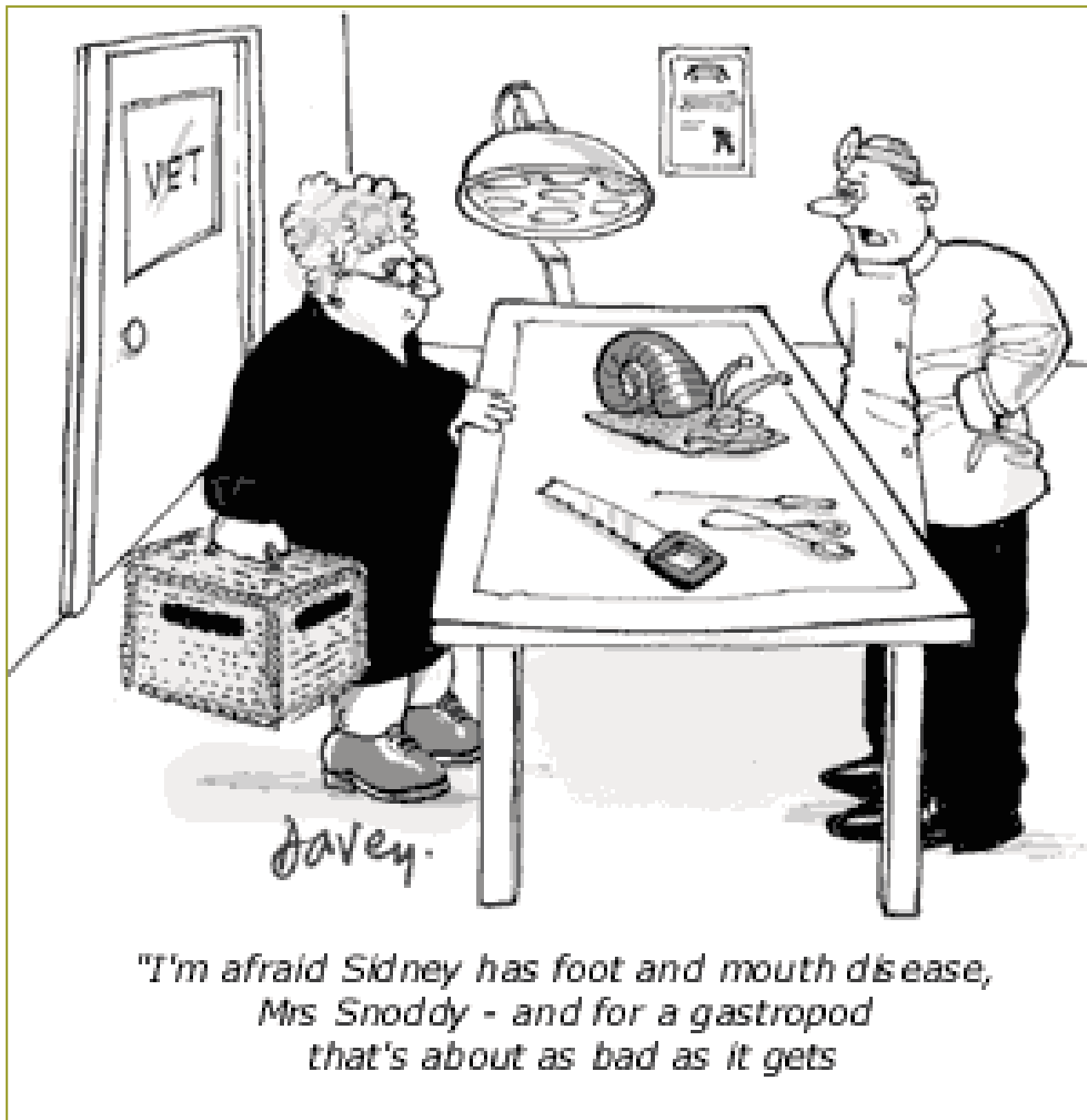
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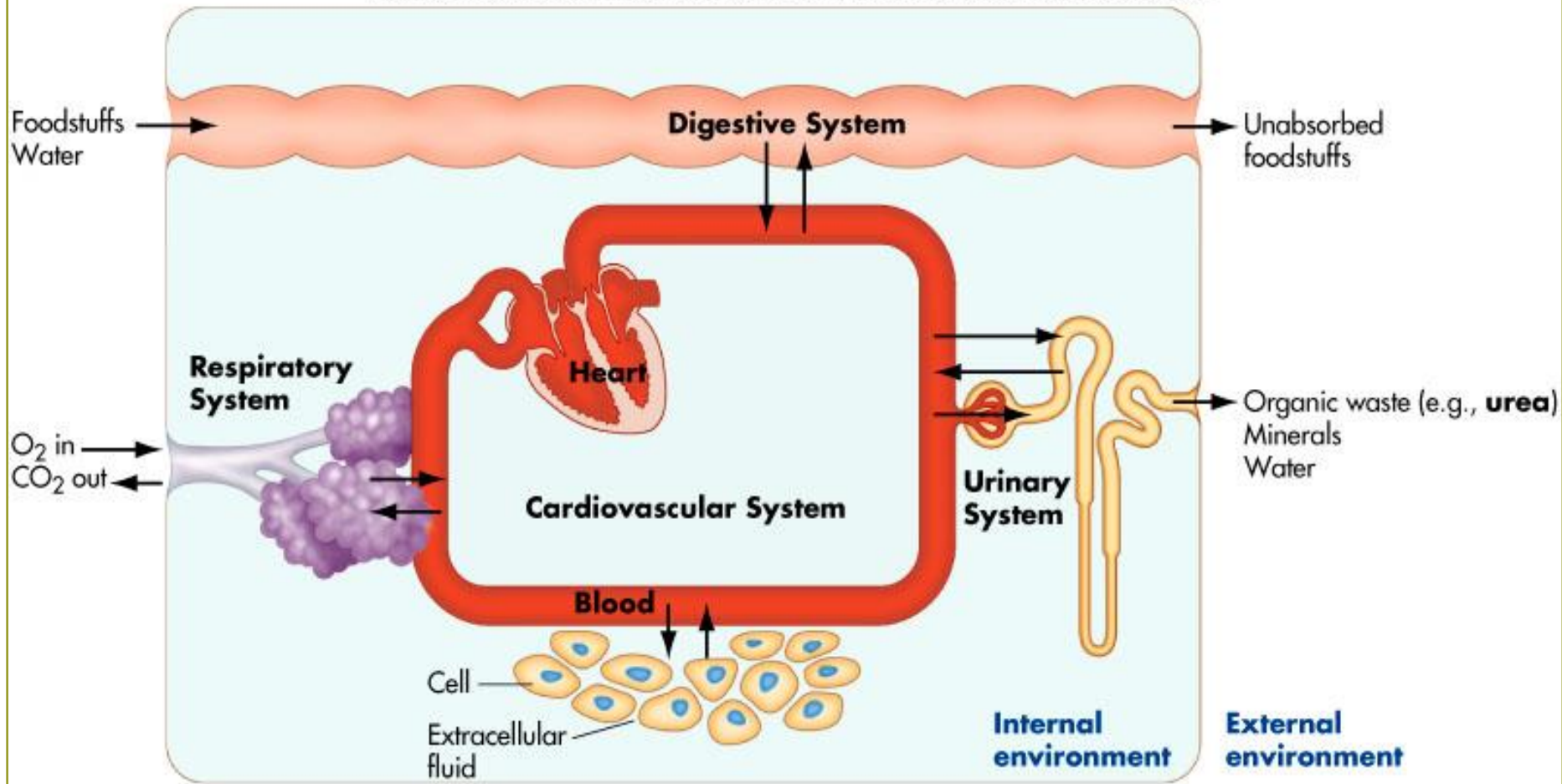


*"I'm afraid Sidney has foot and mouth disease,  
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# The "Tracts" of Internal Medicine

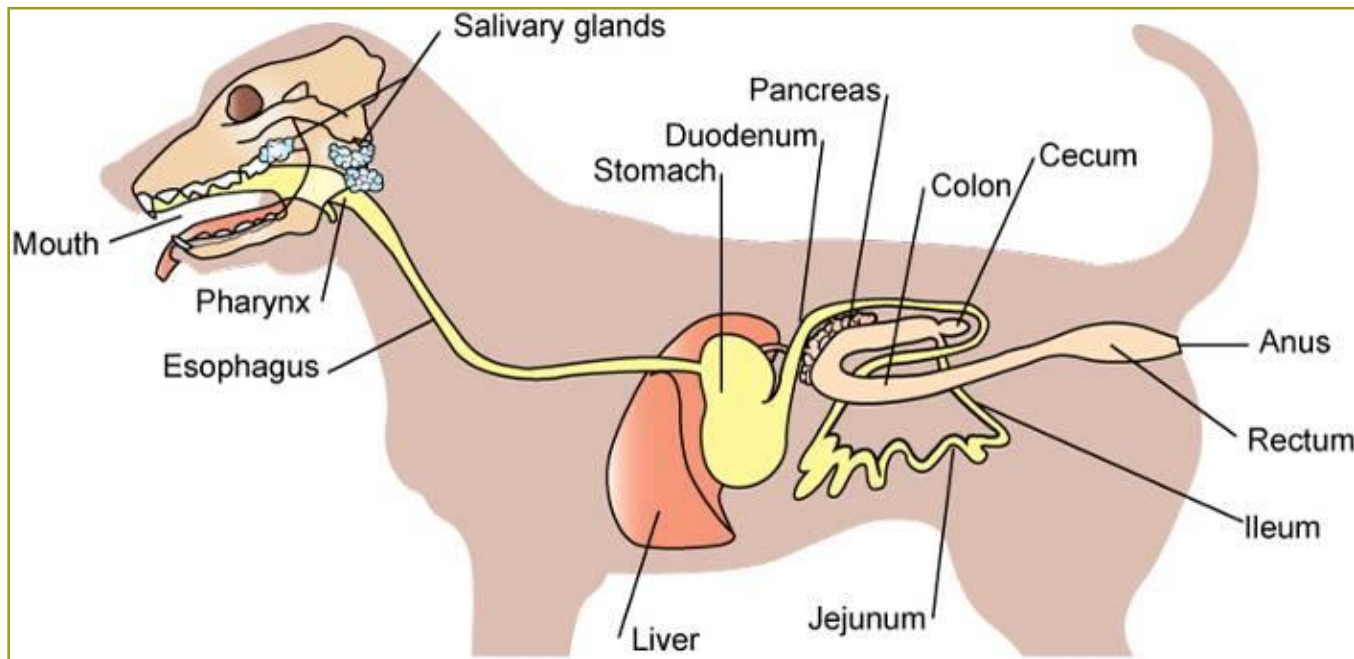
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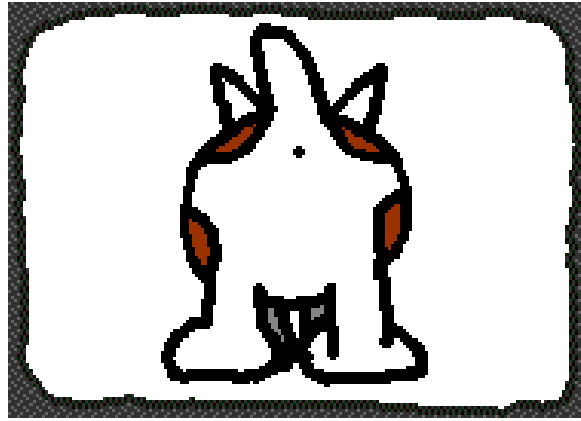


# The Digestive System (GIT)

Figure 11-1, Page 265

- Digestive tract, gastrointestinal (GI) tract, alimentary canal, gut
- Tube that runs from the mouth to the anus; accessory digestive organs





# Basic Functions of GIT

Digestion of Macronutrients

Absorption of All Nutrients

Elimination of Wastes

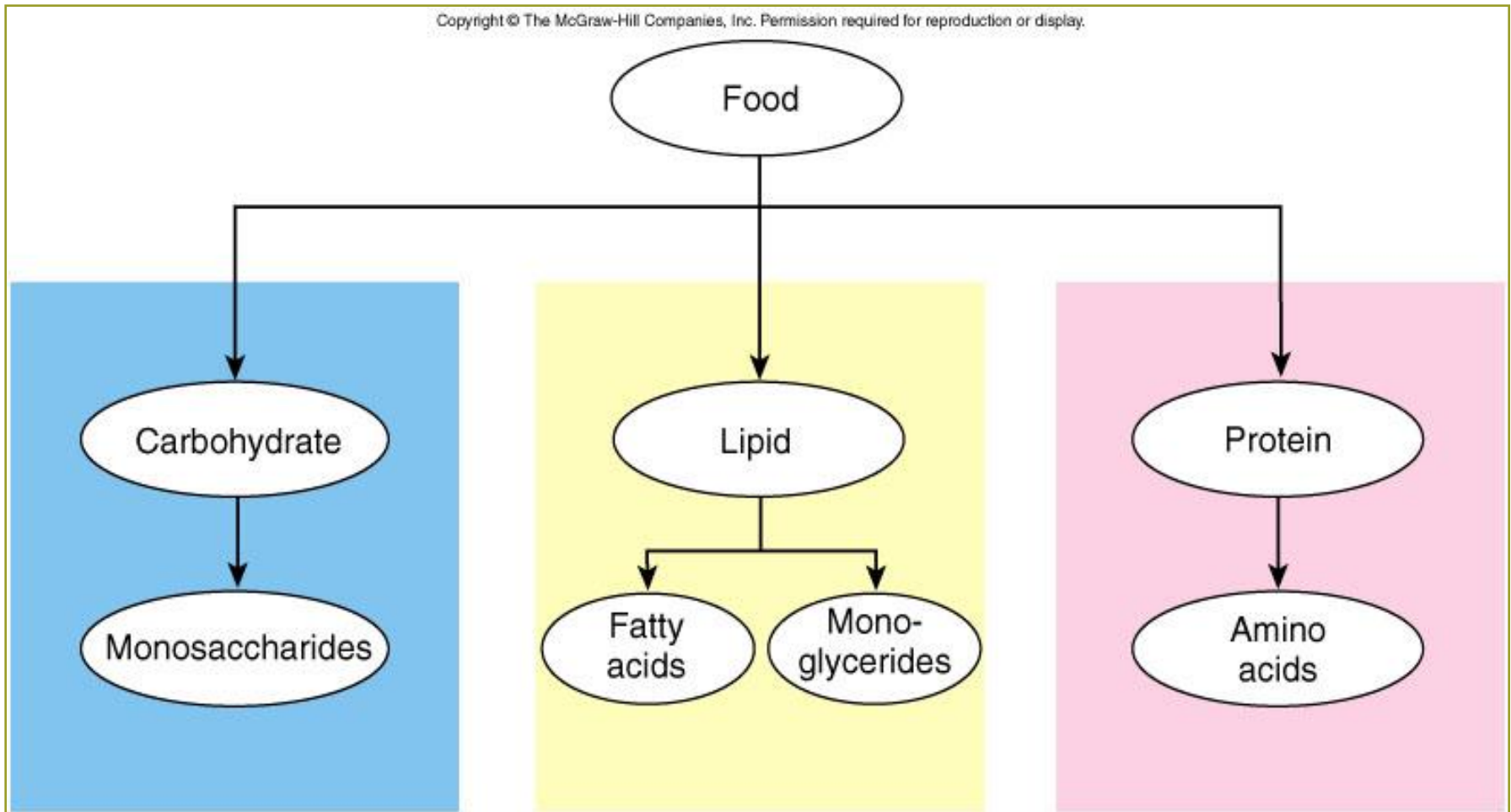
# Digestion of Macronutrients

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- Definition – large nutrient molecules that require breakdown into smaller molecules before being absorbed
  - “Energy” nutrients (Calories)
  - Carbohydrates
  - Fats
  - Proteins

# Digestion of Macronutrients

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# Absorption of All Nutrients

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- Macronutrients
- Micronutrients – nutrient molecules so small that no digestion is required before being absorbed
  - Vitamins
  - Minerals
  - Water

# Elimination of Wastes

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- Food –
- Chyme –
- Feces – waste product from animal's digestive tract expelled through the anus during defecation
  - Water (75%)
  - Bacteria
  - Fiber
  - Undigested/unabsorbed nutrients
  - Waste products

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# Comparative A&P

Herbivores

Carnivores

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Omnivores



# Species Variation

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- Requirements for digestion and absorption of foodstuffs vary depending on diet of animal
  - **Herbivores** – plant-eating animals (cattle, sheep, goats)
  - **Carnivores** – meat-eating animals (cats)
  - **Omnivores** – animals that eat plant material and meat
- **Monogastric** animals – simple, single stomachs
- **Ruminants** – multiple mixing and fermentation compartments in addition to stomach

# Herbivores



# Carnivores



# Omnivores



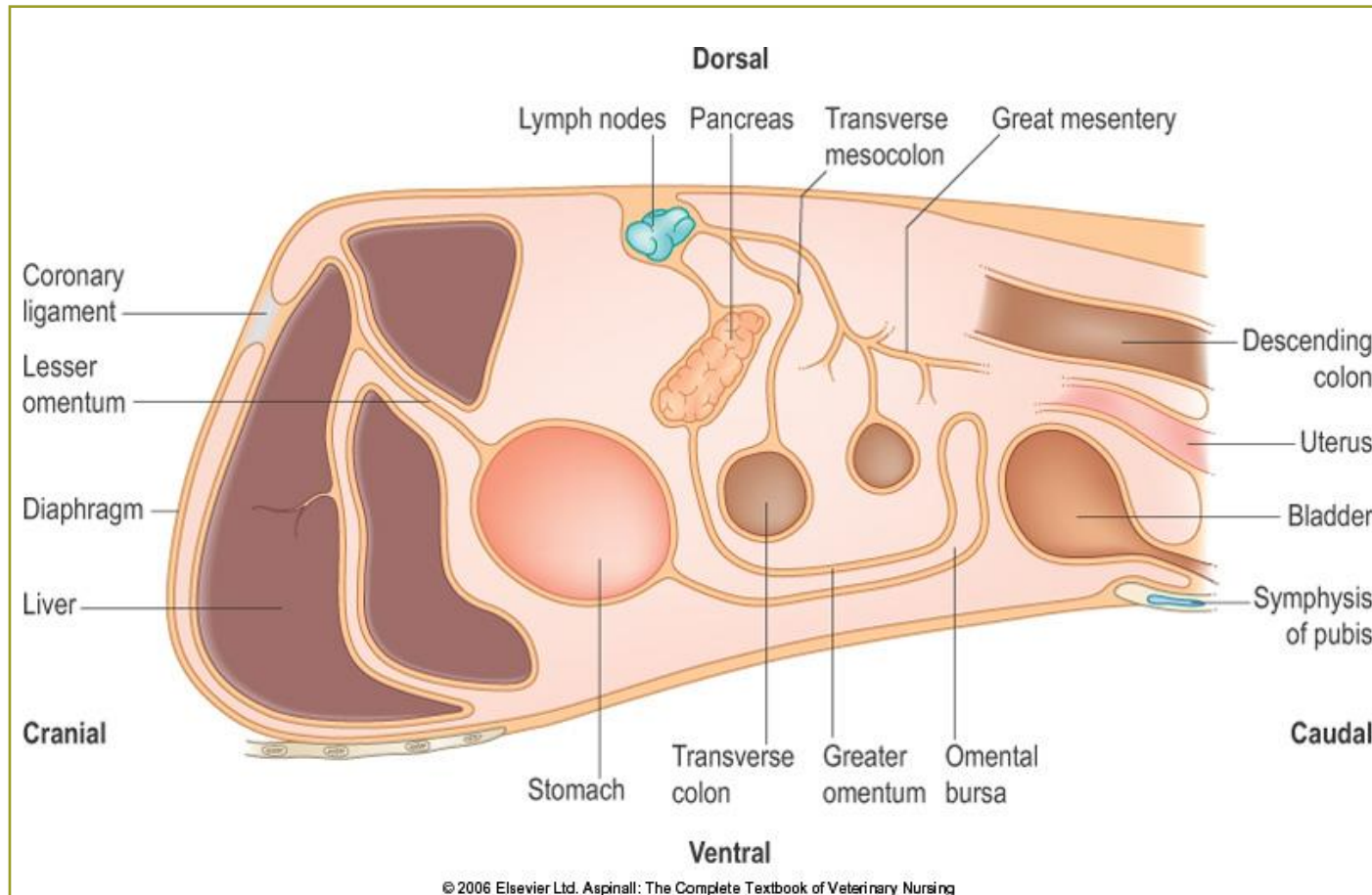
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# Anatomy of GIT

Trace a Bolus of Food from the  
Oral Cavity to the Anus

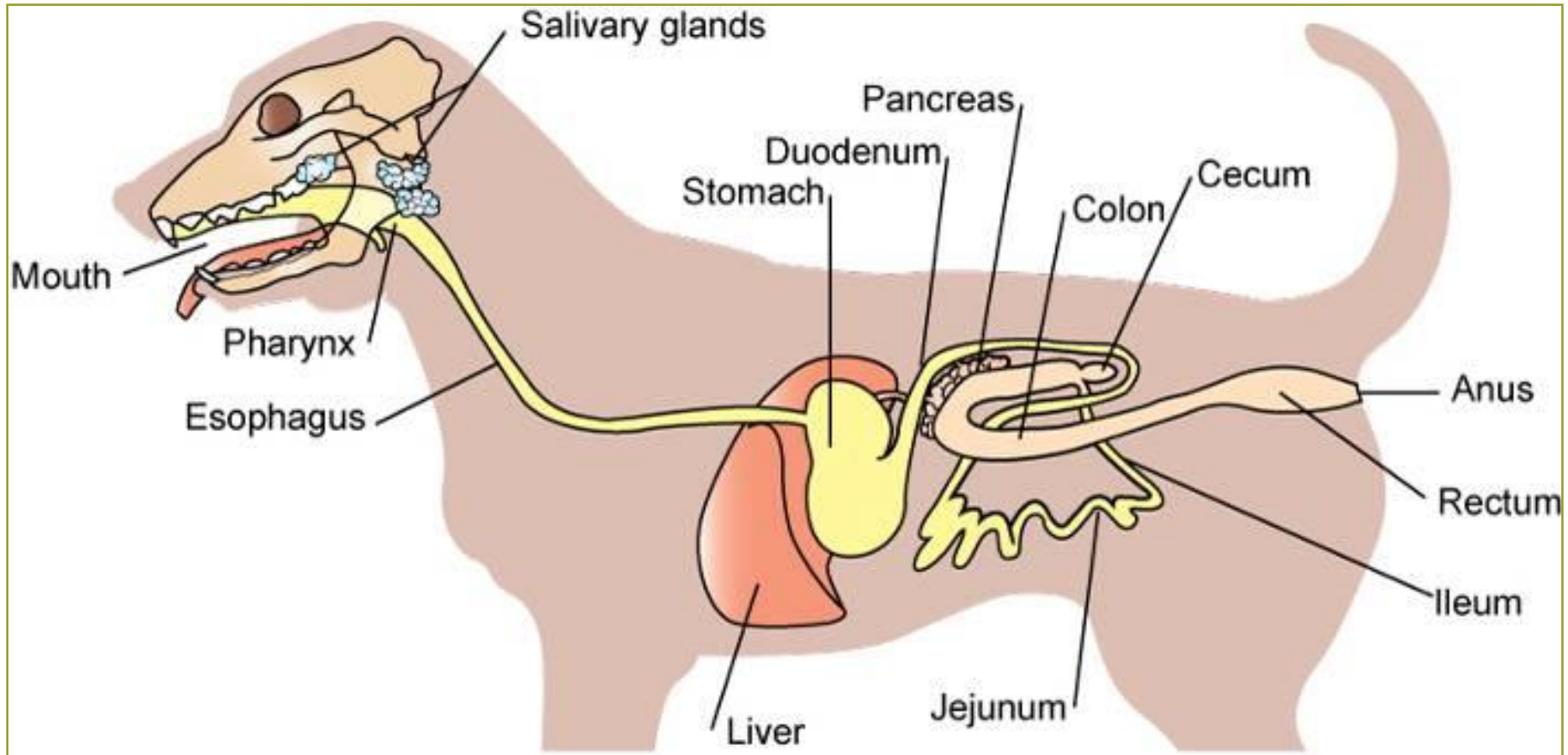
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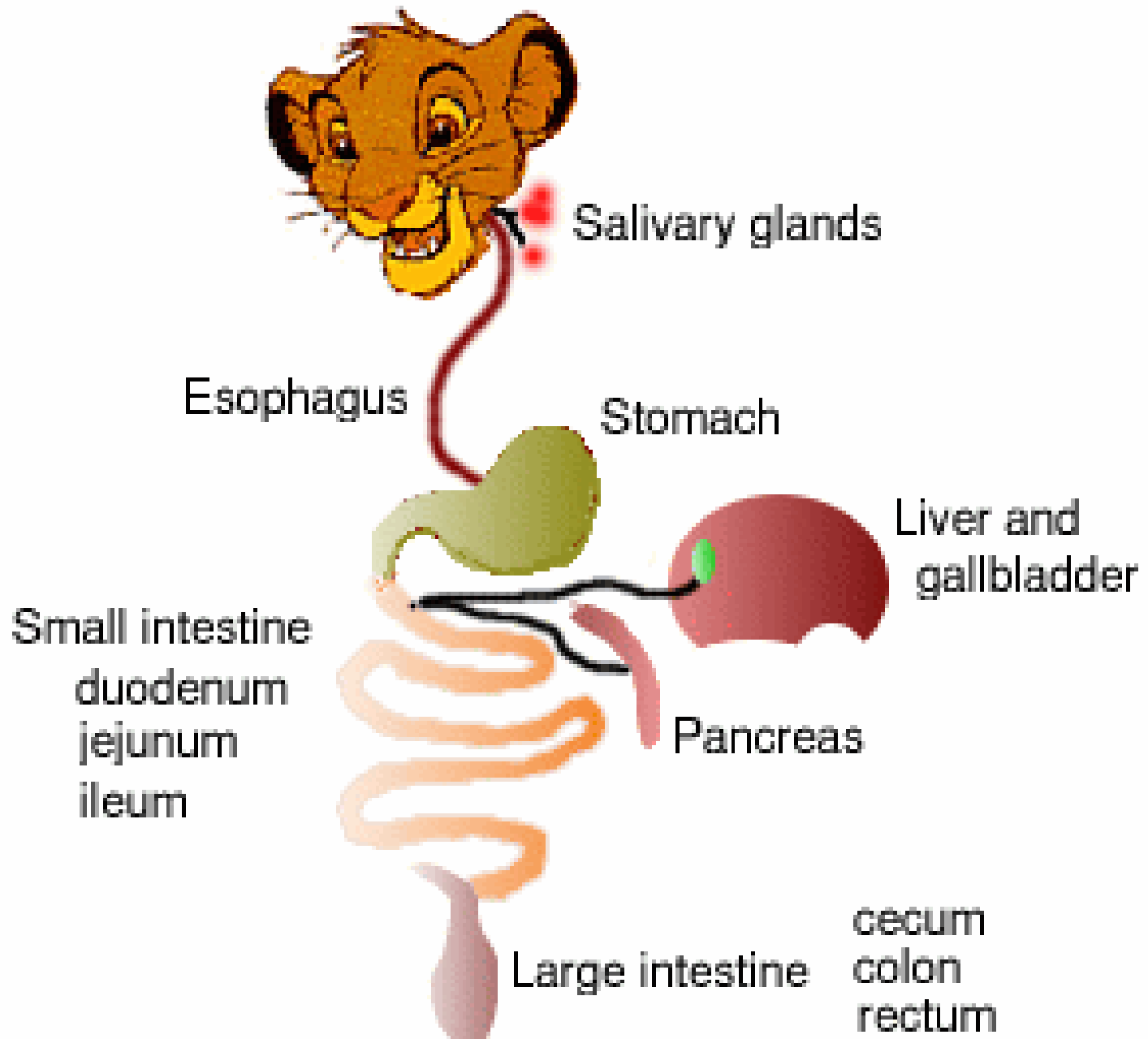
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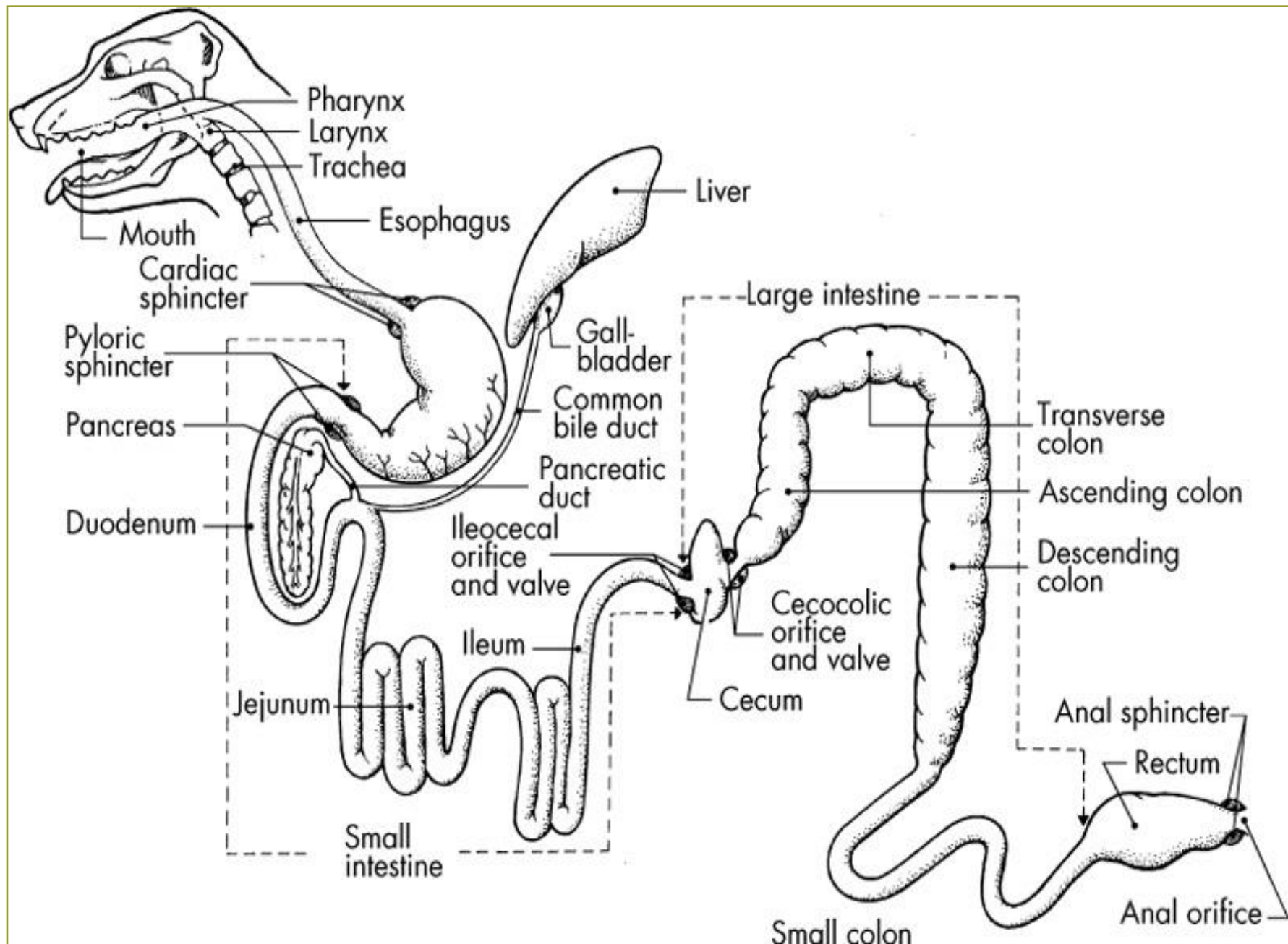
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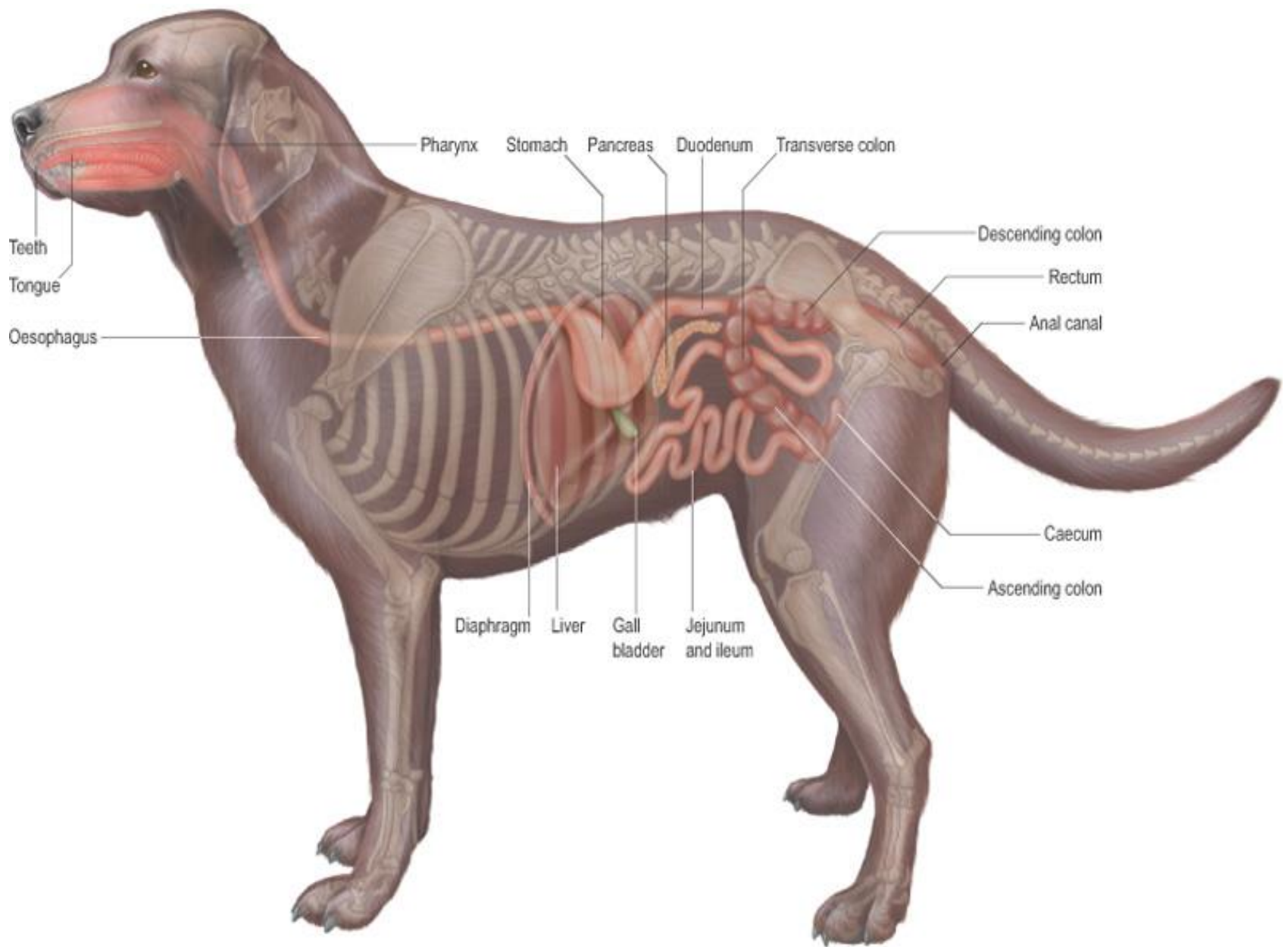
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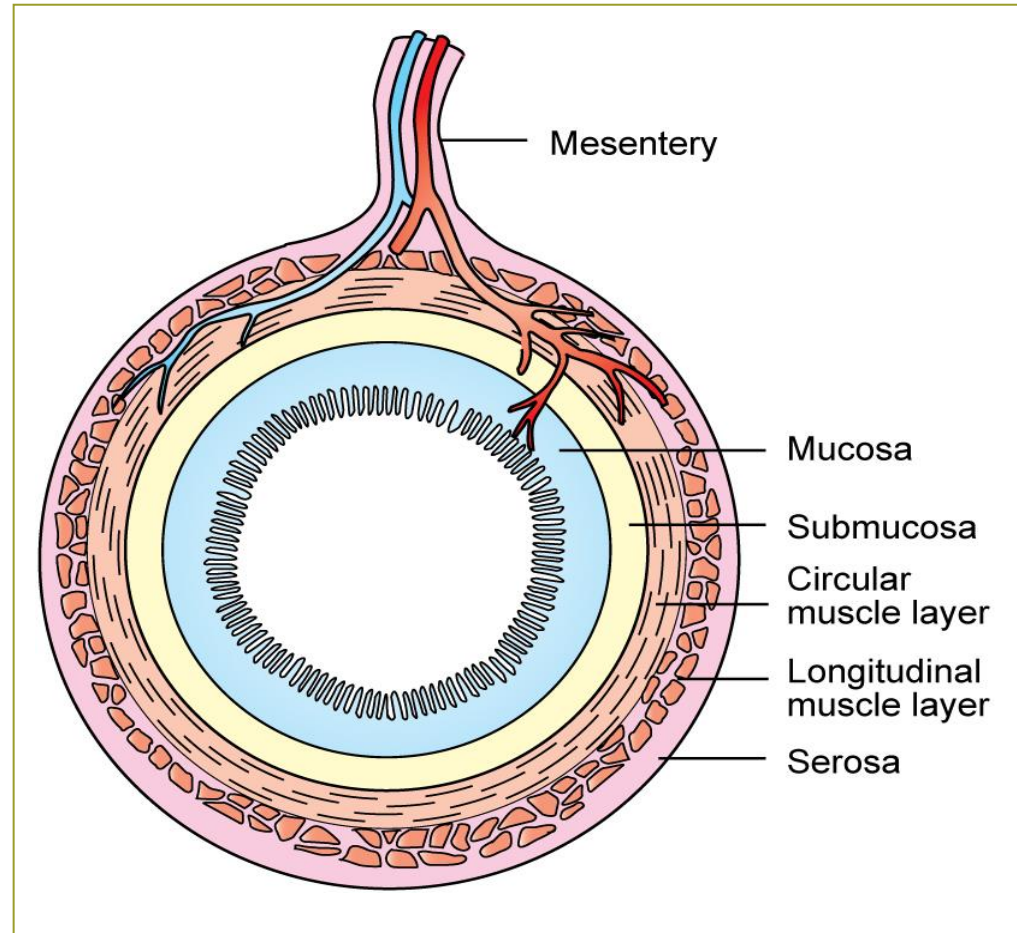




# Digestive Tract Structure

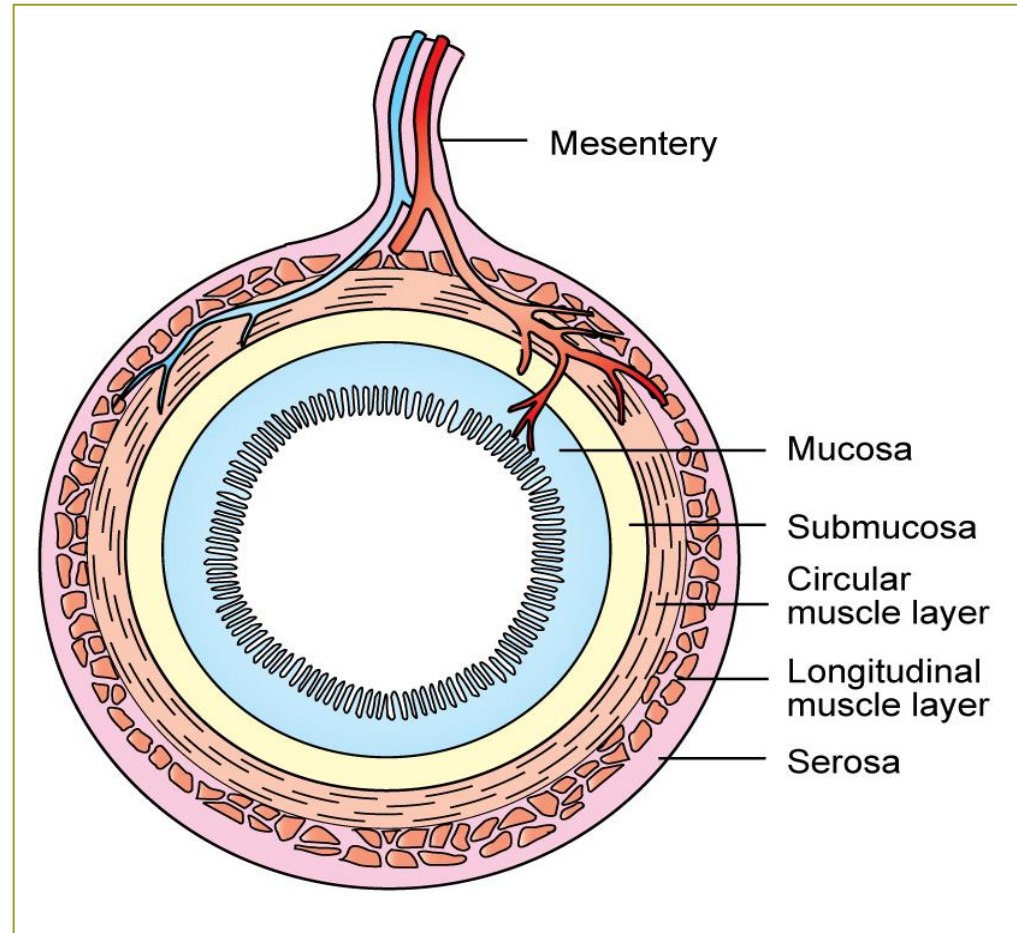
Figure 11-2, Page 266

- **Mucosa** – lining of GI tract; epithelium and loose connective tissue
- **Submucosa** – dense connective tissue; may contain glands
- **Muscle layer** – outside the submucosa
- **Serosa** – outermost layer; thin, tough connective tissue.



# Mesentery

- Sheets of connective tissue
- Suspend digestive tube in abdomen from dorsal body wall
- Contains blood and lymph vessels and nerves that supply GI tract



# Digestive Tract Epithelium

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- Stratified squamous epithelium
  - Thick and tough
  - Lines the mouth, pharynx, esophagus, and anus
- Simple columnar epithelium
  - Runs from junction of esophagus and stomach through the intestines to junction of rectum and anus
  - Nutrients are absorbed through this thin epithelium

# Digestive Tract Musculature

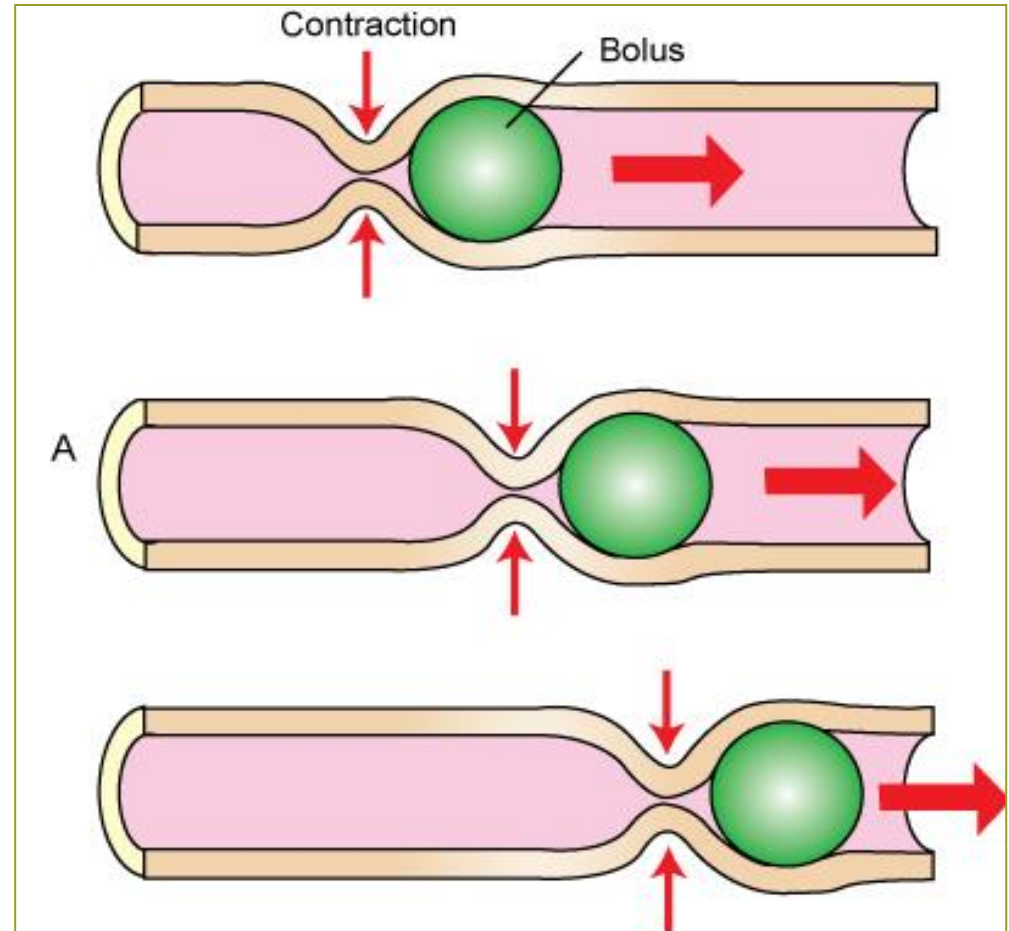
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- Skeletal muscle – voluntary control
  - Mouth, pharynx, the cranial part of the esophagus, and the external anal sphincter
  - Allows the processes of chewing, mixing saliva with food, and initiation of swallowing
- Smooth muscle – involuntary control
  - Wall of the majority of the esophagus, the stomach, the small intestine, the large intestine, and the internal anal sphincter

# Peristalsis

Figure 11-3A, Page 267

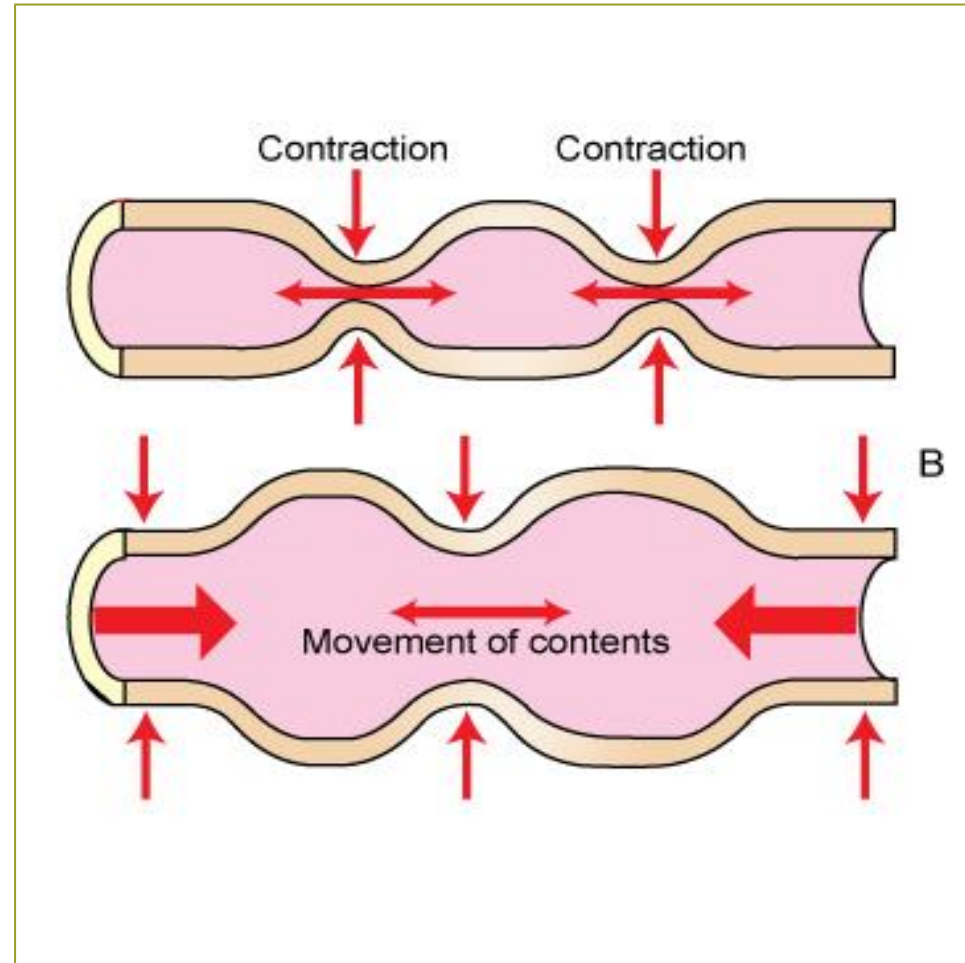
- Circular muscle contractions
- Wavelike movement along the tract
- Propel digestive tract contents along the tube ahead of them



# Segmental Contractions

Figure 11-3B, Page 267

- Periodic circular muscle contractions
- Occur in different adjacent sites
- Mixes digestive tract contents and slows their movement through the tract





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# Mouth

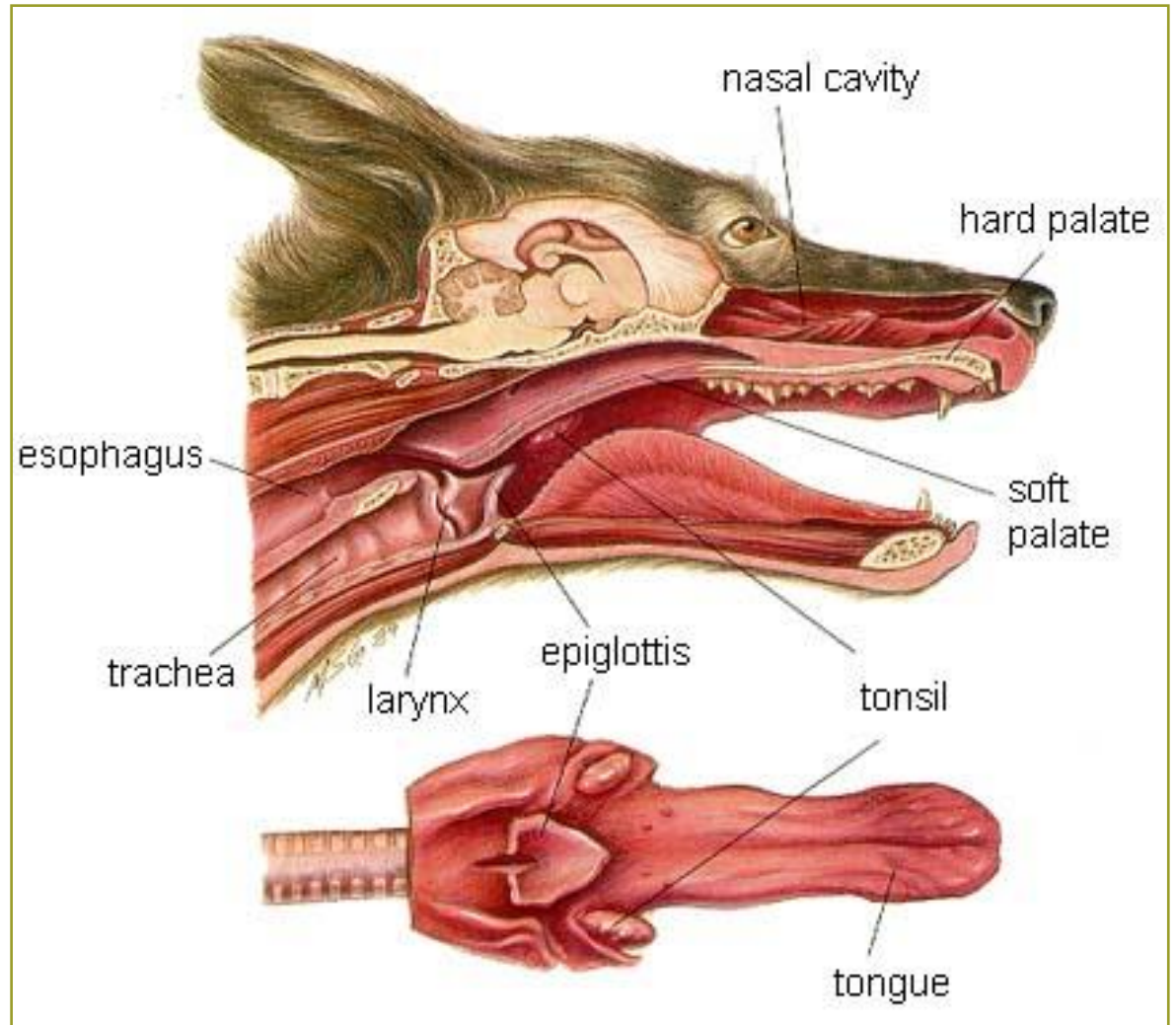
Oral cavity

Buccal cavity

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# Mouth (Oral Cavity)

- Lips
- Salivary glands
- Tongue
- Teeth
- Hard palate
- Soft palate



# Salivary Glands

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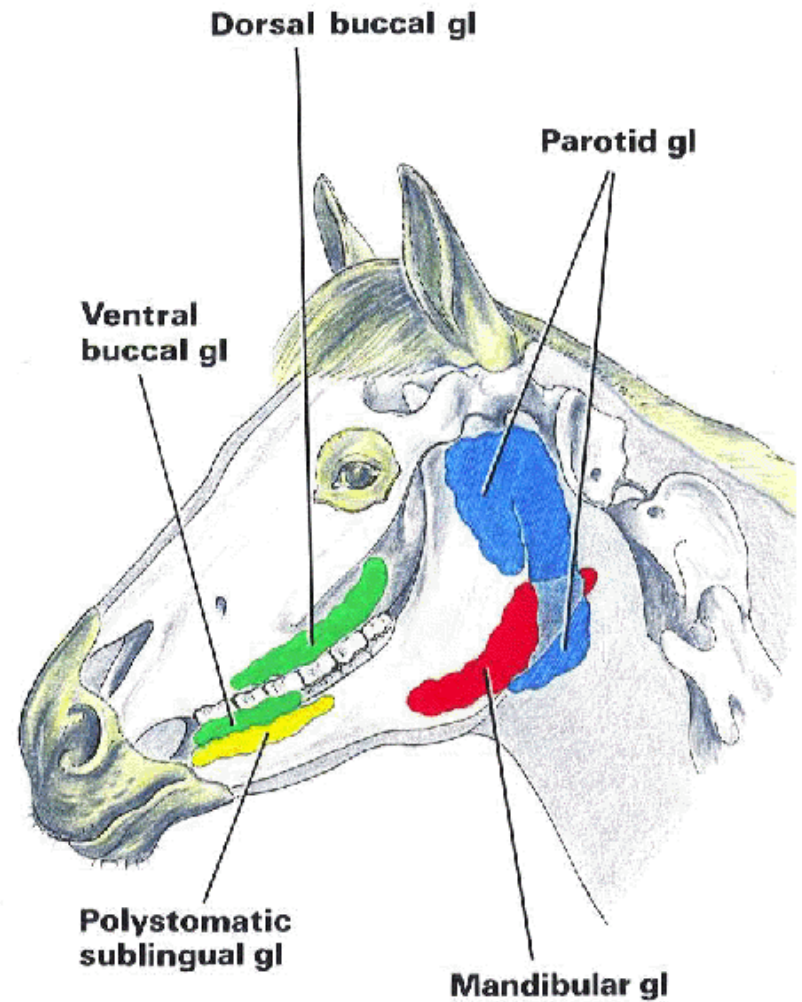
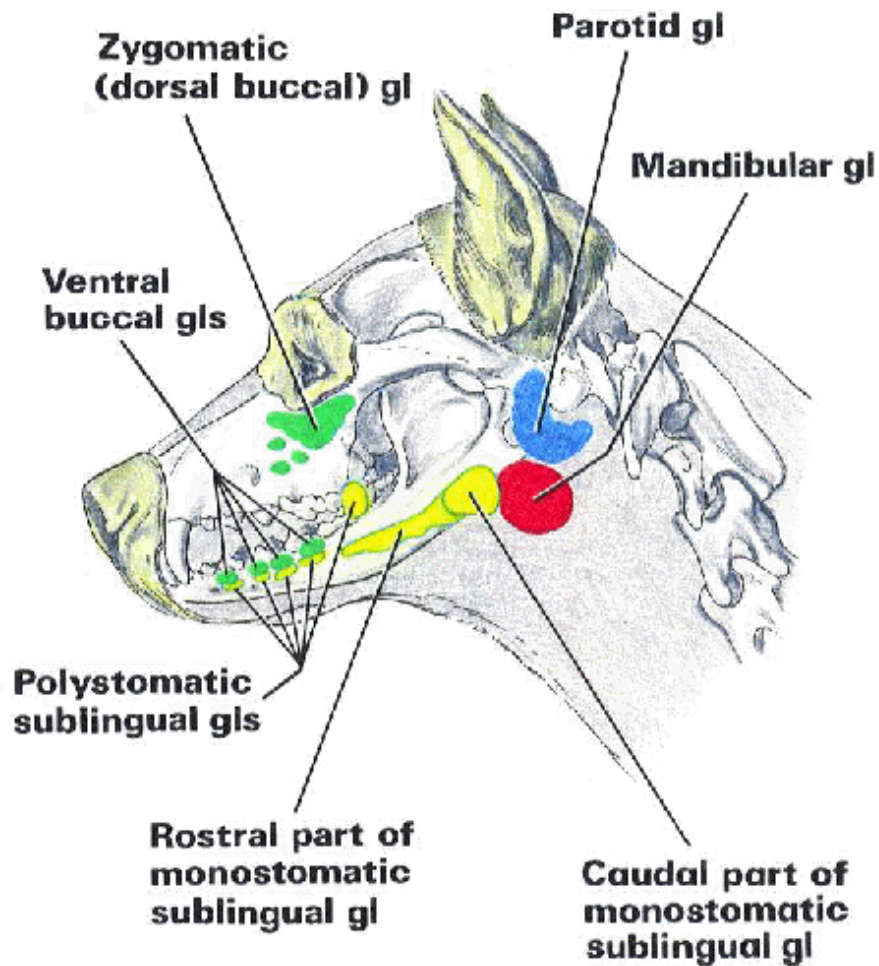
- **Exocrine** glands
- Produce saliva; usually three pairs with ducts that carry the saliva to the oral cavity
  - **Parotid** salivary glands – ventral to the ear canals
  - **Mandibular** salivary glands – ventral to the parotid glands at the caudal angle of the mandible
  - **Sublingual** salivary glands – medial to the shafts of the mandible just under the base of the tongue

# Oral Cavity Functions

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- Lips may play role in prehension
- Initiate mastication (mechanical digestion)
  - Breaks food into smaller particles that increase the surface area available for exposure to the enzymes involved in chemical digestion
- Initiate chemical digestion
  - Saliva – added to food as it is chewed; moistens, softens, and shapes food into a form that is more readily swallowed
  - Salivary amylase

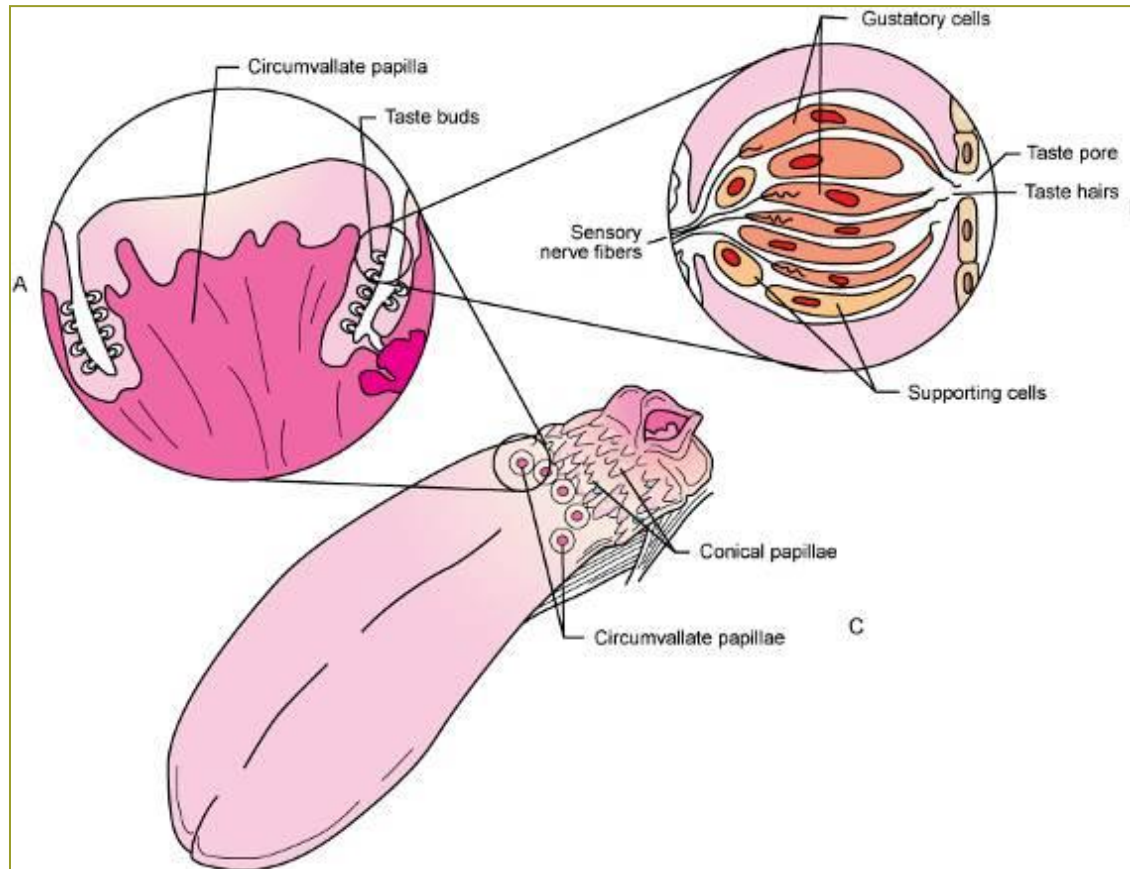
# Comparative Anatomy



# Tongue

## Figure 14-2, Page 343

- Tongue has 4 types of taste buds



Epiglottis

Root of tongue

Palatine tonsil

Lingual tonsil

Circumvallate papilla

Filiform papilla

Body of tongue

Fungiform papilla

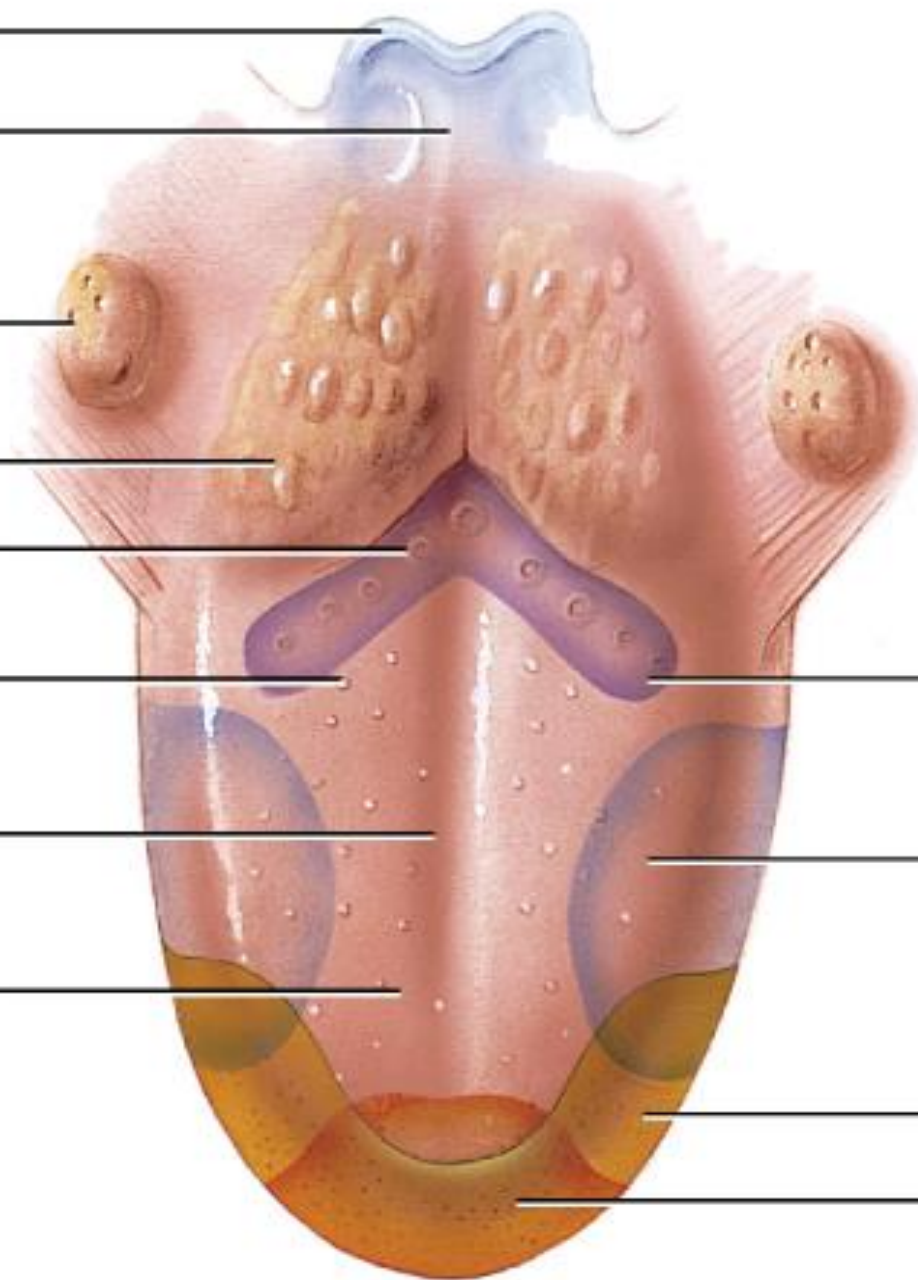
TASTE  
ZONES:

Bitter

Sour

Salty

Sweet



# Teeth

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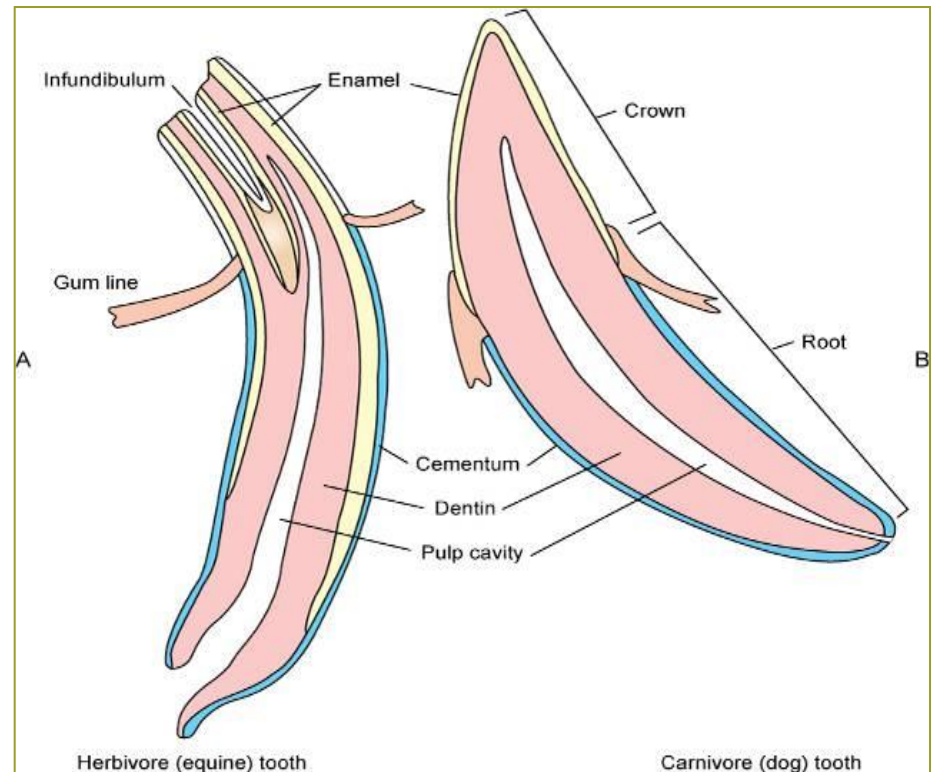
- **Mastication** – chewing; physically break down food into smaller pieces
- **Upper arcade** – contained in **maxilla** and incisive bones
- **Lower arcade** – contained in **mandible**



# Teeth Shape

## Figure 11-4, Page 268

- **Carnivore teeth** – more pointed on their occlusal surface; slightly curved toward back of mouth
  - Good for holding prey, tearing, cutting, shredding
- **Herbivore teeth** have flat occlusal surfaces
  - Good for grinding plant and grain material



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# Types of Teeth

Incisors

Canines

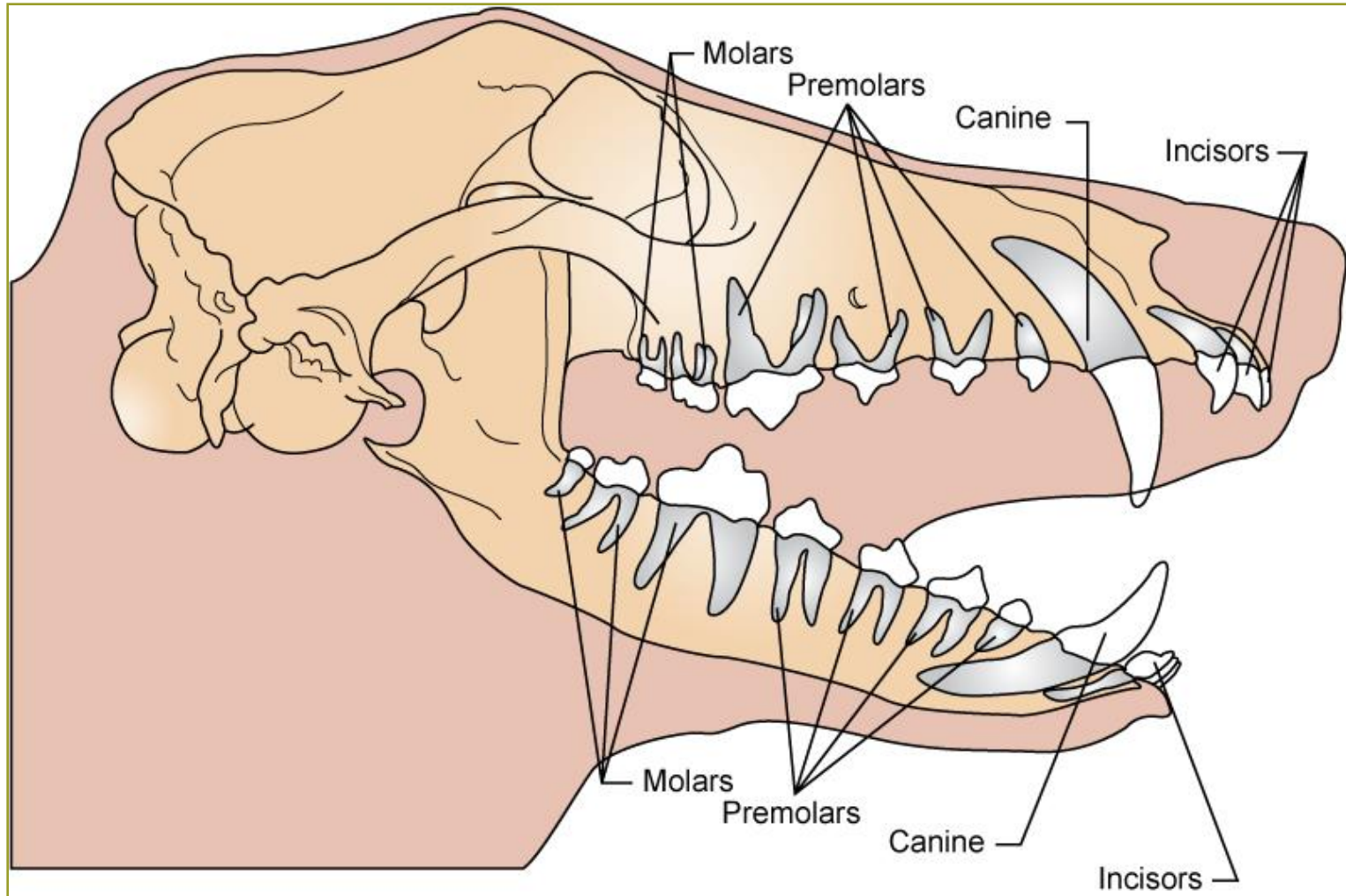
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Premolars

Molars

# Types of Teeth

Figure 11-5, Page 268



# Tooth Terminology

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- **Lingual** – inner surface of the lower arcade of teeth
- **Palatal** – inner surface of the upper arcade
- **Labial** – outer surface of the upper and lower arcade at the front the mouth
- **Buccal** – outer surface of the teeth more caudal in the mouth

# Maxilla & Mandible

- Tooth Surfaces
  - Lingual
  - Palatal
  - Labial
  - Buccal



# Dental Formula

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- Represents the typical number of each type of tooth found in the upper and lower arcade
- Tooth type designated *I* for incisor, *C* for canine, *P* for premolar, and *M* for molar
  - Upper case for adult teeth
  - Lower case for deciduous teeth

# Dental Formula

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- Tooth type followed by two numbers separated by a slash mark or expressed as a fraction of one number over the other
  - First number – number of teeth in *half* of the upper arcade
  - Second number – number of teeth in *half* of the lower arcade
- Total number determined by summing all the numbers and [multiplying by 2](#)

# Dental Formulas

## Table 11-1, Page 269 Bassett Lab Manual – Page 274

### Example: Adult Dog

- The dental formula is  $I\frac{3}{3} C\frac{1}{1} P\frac{4}{4} M\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{3142}{3143}$ . The slash mark separates the upper arcade number from the lower arcade number.
- Add the numbers together:
  - $3 + 3 + 1 + 1 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 3 = 21$  teeth, representing half of the total number.
- Multiply the number by 2:
  - $21 \times 2 = 42$  total teeth in the adult dog's mouth.

### Dental Formulas for Several Domestic Species

#### Species

Canine—puppy

Canine—adult

Feline—kitten

Feline—adult

Equine—adult

Porcine—adult

Bovine—adult

#### Dental Formula

$i\frac{3}{3} c\frac{1}{1} p\frac{3}{28}$

$I\frac{3}{3} C\frac{1}{1} P\frac{4}{4} M\frac{2}{3}$

$i\frac{3}{3} c\frac{1}{1} p\frac{3}{2}$

$I\frac{3}{3} C\frac{1}{1} P\frac{3}{2} M\frac{1}{1}$

$I\frac{3}{3} C\frac{1}{1} P\frac{3-4}{3} M\frac{3}{3}$

$I\frac{3}{3} C\frac{1}{1} P\frac{4}{4} M\frac{3}{3}$

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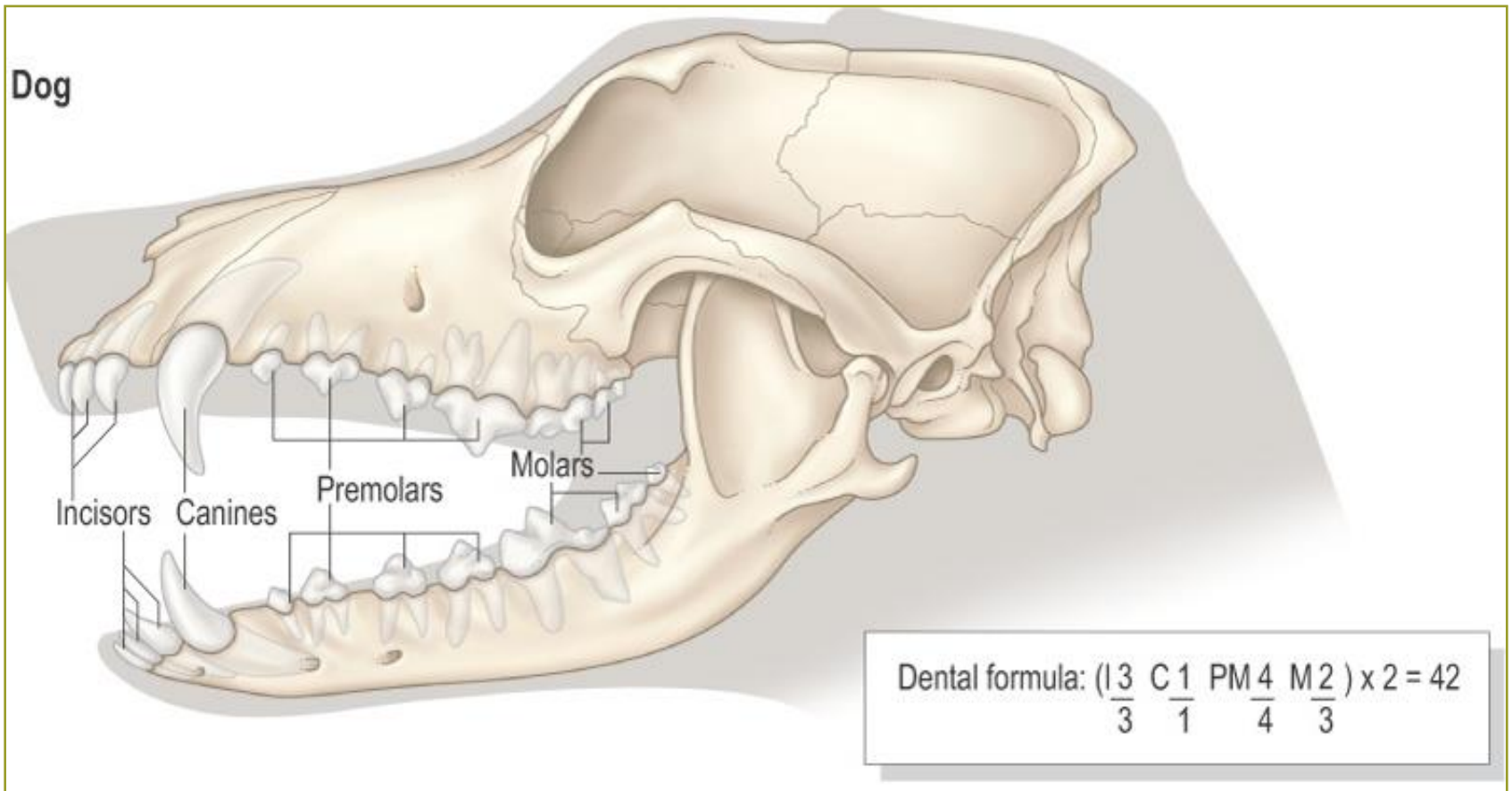


# Canine Mouth

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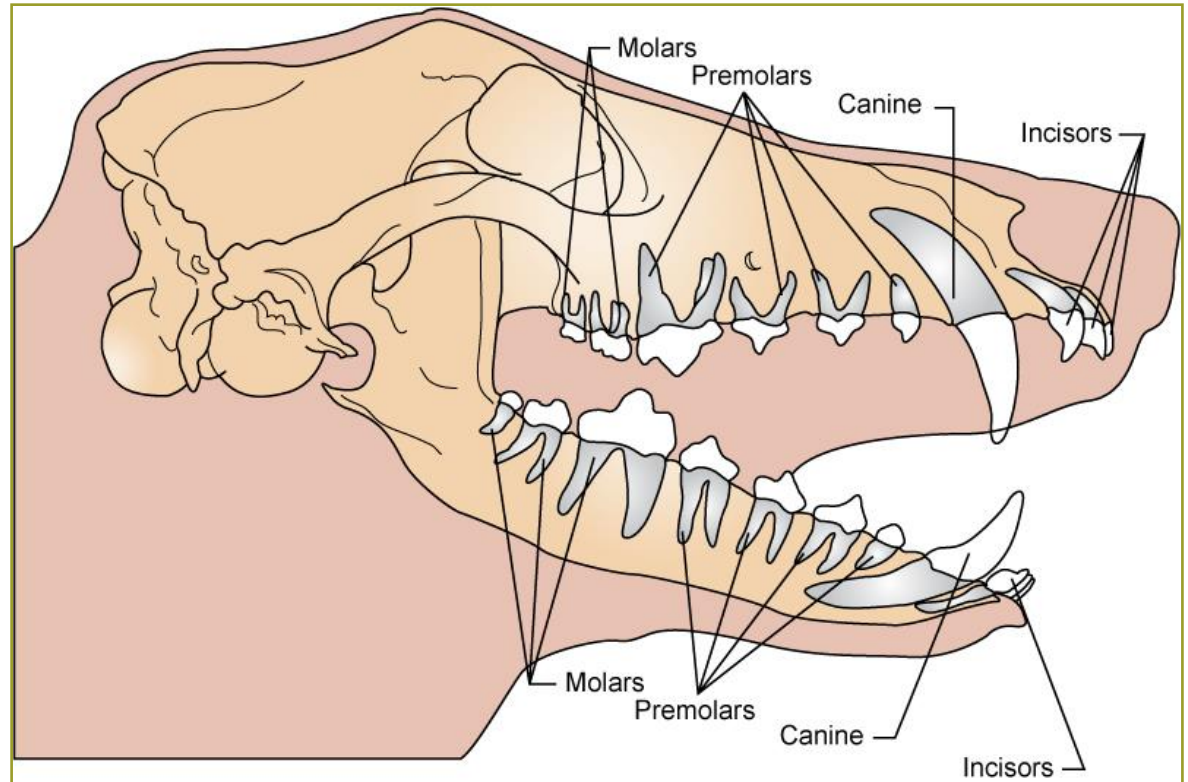
# Canine Dental Formula



# Incisors

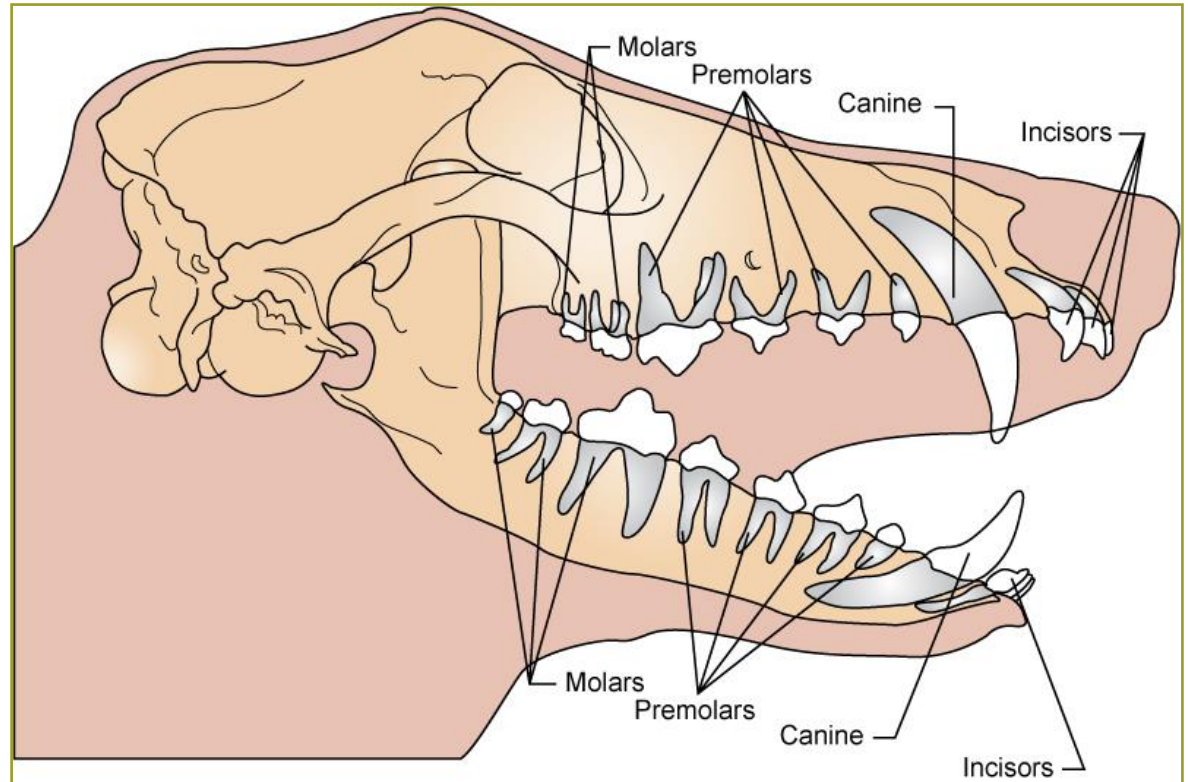
Figure 11-5, Page 268

- Grasping teeth
- Most rostral teeth of upper and lower arcade



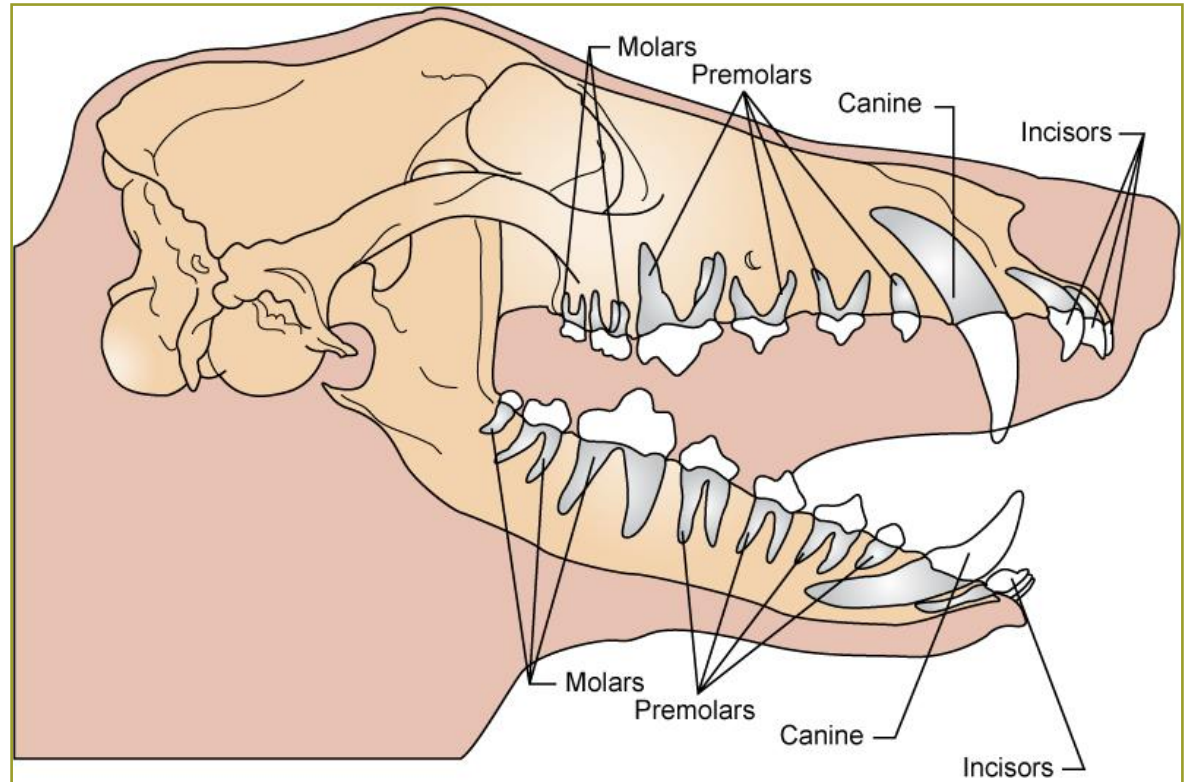
# Canines

- Tearing teeth
- Located at corners of incisors
- Longer than other teeth
- Pointed at tip



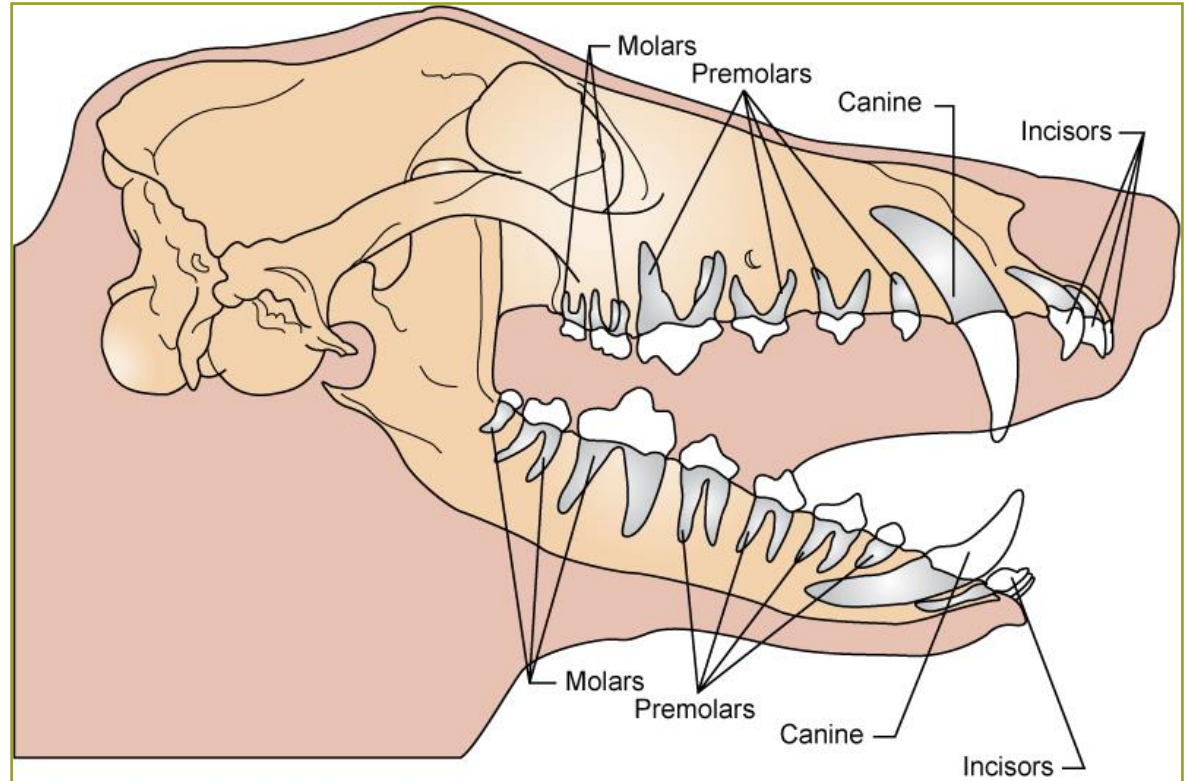
# Premolars

- Cutting teeth
- Rostral cheek teeth
- Sharp points and surfaces in carnivores



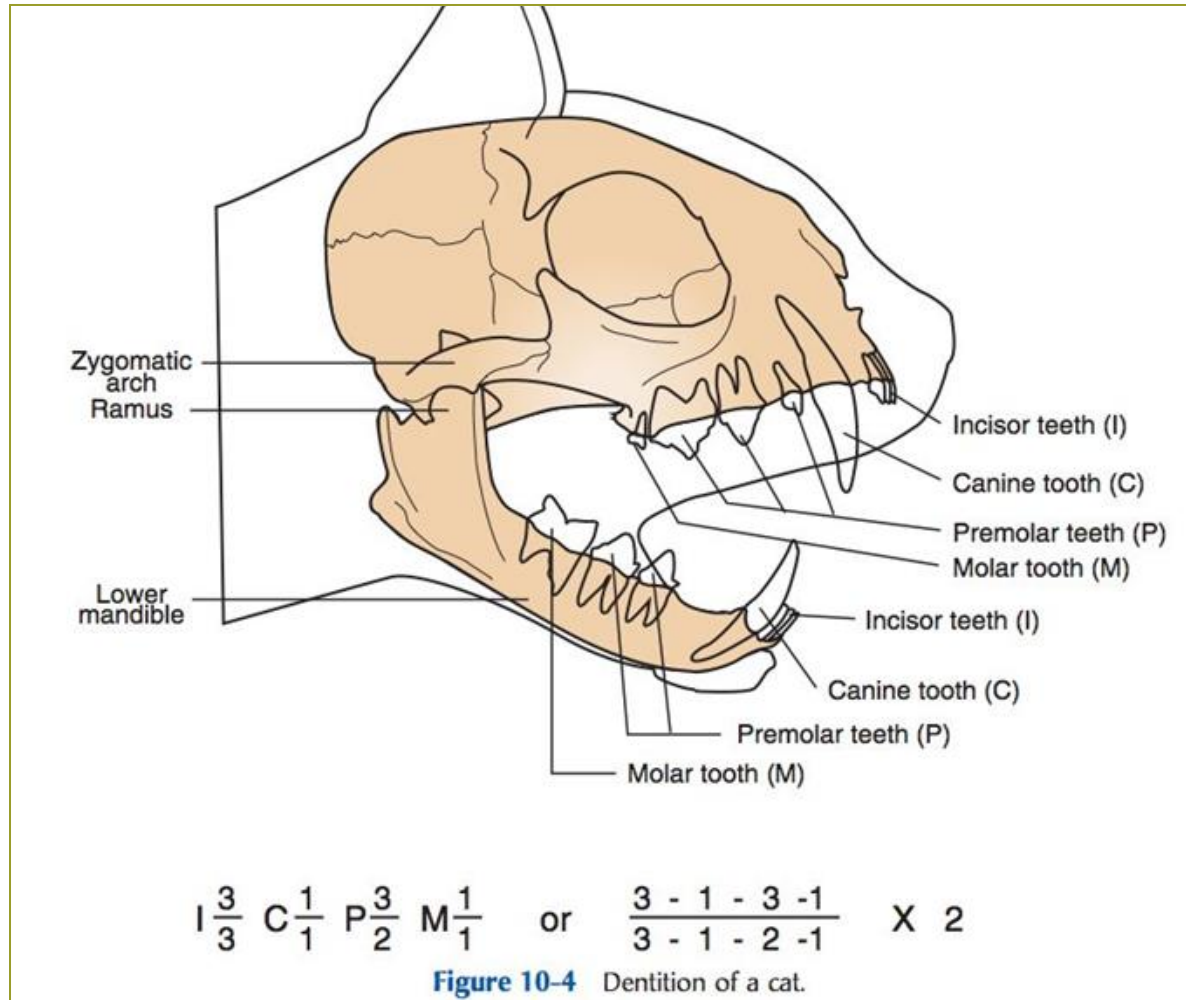
# Molars

- Grinding teeth
- Caudal cheek teeth
- Larger, flatter occlusal surfaces
- Used for grinding

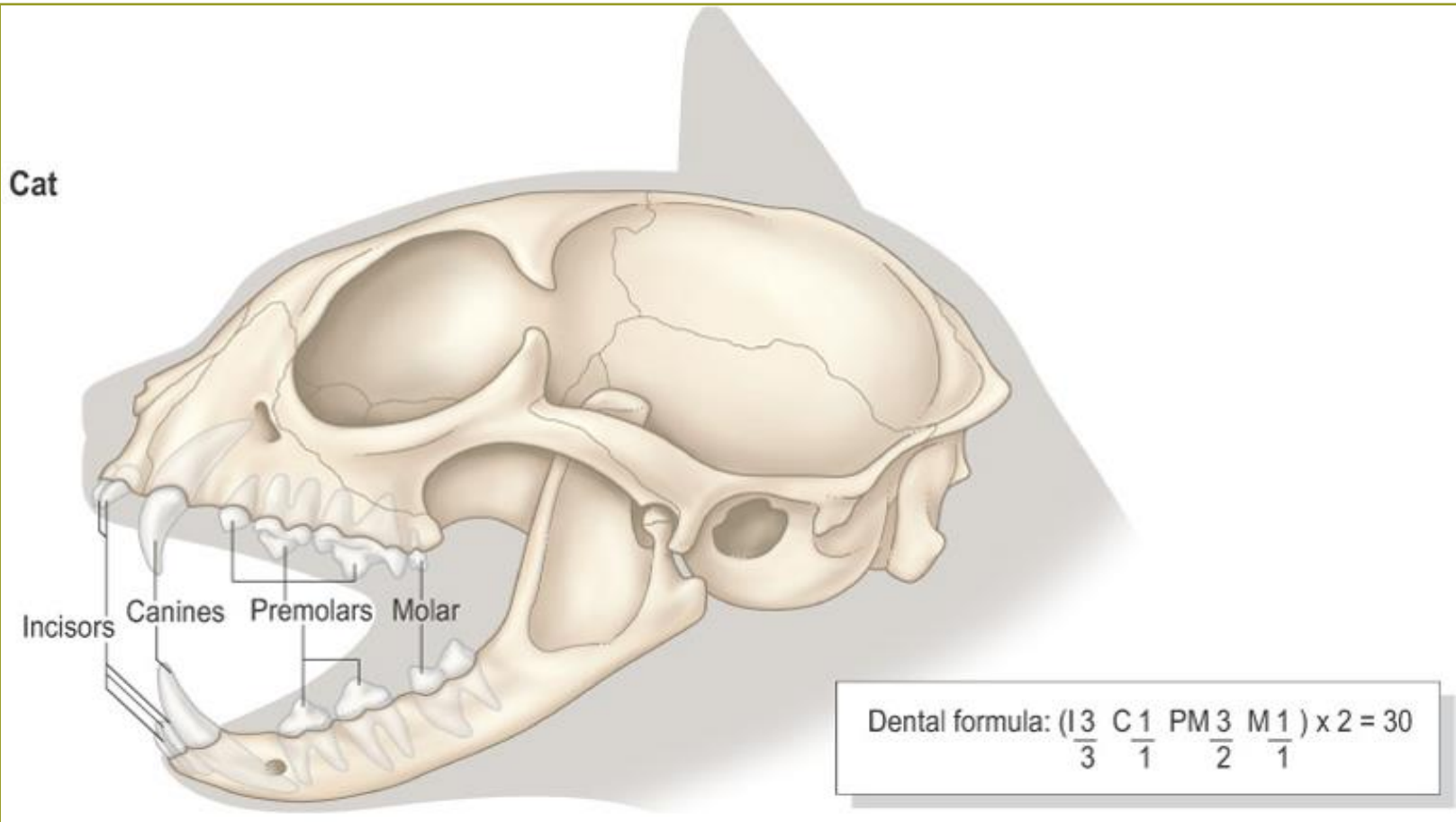


# Dentition of a Cat

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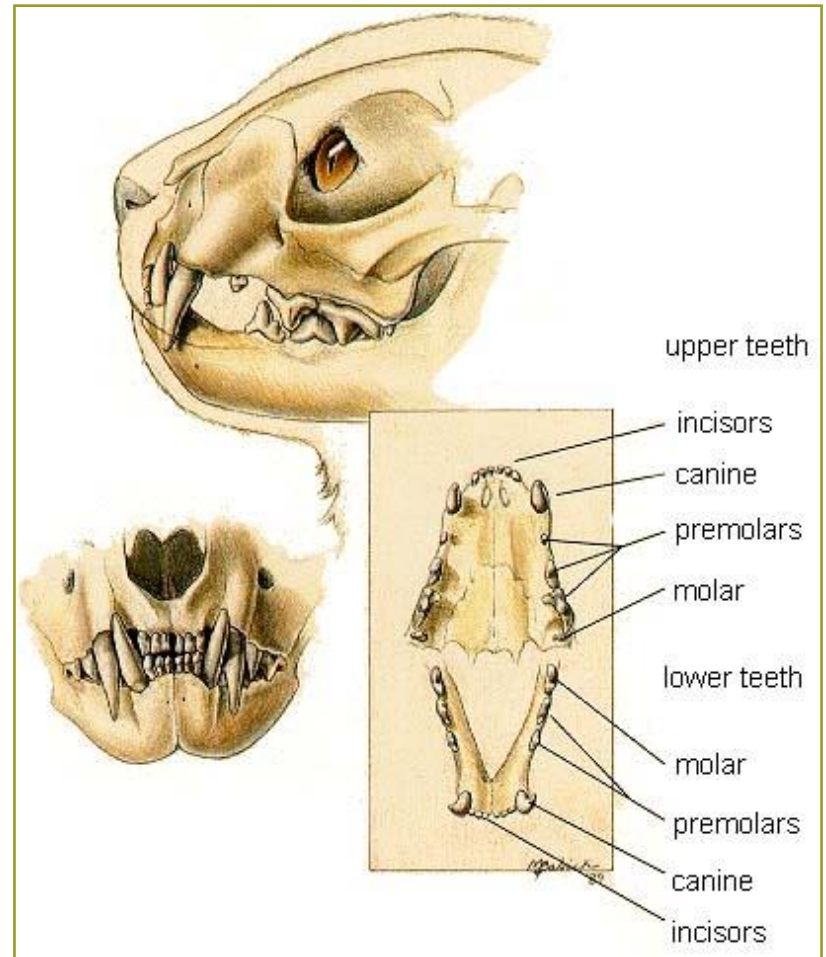
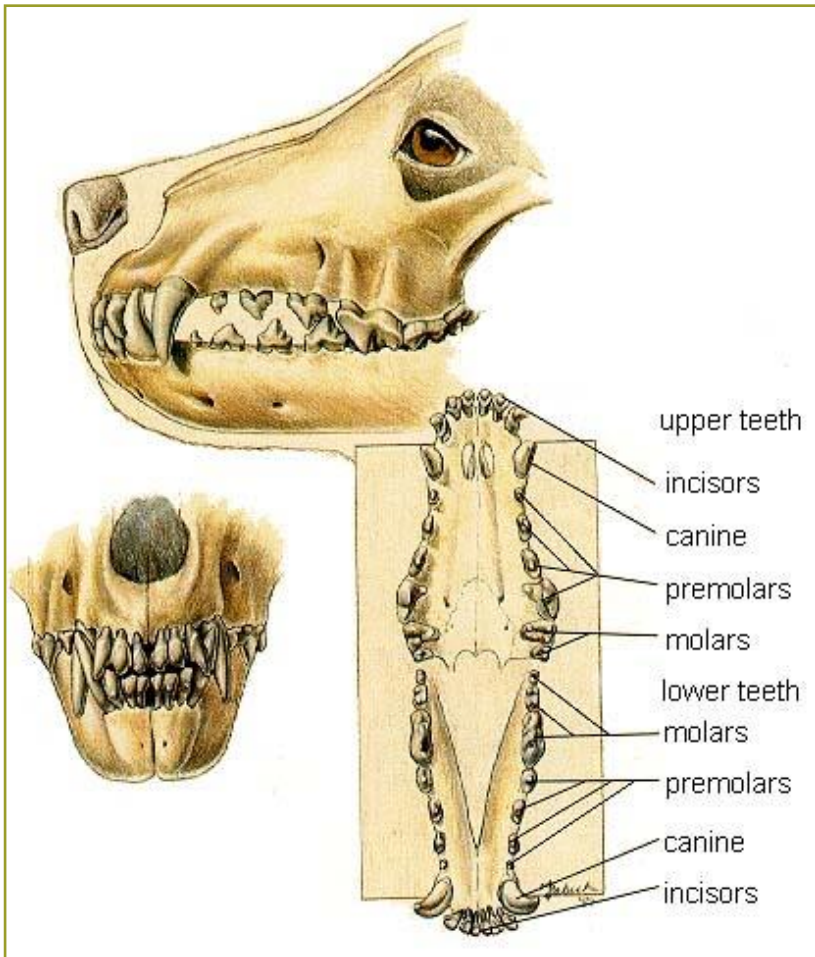


# Feline Dental Formula

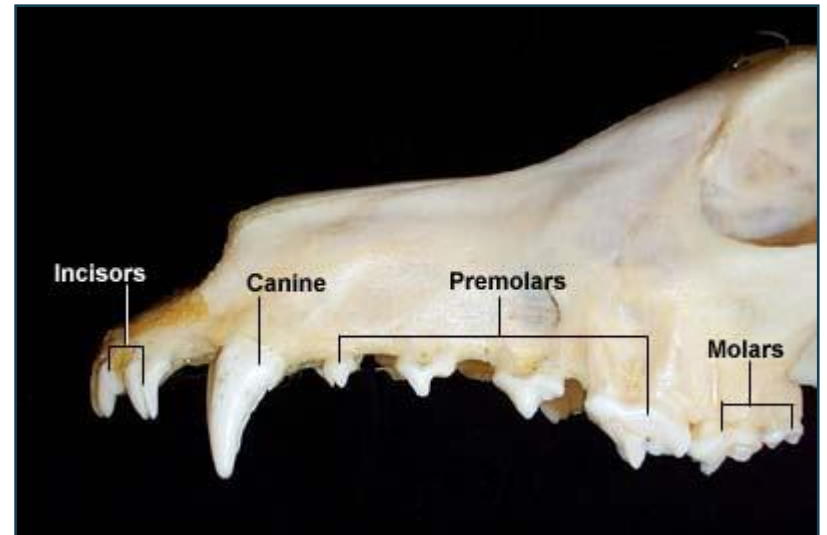
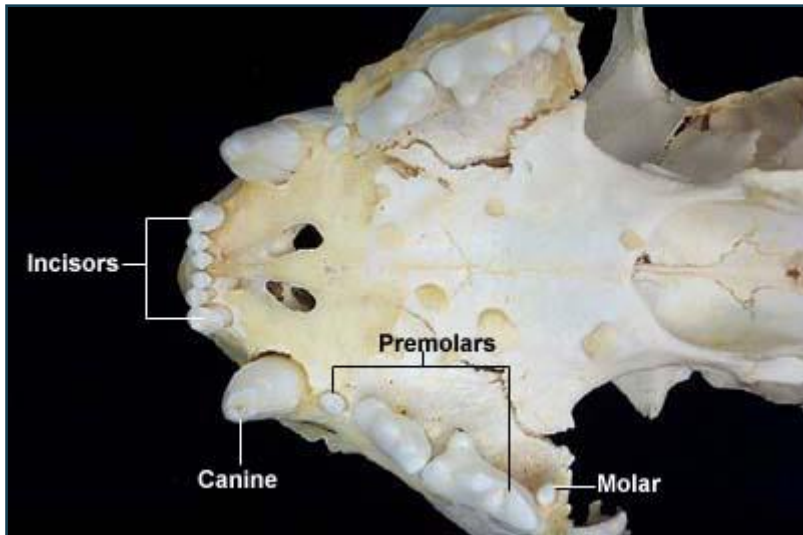
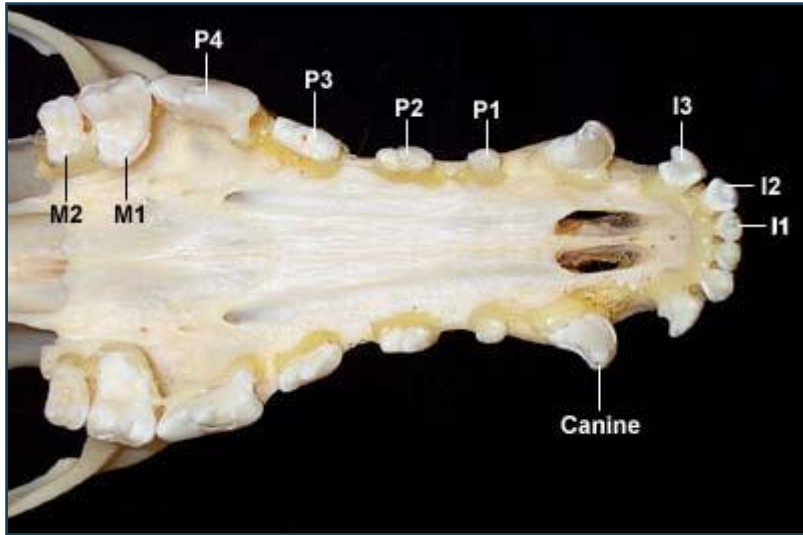




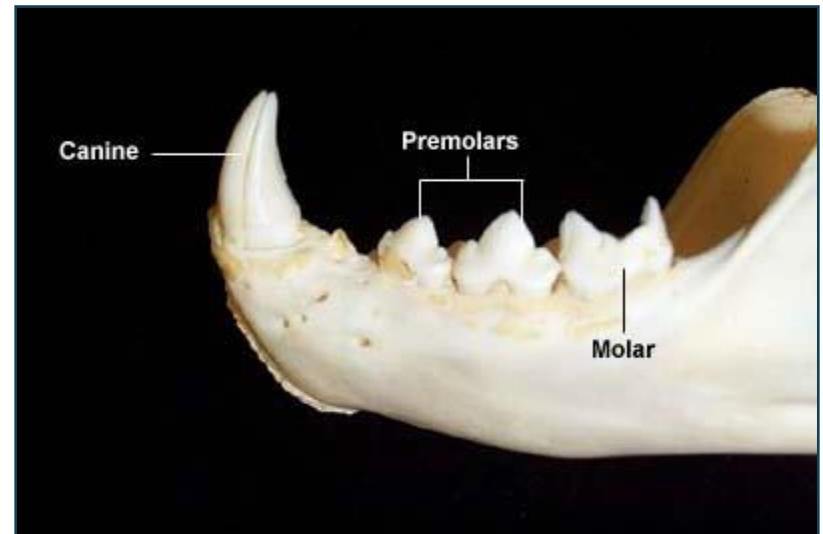
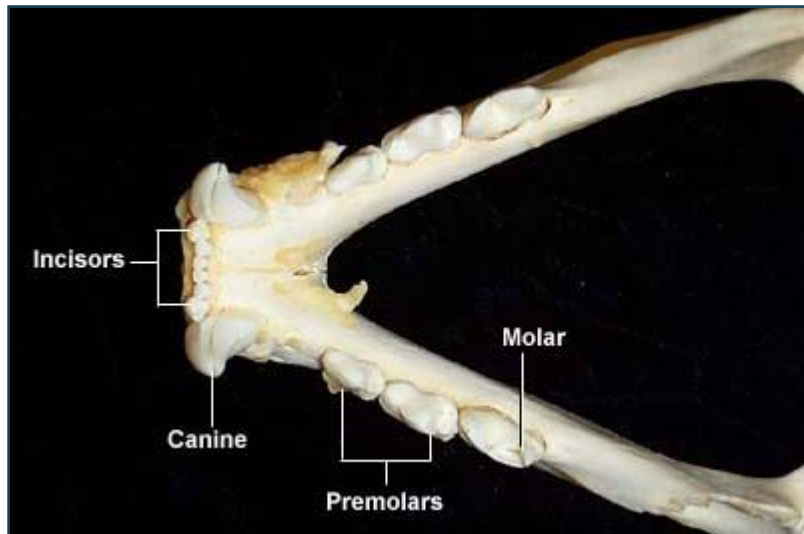
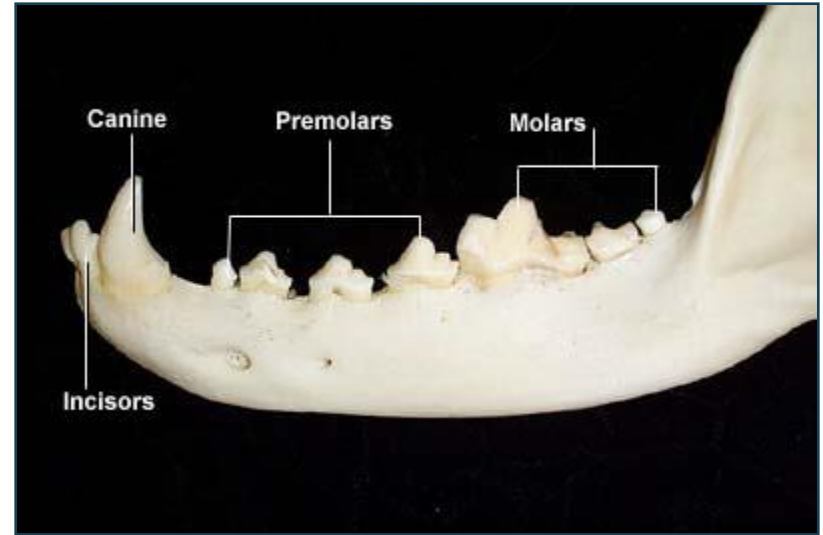
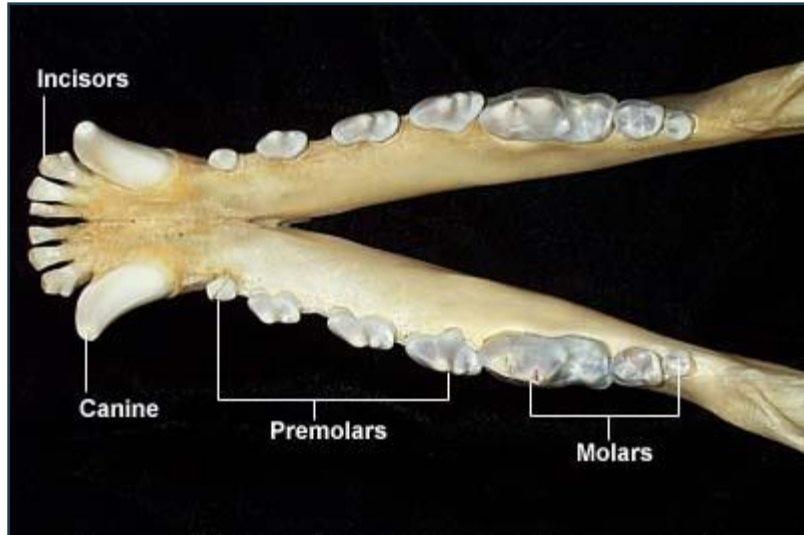
# Comparative Anatomy Dog & Cat



# Upper Arcade Dog & Cat



# Lower Arcade – Dog & Cat

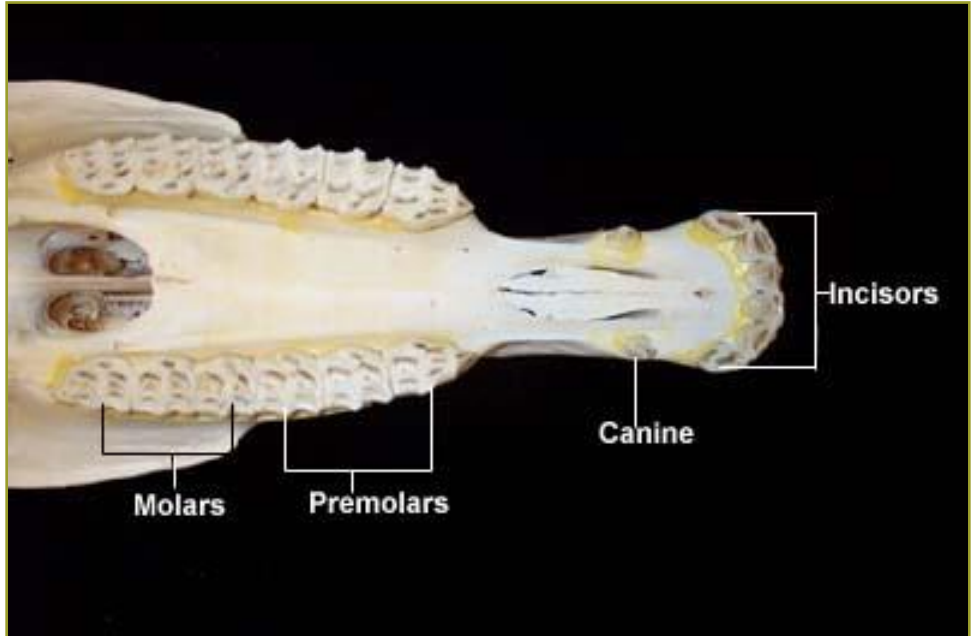


# Comparative Anatomy – Ruminants

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- Ruminants have no upper incisors or upper canine teeth
  - Dental pad – flat thick connective-tissue structure on the maxilla opposite the lower incisors and canine teeth

# Horse Teeth



# Comparative Anatomy Bird Beak



# Structure of Teeth

Figure 11-6, Page 269

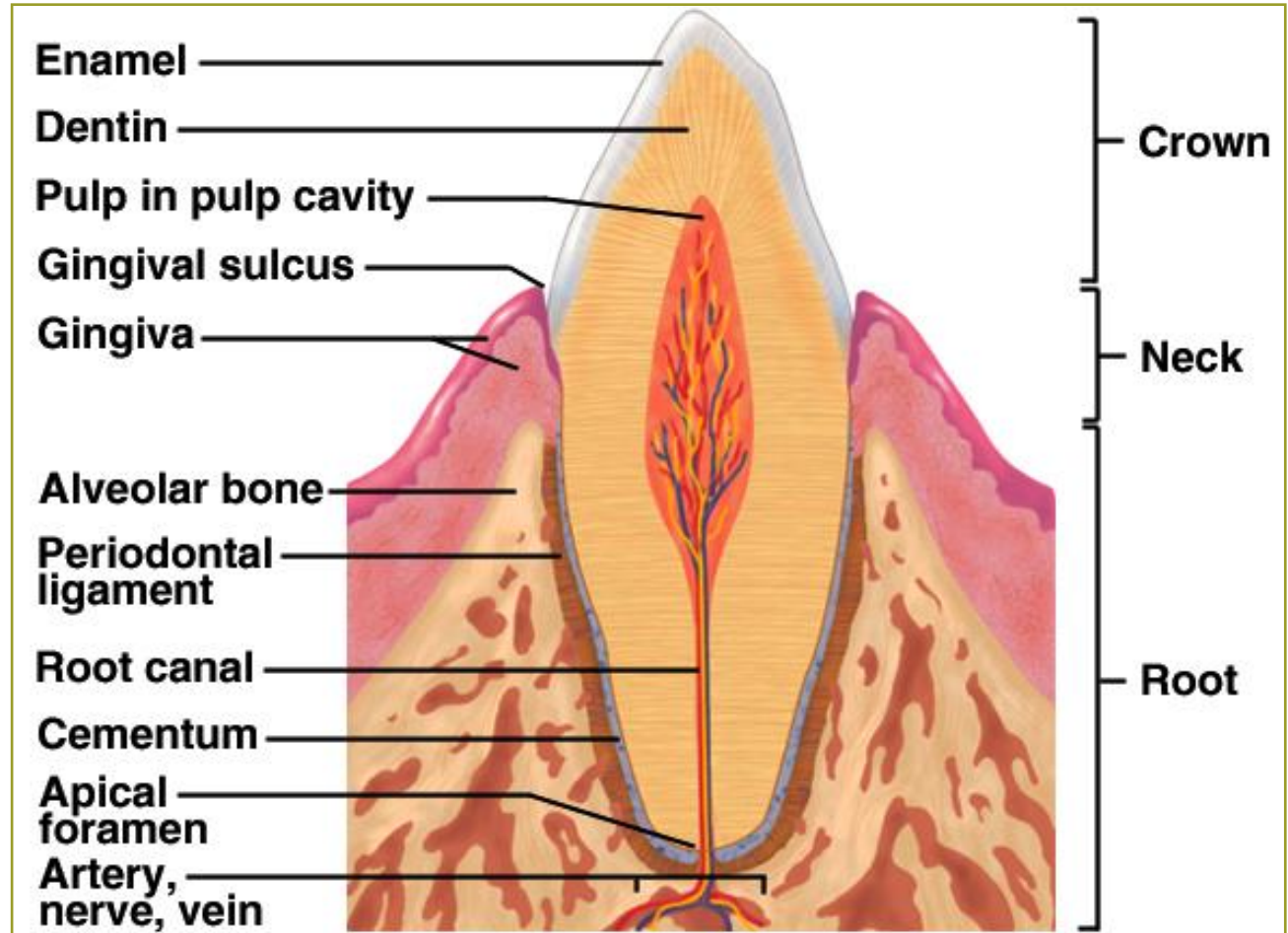
- Crown

- Enamel
- Dentin
- Pulp

- Gingiva

- Root

- Dentin
- Pulp
- Cementum
- Periodontal ligament



**Enamel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dentin** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pulp in pulp cavity** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gingival sulcus** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gingiva** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alveolar bone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Periodontal  
ligament** \_\_\_\_\_

**Root canal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cementum** \_\_\_\_\_

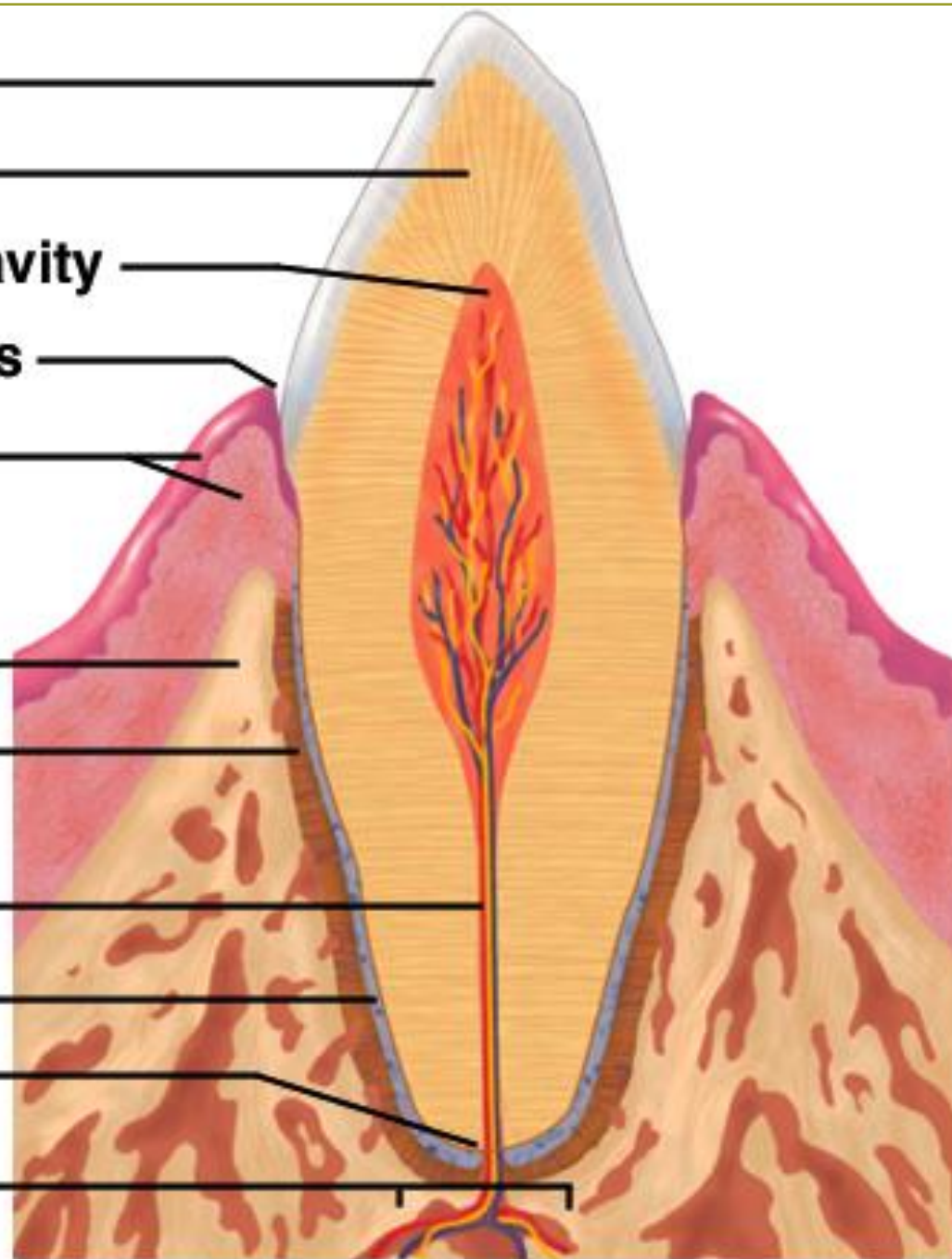
**Apical  
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**Crown**

**Neck**

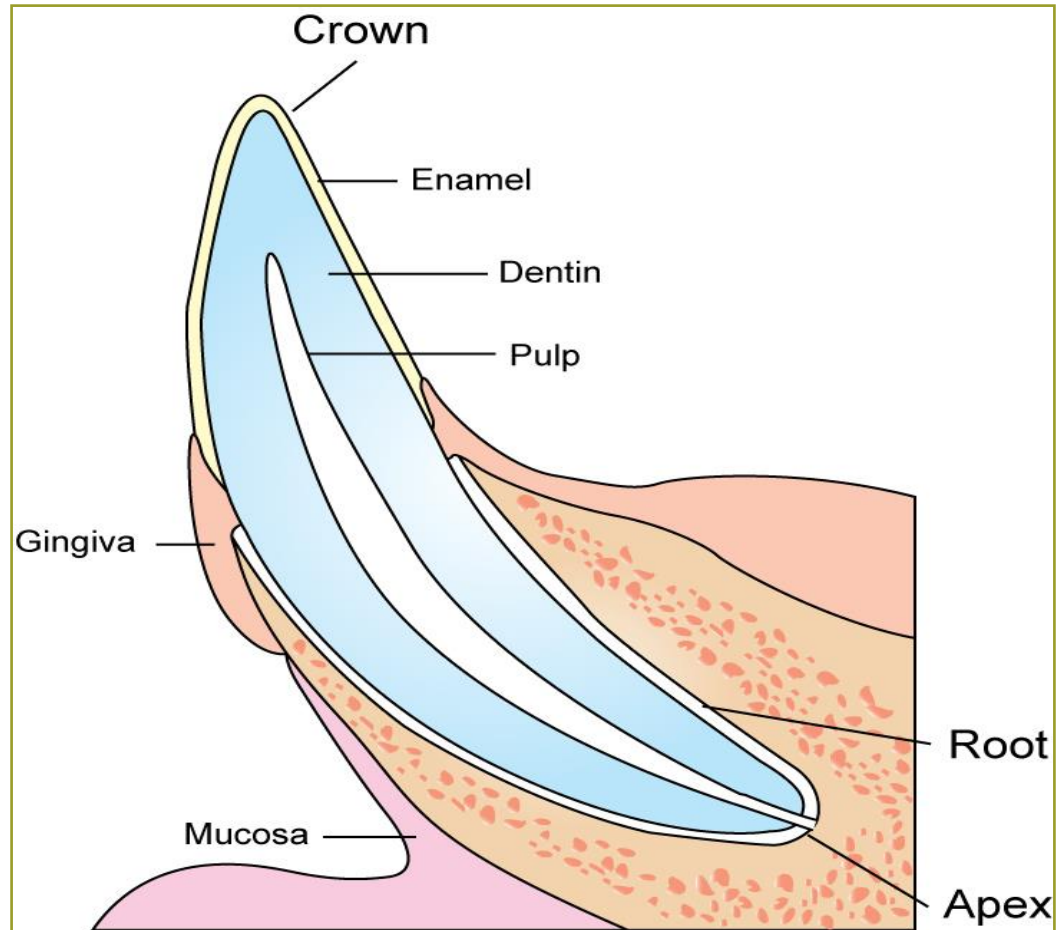
**Root**





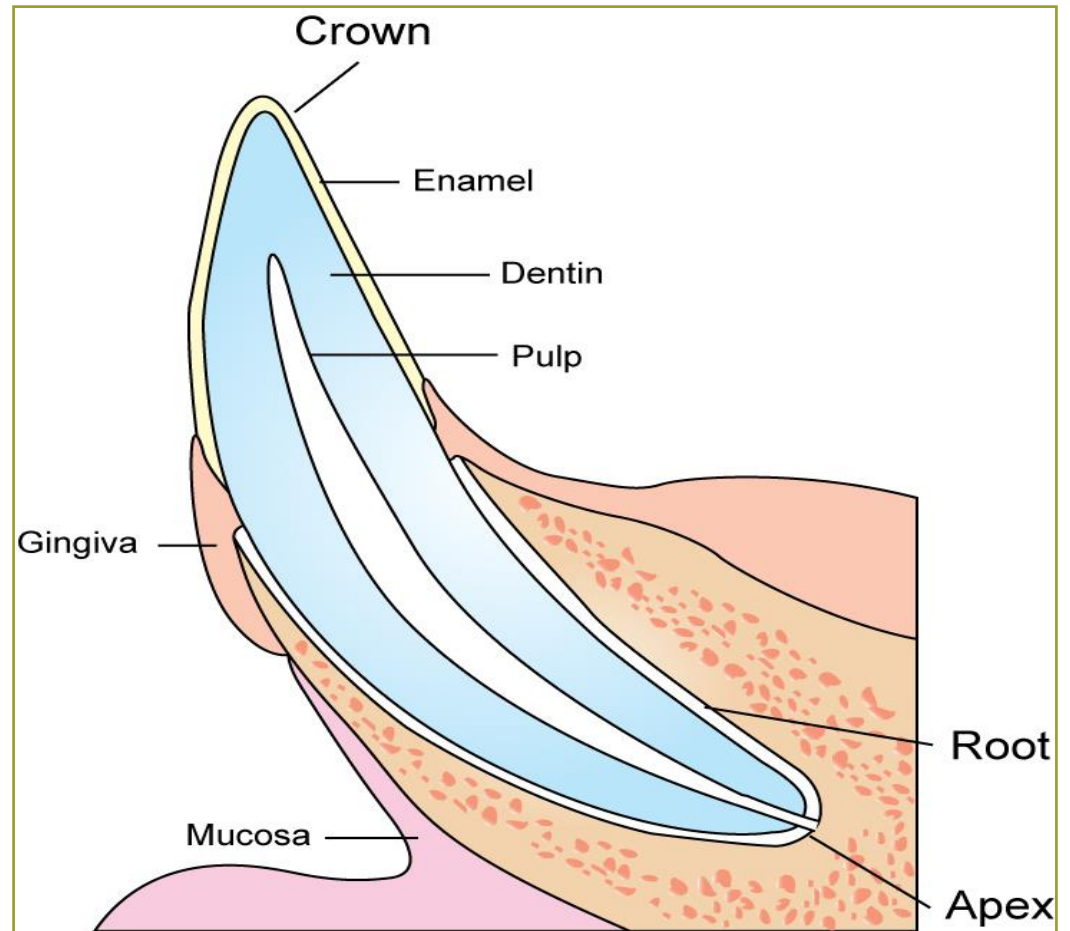
# Crown

- **Enamel** – covers crown of tooth
  - Hardest, toughest tissue in body
- **Pulp** – center of tooth
  - Blood and nerve supply enter at apex of tooth root
- **Dentin** surrounds and protects tooth pulp



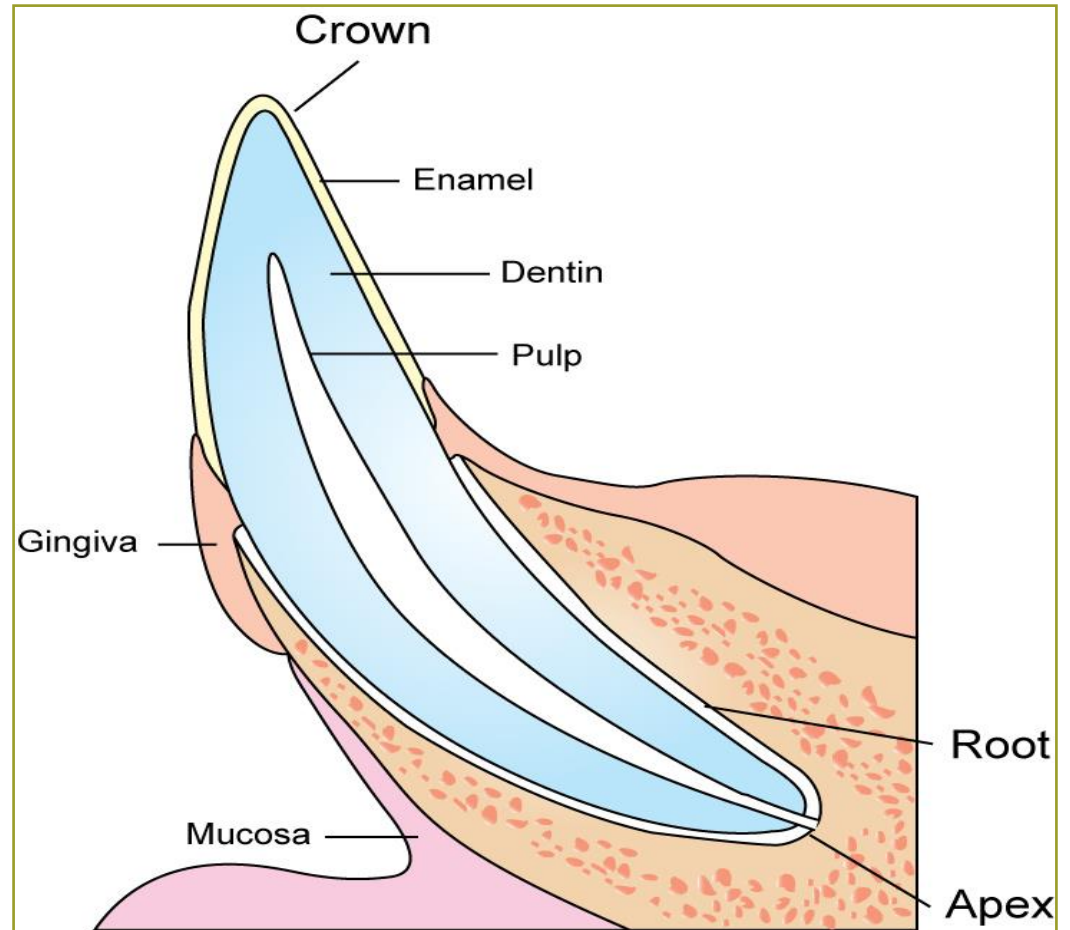
# Gingiva

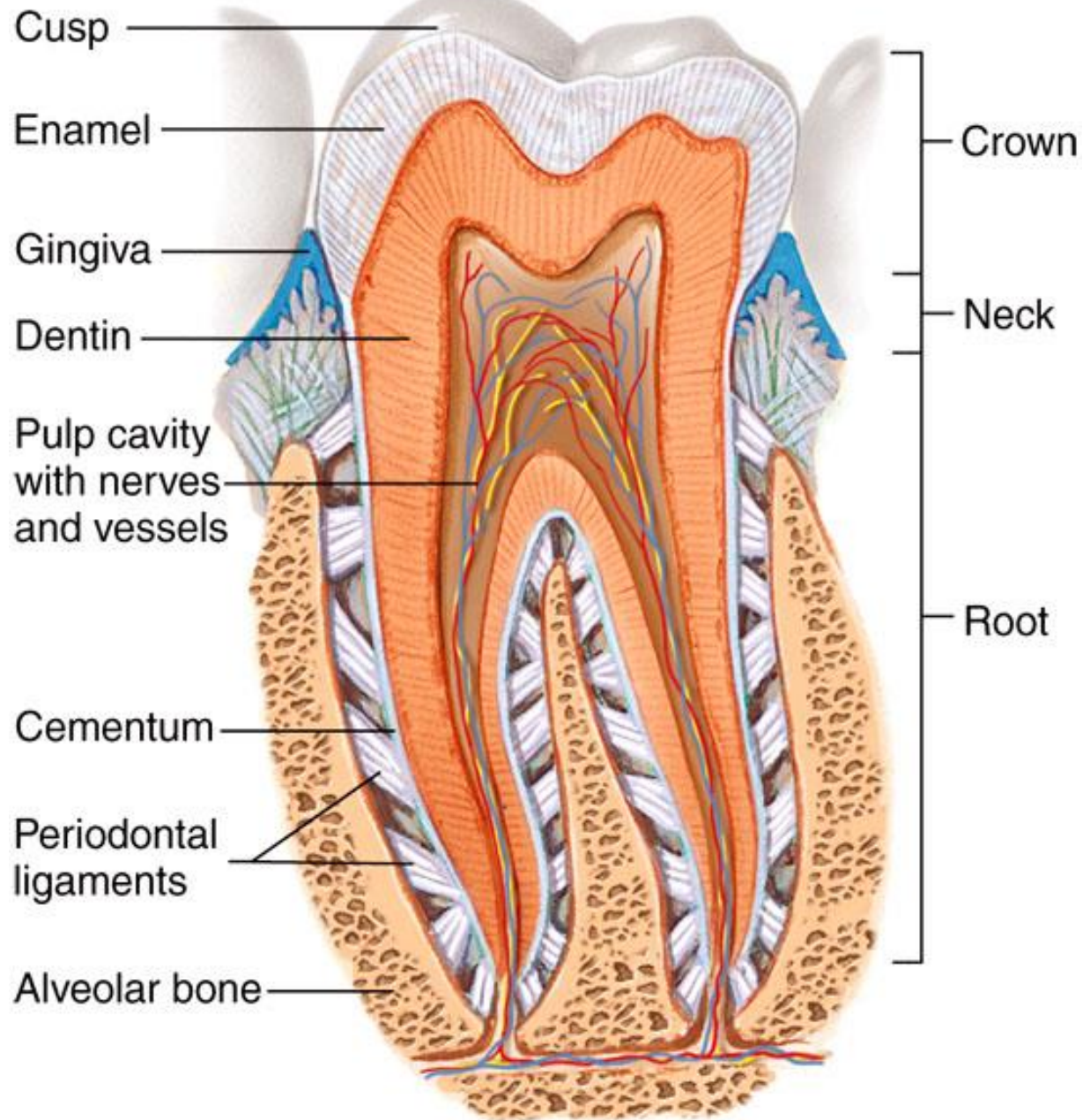
- Epithelial tissue that composes gums around teeth
- Gingival sulcus
  - Between crown and gingiva



# Root

- Periodontal ligament
- Cementum – hard connective tissue
  - Covers tooth root
  - Helps fasten tooth securely in its bony socket





# Dental Care

- Clinical Application –
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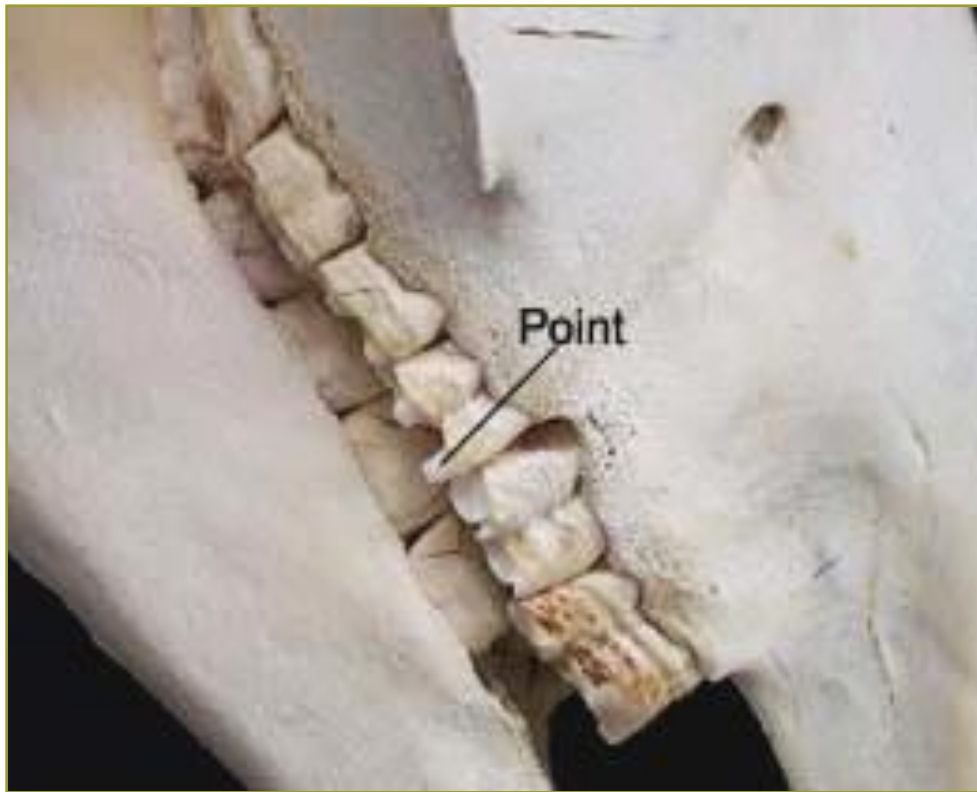


# Needs a Dentist?

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# Dental Pathology Equine; Canine



**Normal Appearing Teeth**



**The brown substance (calculus) is laden with bacteria which cause permanent damage to the gums.**

**Chronic gingivitis**

**Abnormal Teeth**

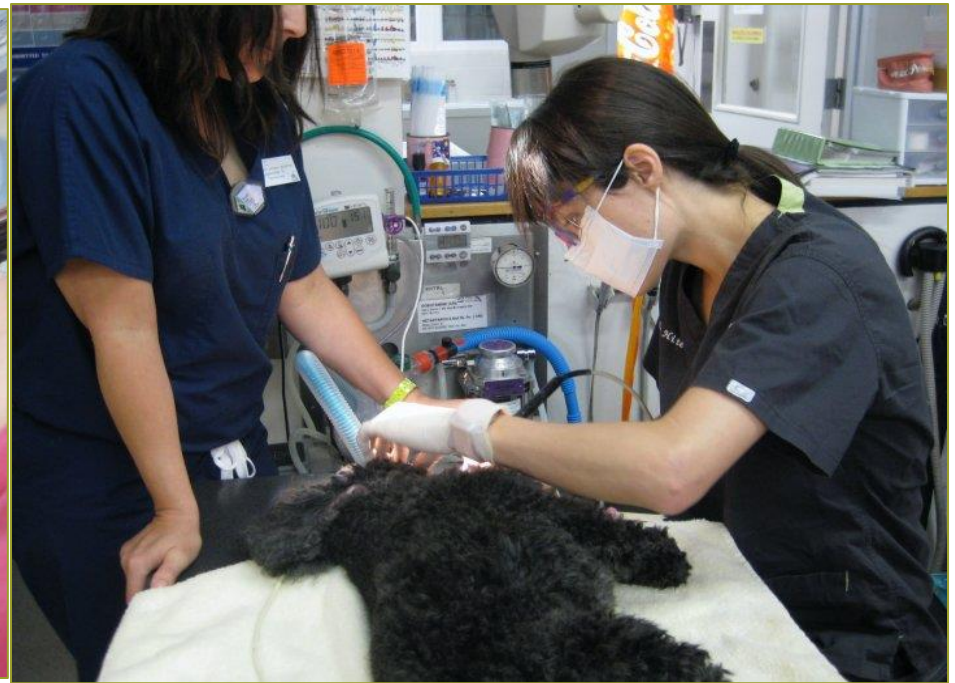
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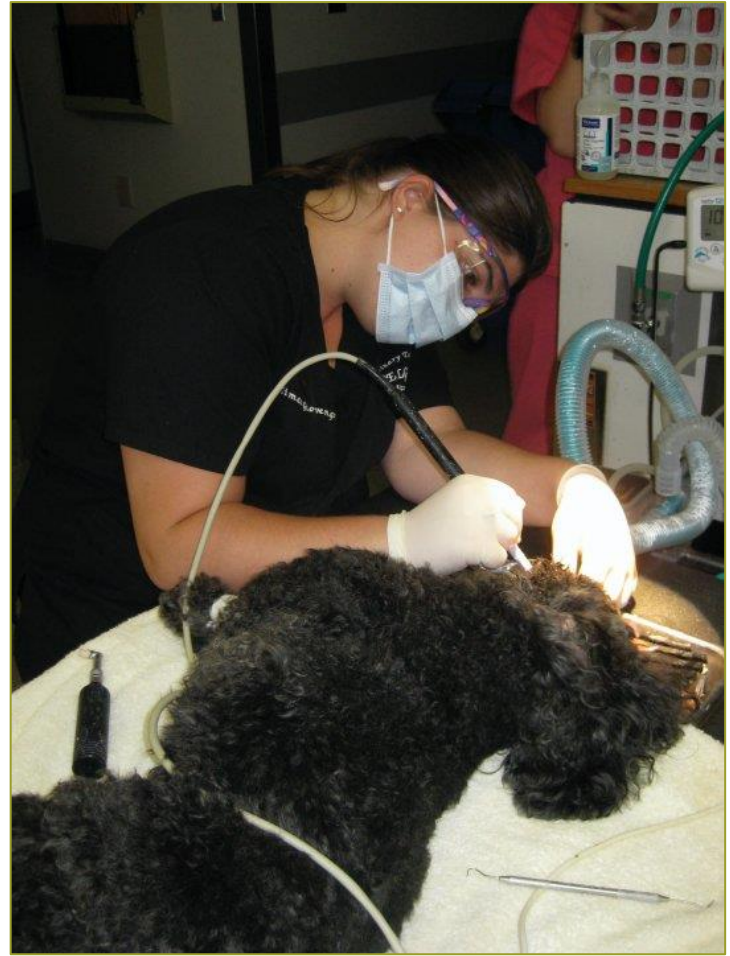
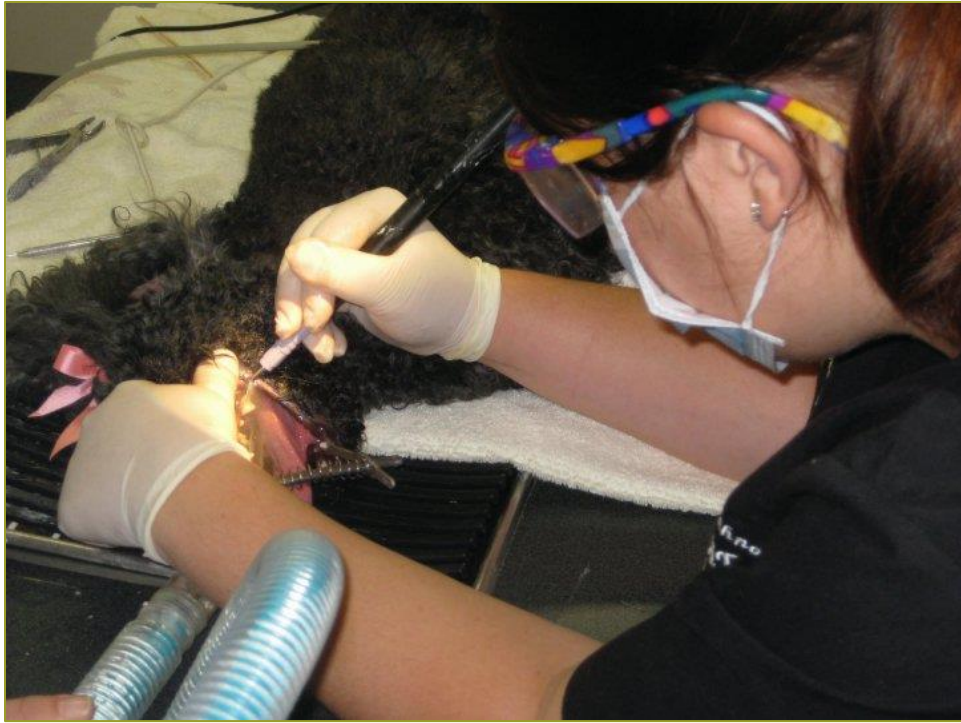


**Gingival recession with root exposure**

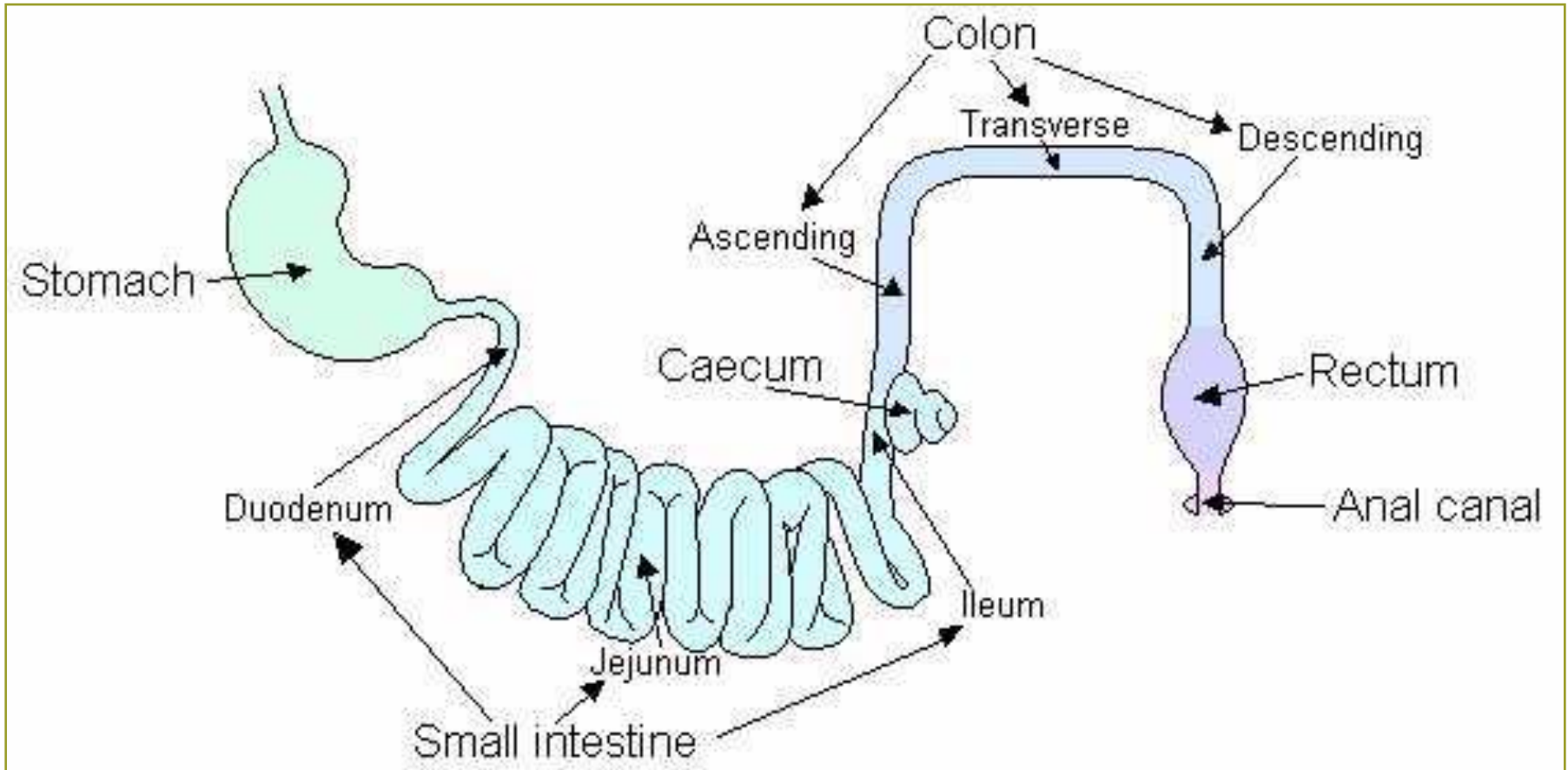


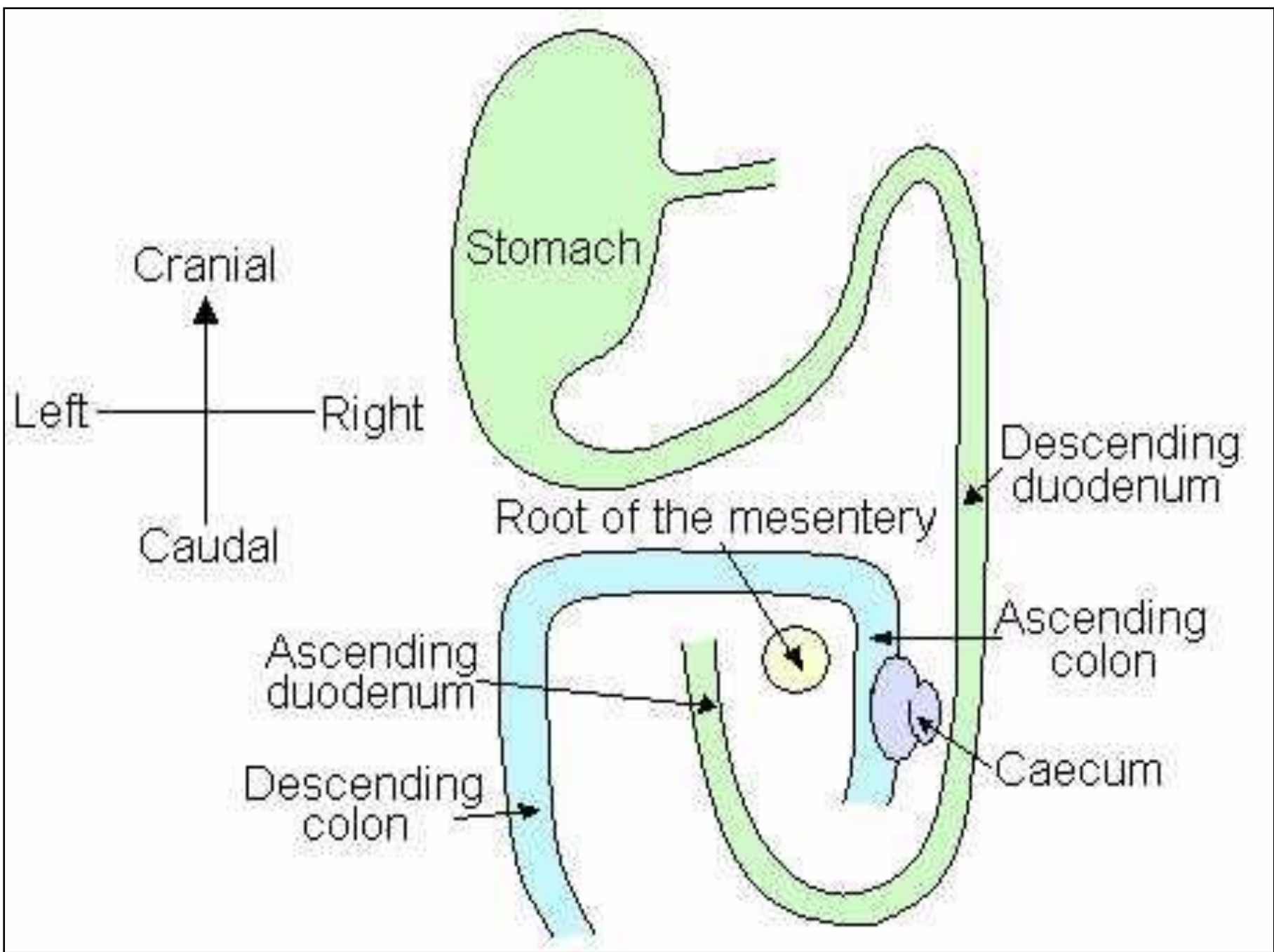
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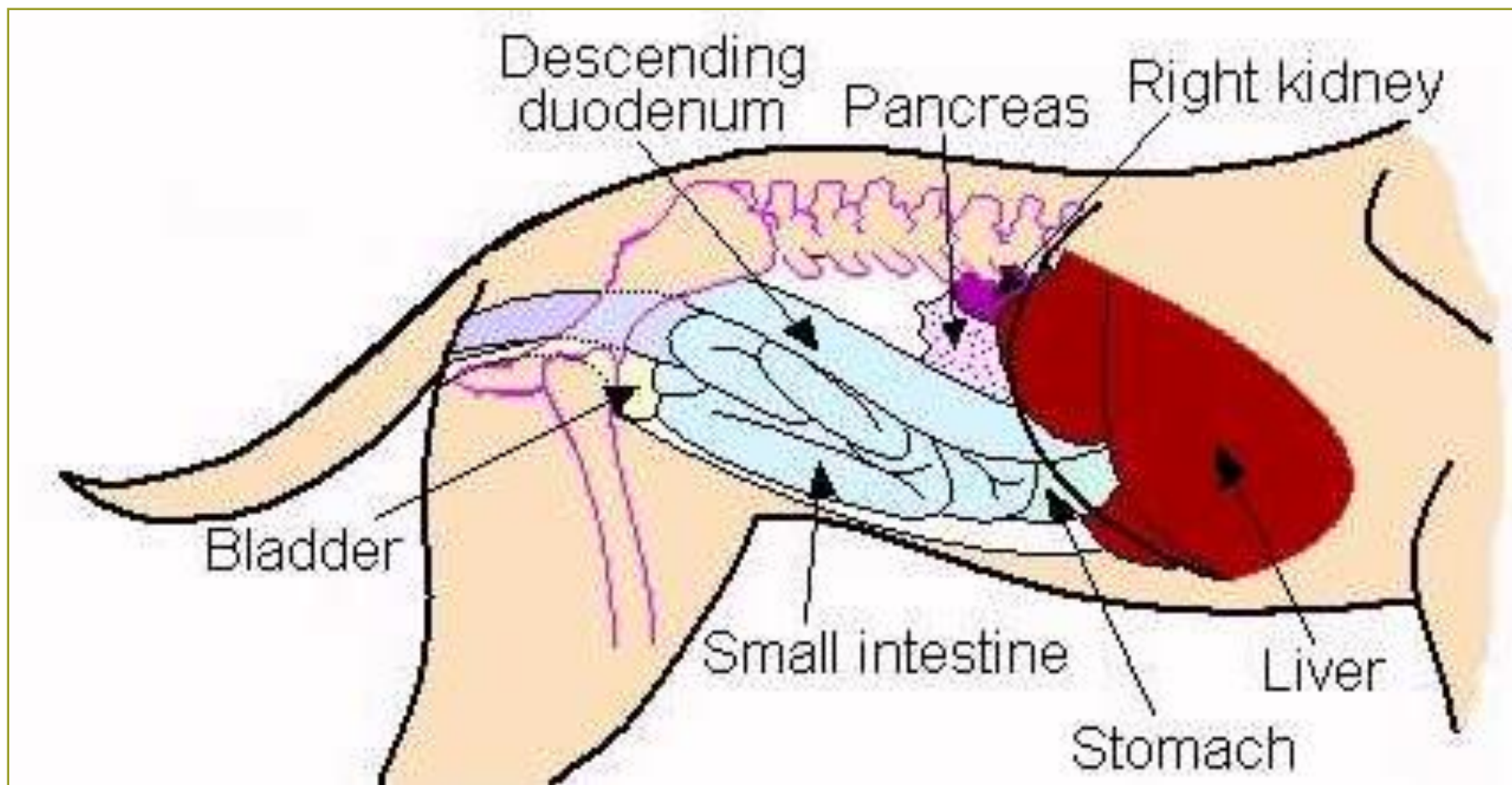


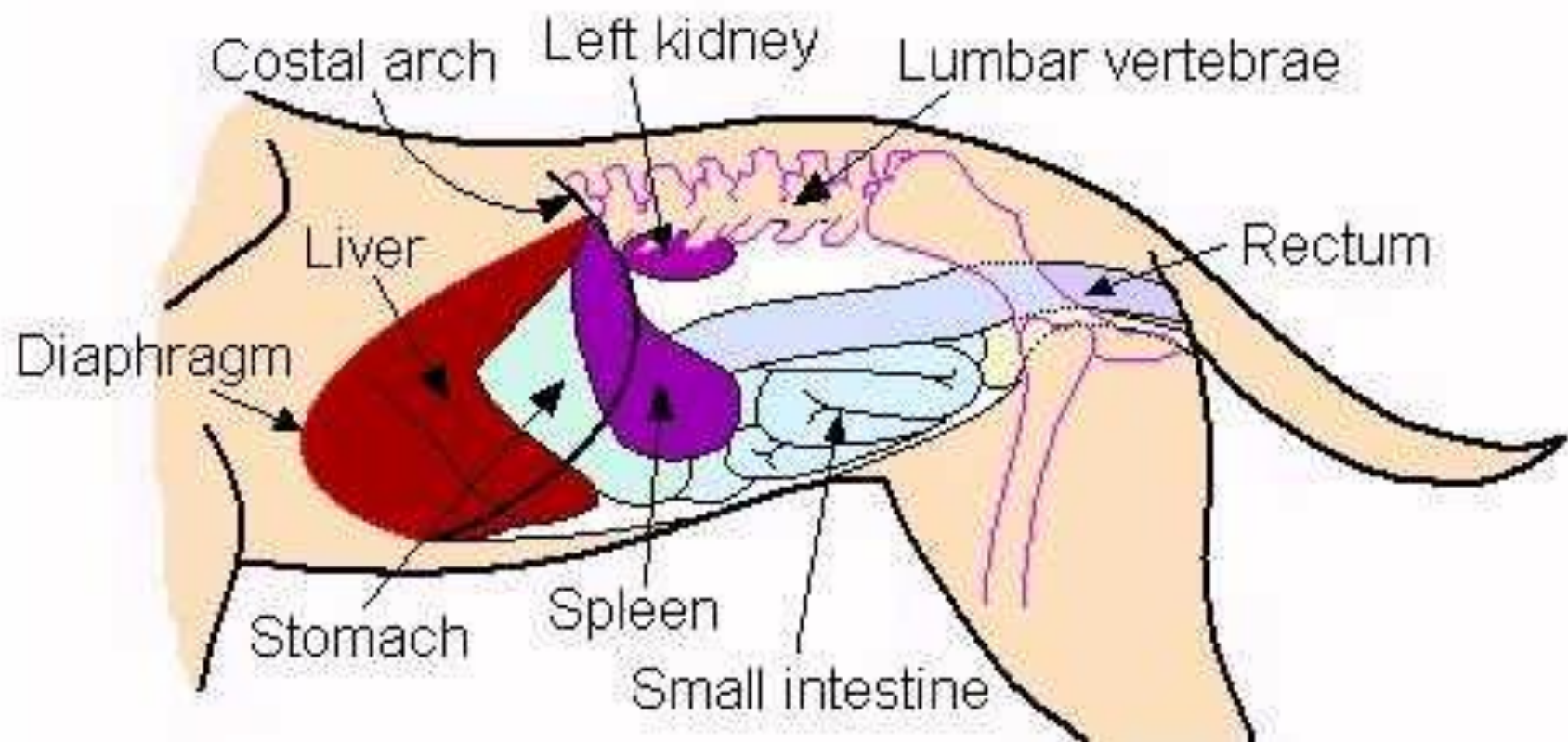


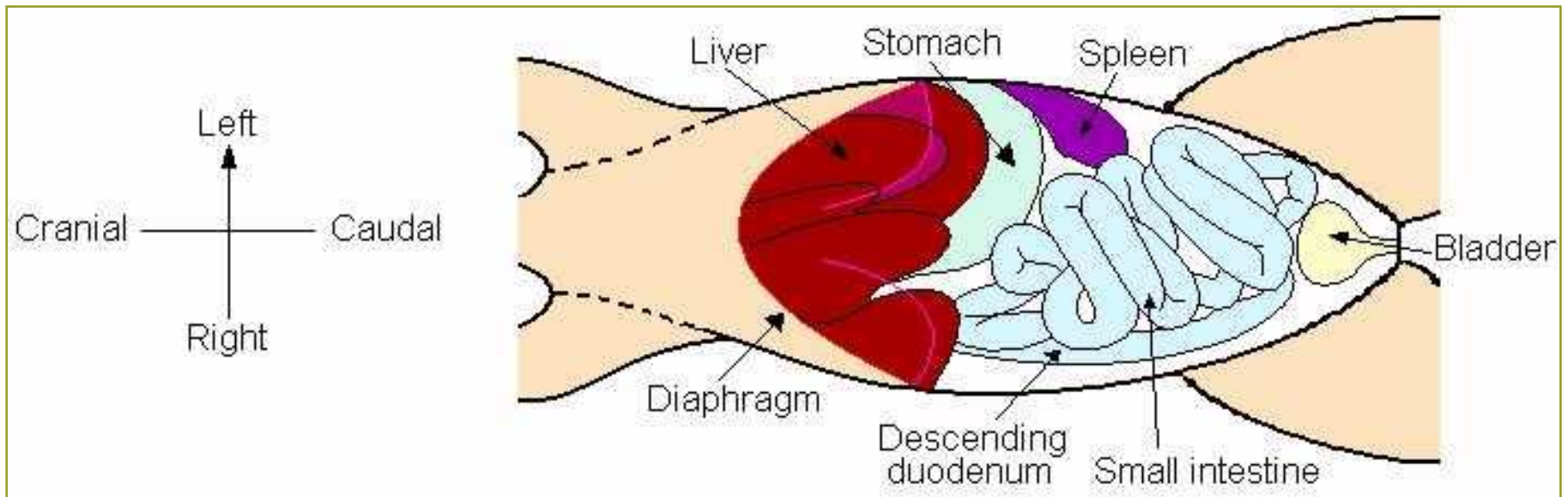
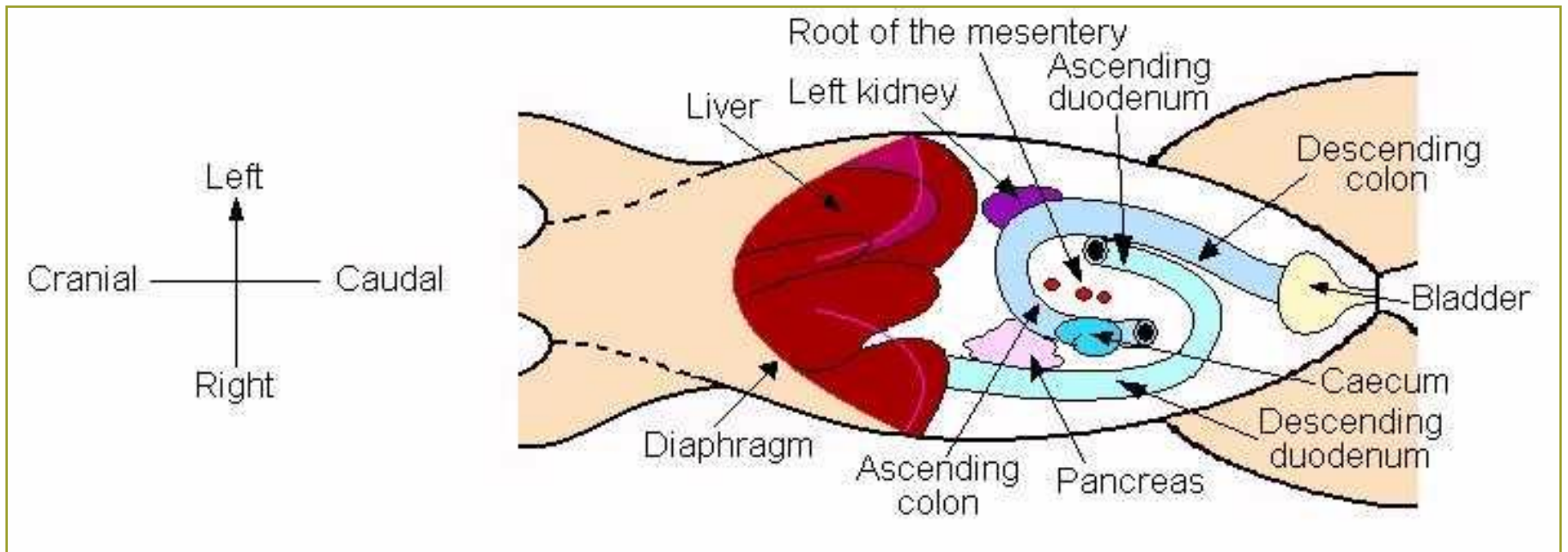
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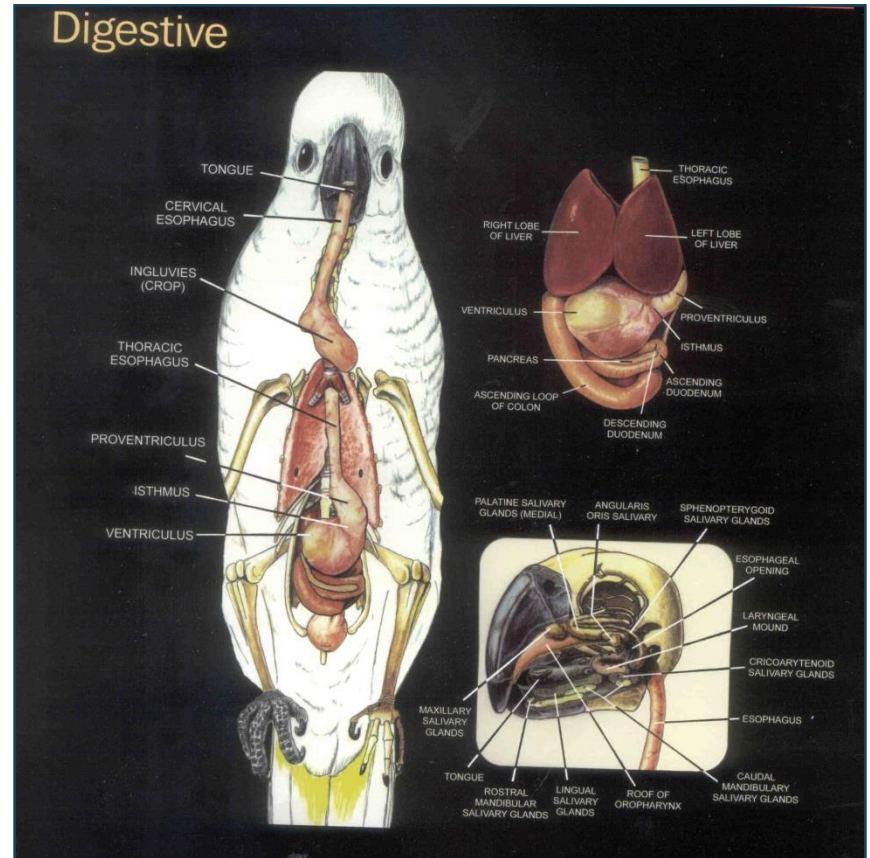
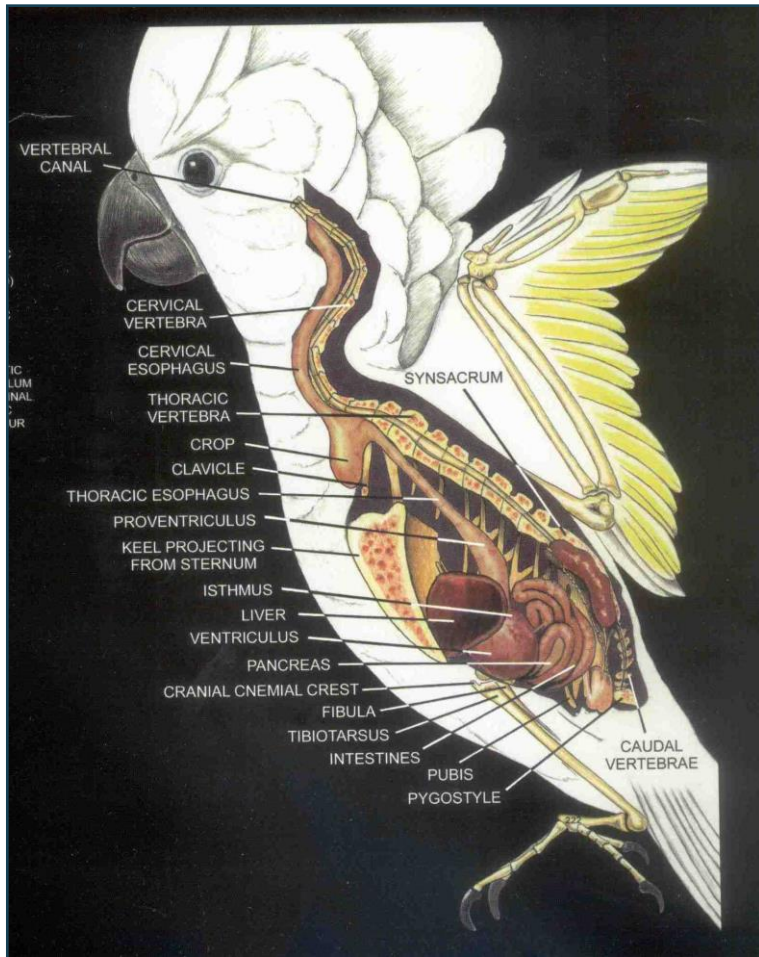








# Fun Comparative Anatomy! 😊





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# Esophagus & Stomach

Food Becomes Chyme

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# Esophagus

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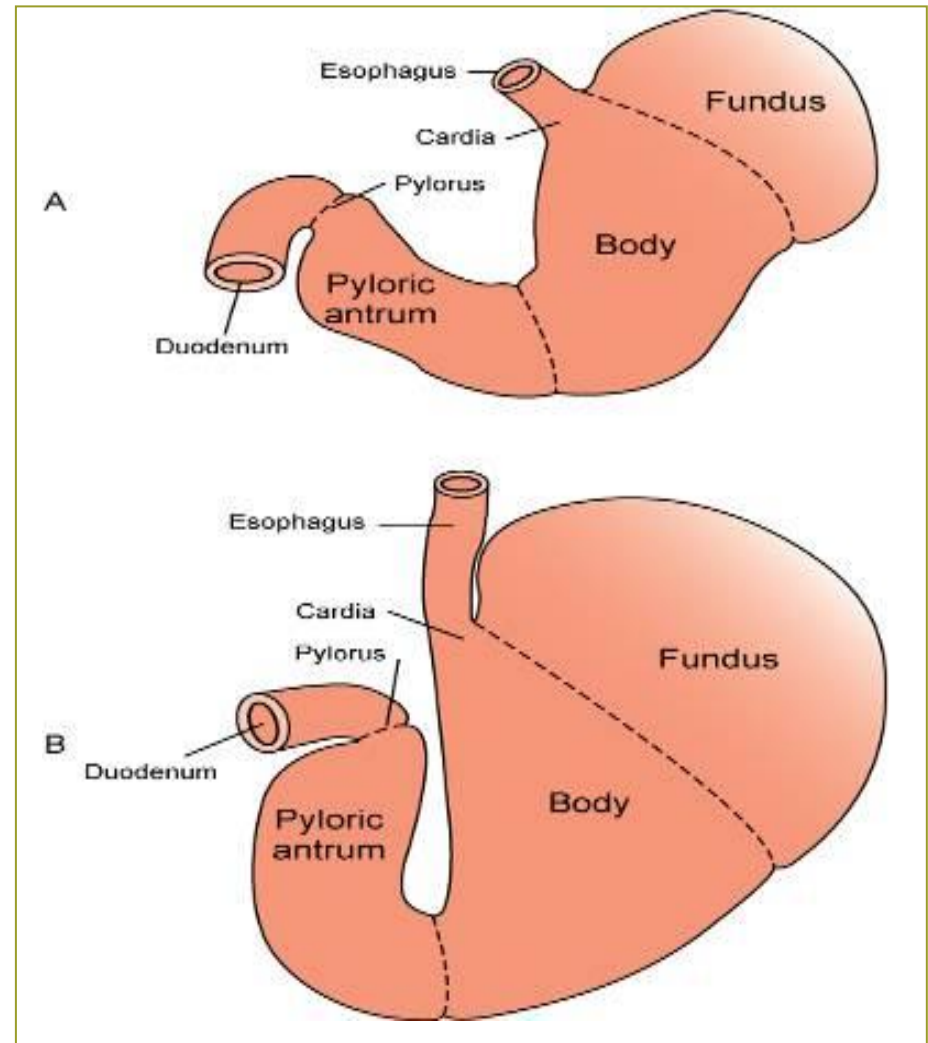
- Transports swallowed material from pharynx to stomach
- Enters the stomach at an angle in cardia region
  - Surrounded by cardiac sphincter muscle
- As stomach expands, fold of the stomach against esophagus closes the lower end of esophagus
  - Reduces the risk for reflux
  - In some species, the closure is strong enough to prevent reflux or vomiting (horse, rabbit)

# Monogastric Stomach

Figure 11-7, Page 271

- Five different areas

1. Cardia
2. Fundus
3. Body
4. Pyloric antrum
5. Pylorus



# Monogastric Stomach

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- Cardia – opening from the esophagus
- Fundus – distensible blind pouch; expands as more food is swallowed
- Body – distensible middle section
  - Fundus and body contain numerous glands
  - Gastric glands contain:
    - Parietal cells – produce hydrochloric acid
    - Chief cells – produce the enzyme pepsinogen
    - Mucous cells – produce the protective mucus

# Monogastric Stomach

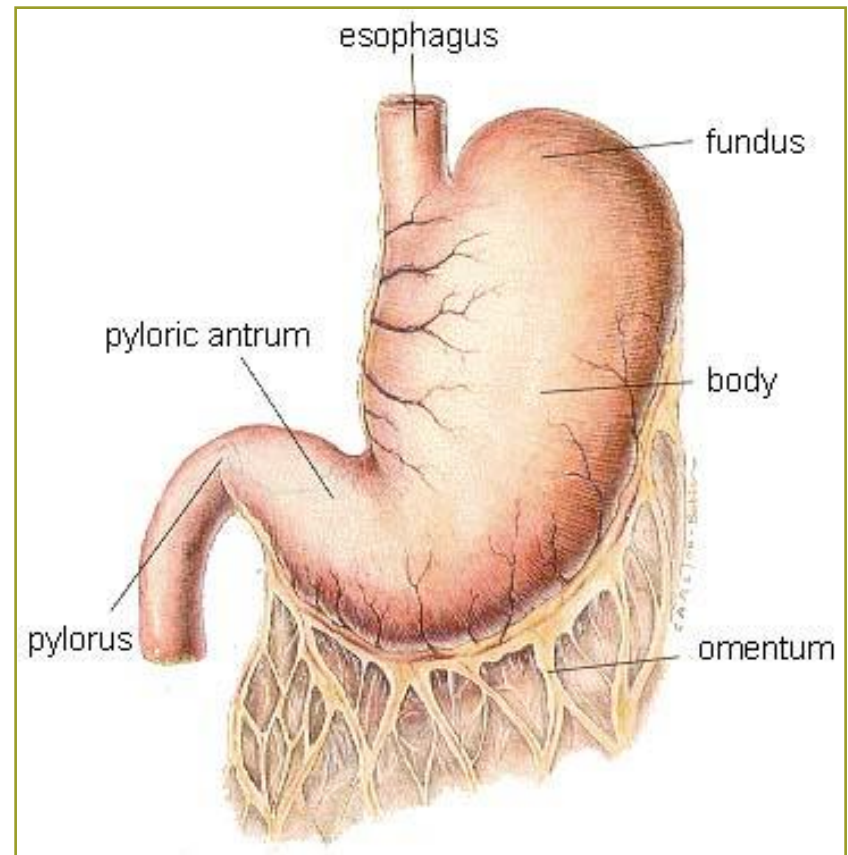
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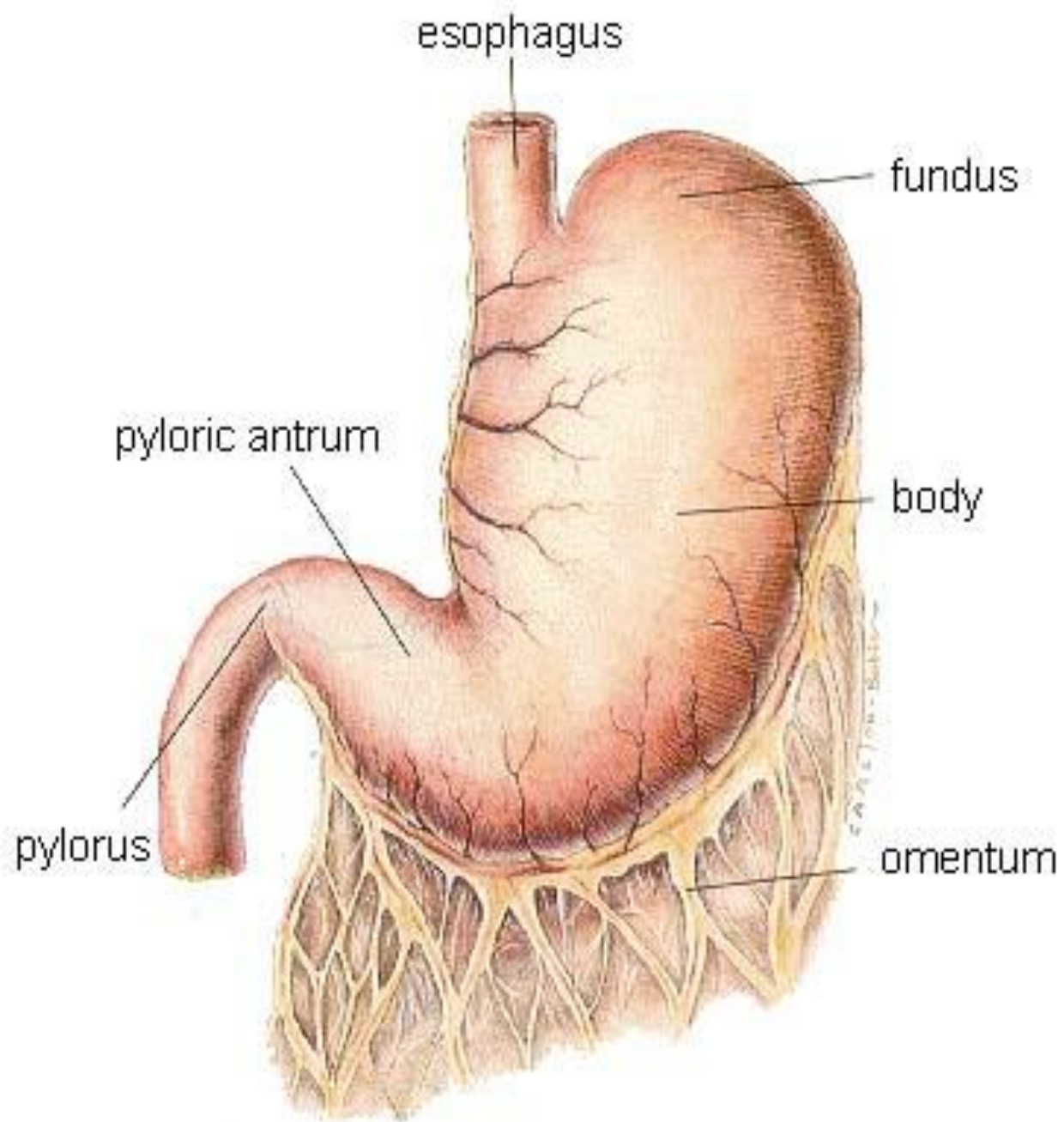
- Pyloric antrum – grinds up swallowed food; regulates hydrochloric acid
  - Glands contain G cells - secrete gastrin
- Pylorus – muscular sphincter; regulates the movement of chyme from the stomach into the duodenum
  - Prevents backflow of duodenal contents into the stomach

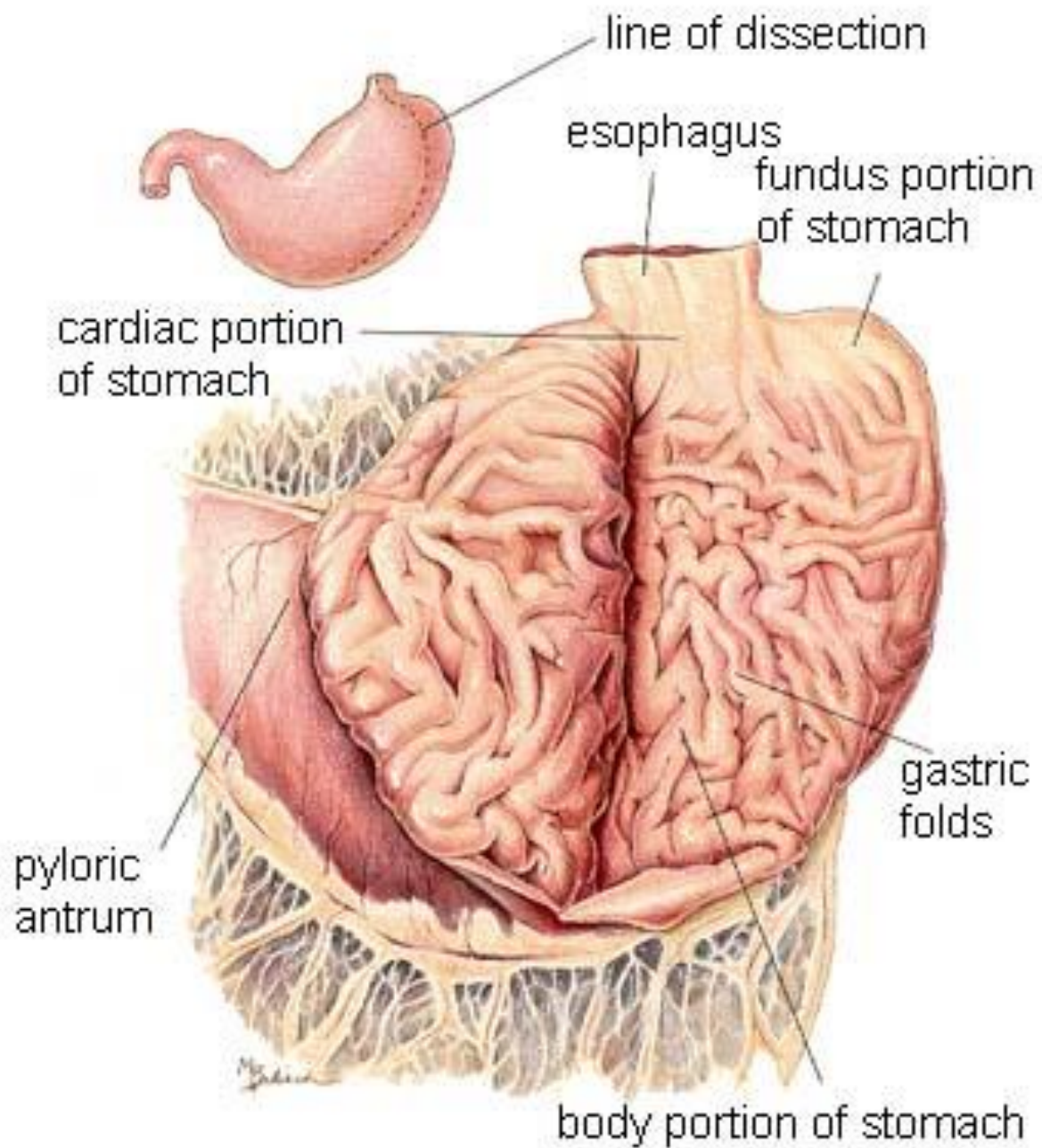
# Esophagus & Stomach

Figure 11-7, Page 271

- Esophagus
  - Food bolus
  - Peristalsis
- Stomach
  - Mucosal lining (Rugae)
  - Mechanical digestion
  - Chemical digestion
    - HCl
    - Protease (pepsin)
- Pylorus (pyloric valve)







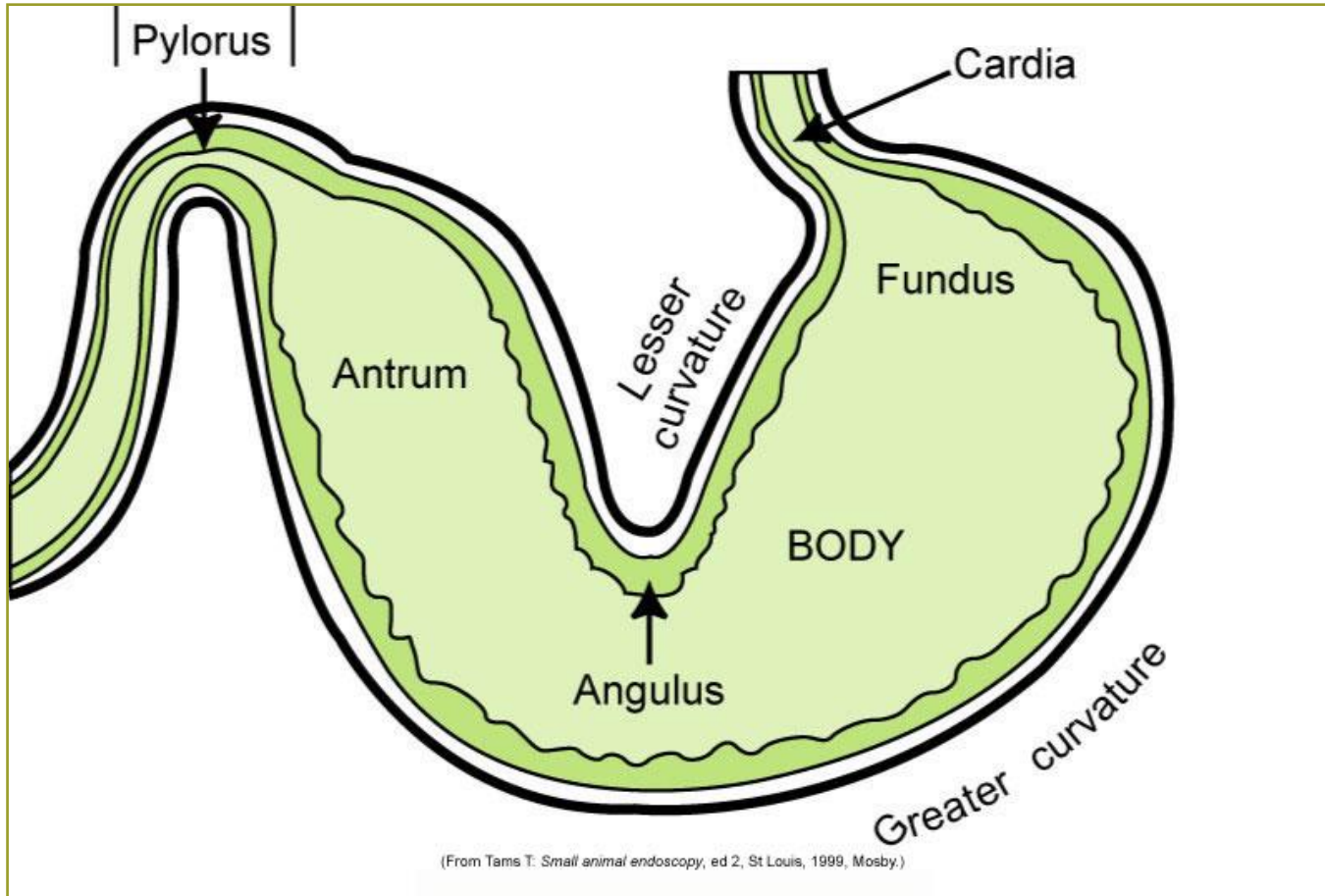


# Rugae Have Ridges! 😊



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# Stomach Anatomy



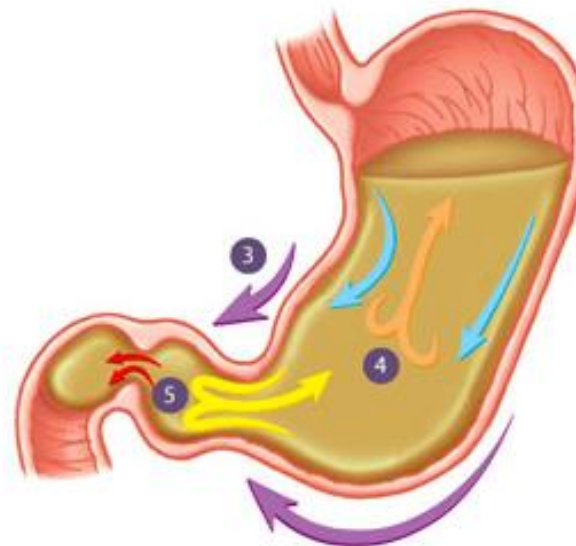
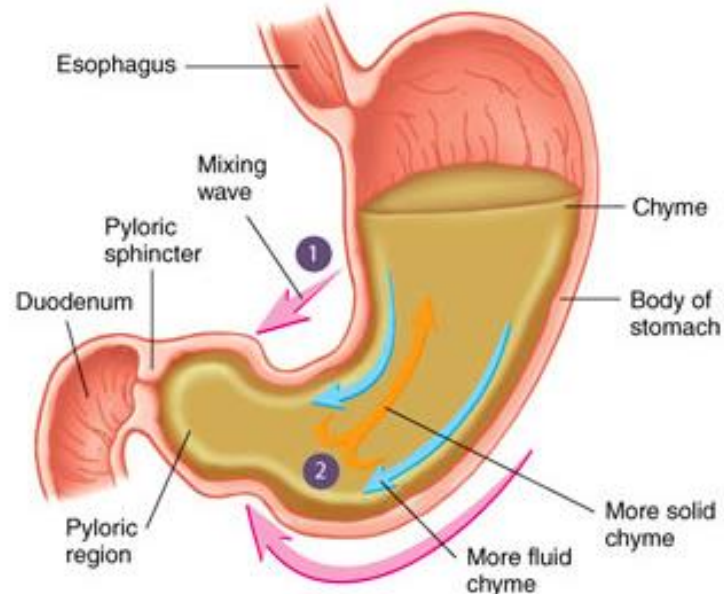
1. A mixing wave initiated in the body of the stomach progresses toward the pyloric sphincter (*pink arrows directed inward*).

2. The more fluid part of the chyme is pushed toward the pyloric sphincter (*blue arrows*), whereas the more solid center of the chyme squeezes past the peristaltic constriction back toward the body of the stomach (*orange arrow*).

3. Peristaltic waves (*purple arrows*) move in the same direction and in the same way as the mixing waves but are stronger.

4. Again, the more fluid part of the chyme is pushed toward the pyloric region (*blue arrows*), whereas the more solid center of the chyme squeezes past the peristaltic constriction back toward the body of the stomach (*orange arrow*).

5. Peristaltic contractions force a few milliliters of the most fluid chyme through the pyloric opening into the duodenum (*small red arrows*). Most of the chyme, including the more solid portion, is forced back toward the body of the stomach for further mixing (*yellow arrow*).



# Gastric Motility

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- Each area of the stomach has different motor functions.
  - Fundus and body relax with swallowing of food
  - Body of the stomach contracts to help mix food
  - Pyloric antrum increases contractions in response to swallowing; stimulates mixing, grinding, and propulsive contractions that move food toward the pylorus
- Peristalsis also occurs in stomach and intestines

# Gastric Secretions

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- **Pepsinogen** - secreted by chief cells; precursor for the enzyme pepsin
  - Breaks proteins into chains of amino acids
- **Hydrochloric acid (HCl)**
  - Hydrogen ( $H^+$ ) and chloride ( $Cl^-$ ) ions - secreted by parietal cells in the gastric glands
  - Combine in the stomach to produce hydrochloric acid
- **Mucous** – produced by goblet cells in gastric glands; main constituent of the mucous coating

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# Comparative Anatomy Ruminant Stomach

Reticulum

Rumen

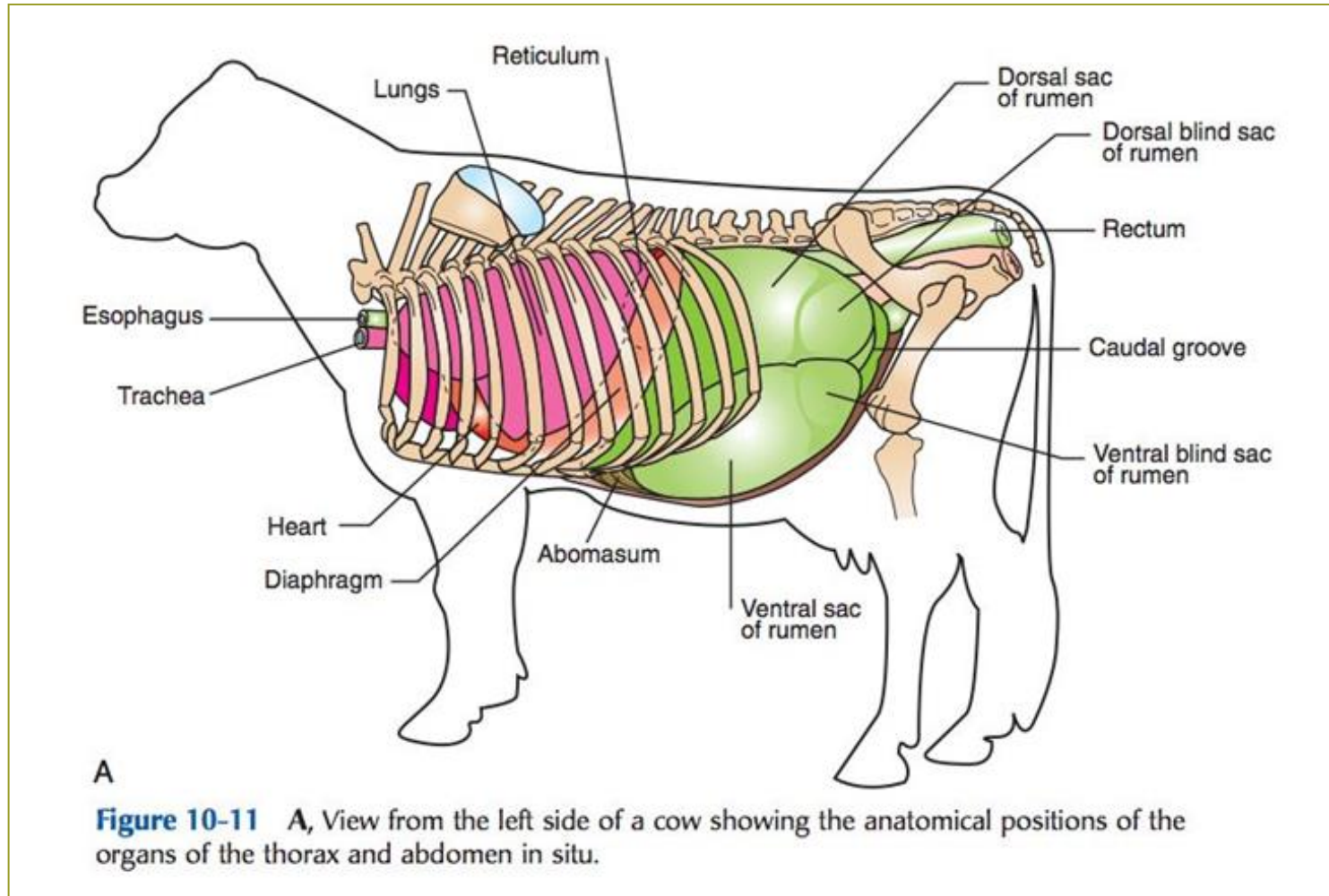
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Omasum

Abomasum

# Ruminant Viscera

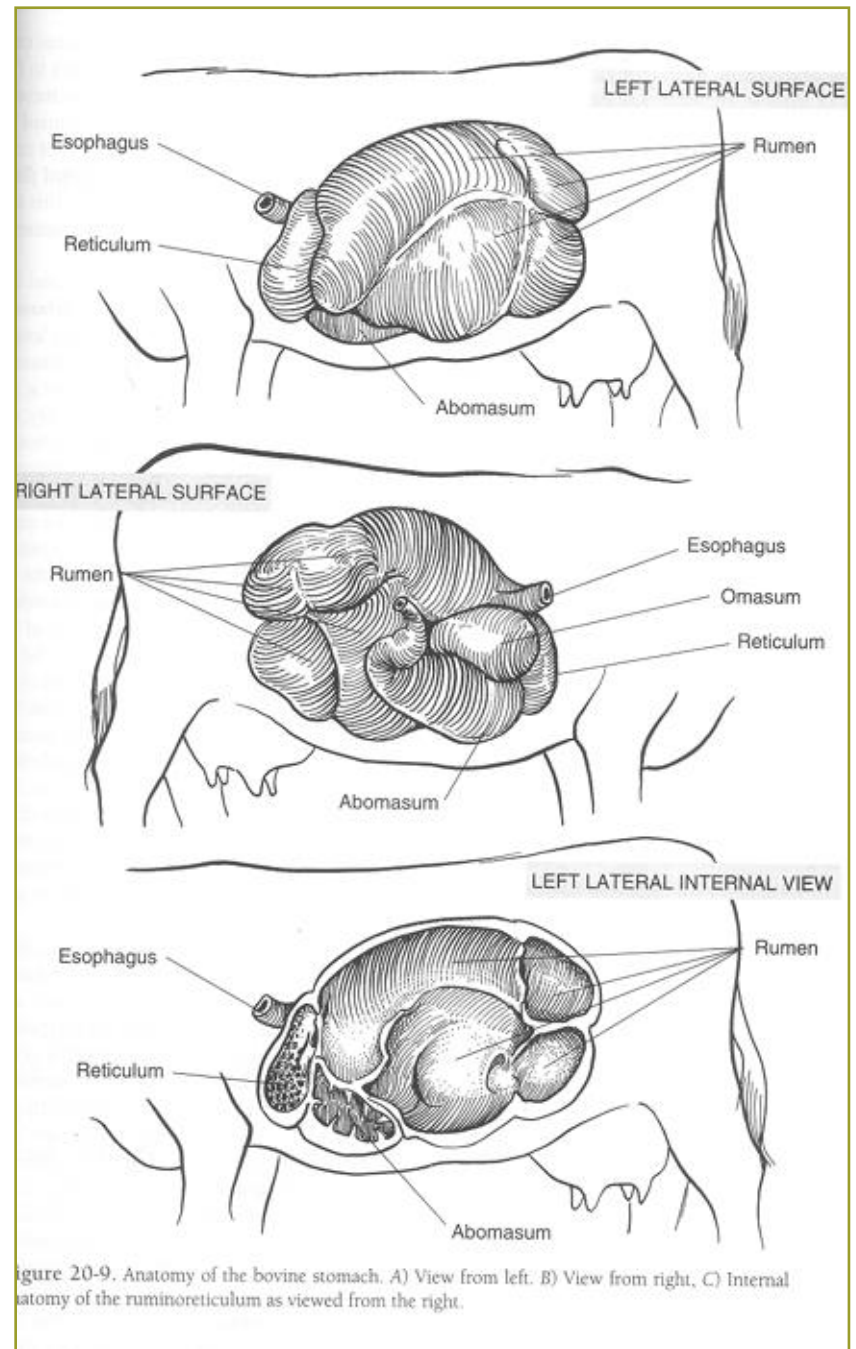
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# Ruminant Stomach

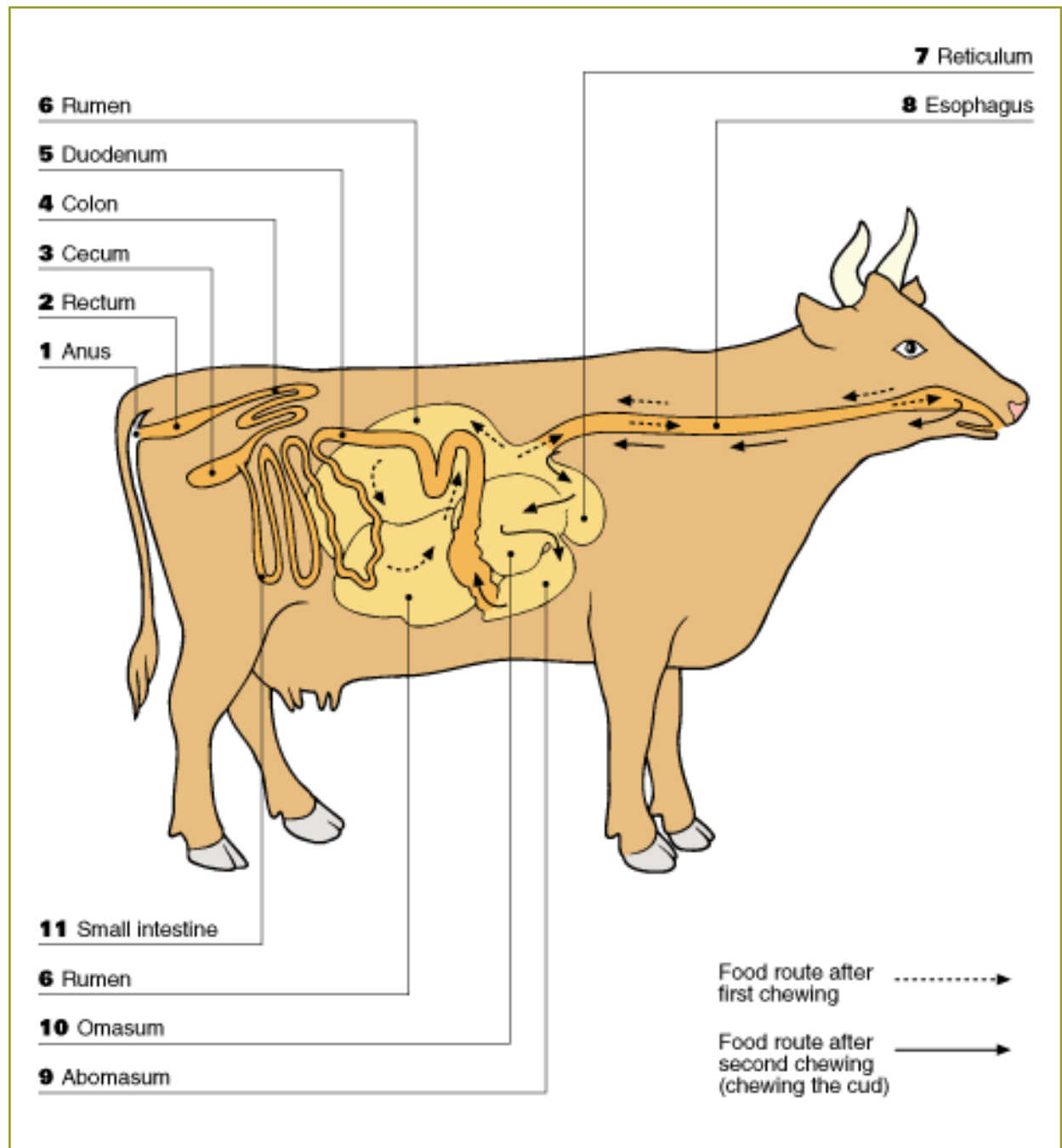
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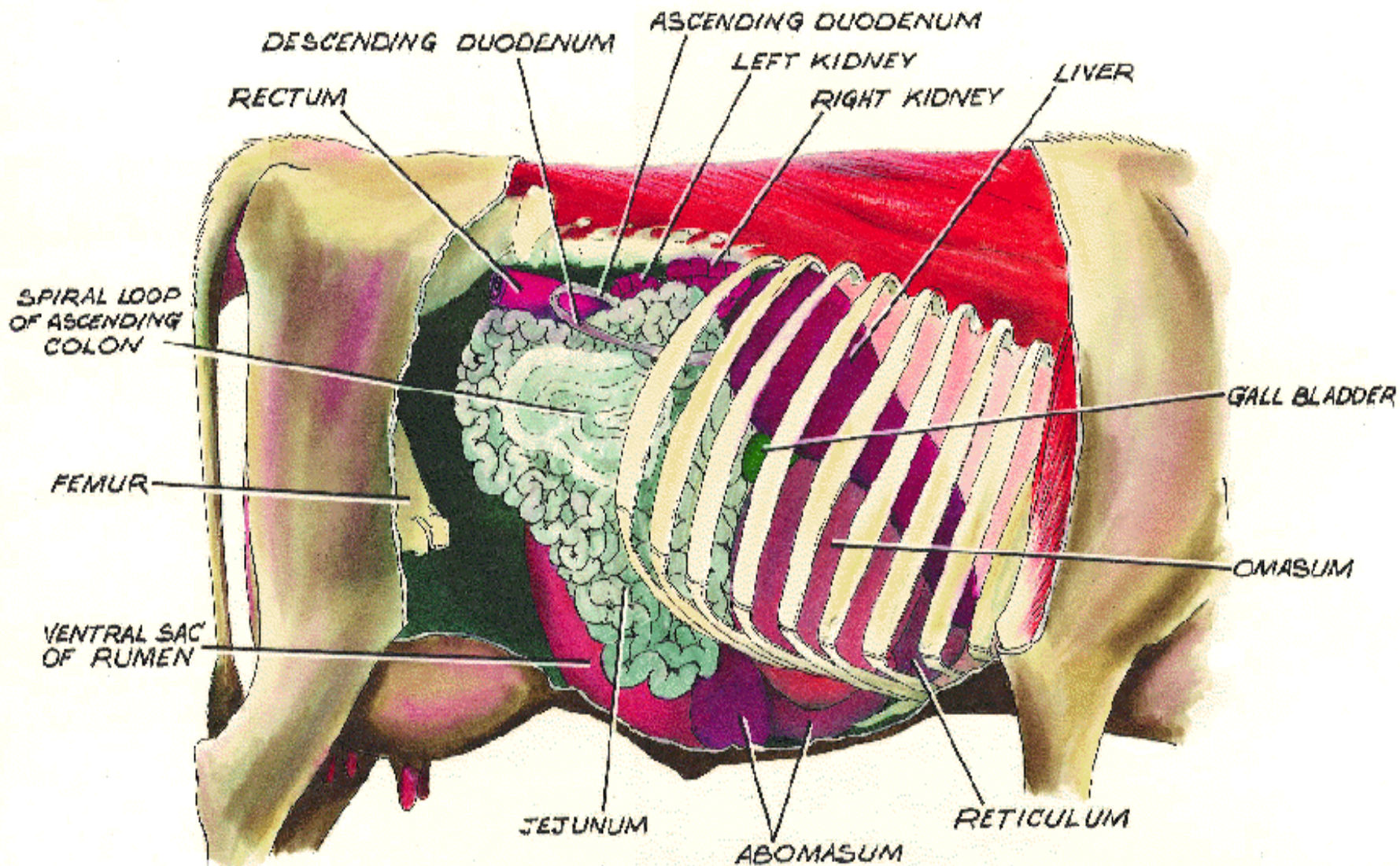
- Reticulum
- Rumen
- Omasum
- Abomasum



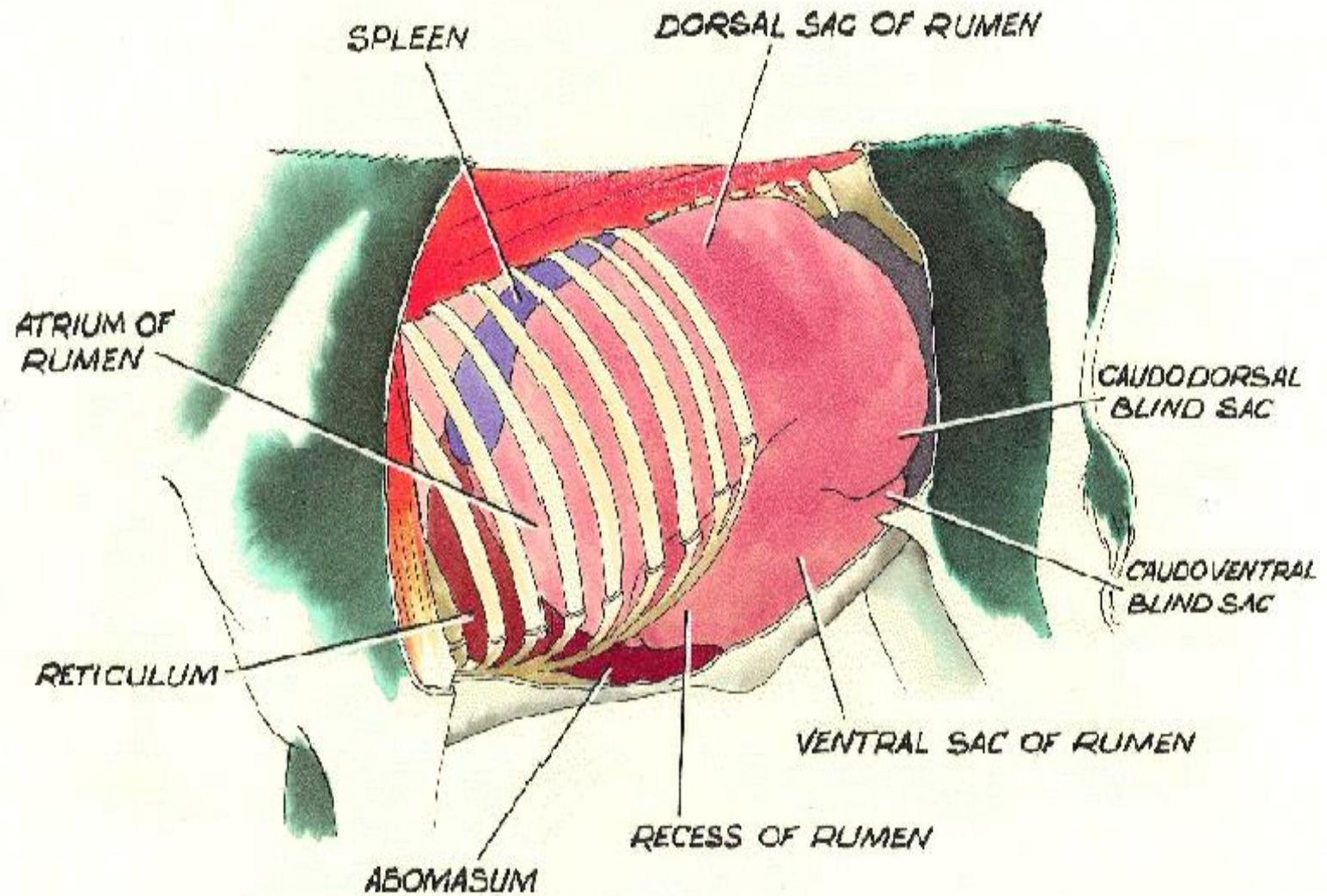


# Ruminant Digestive Tract



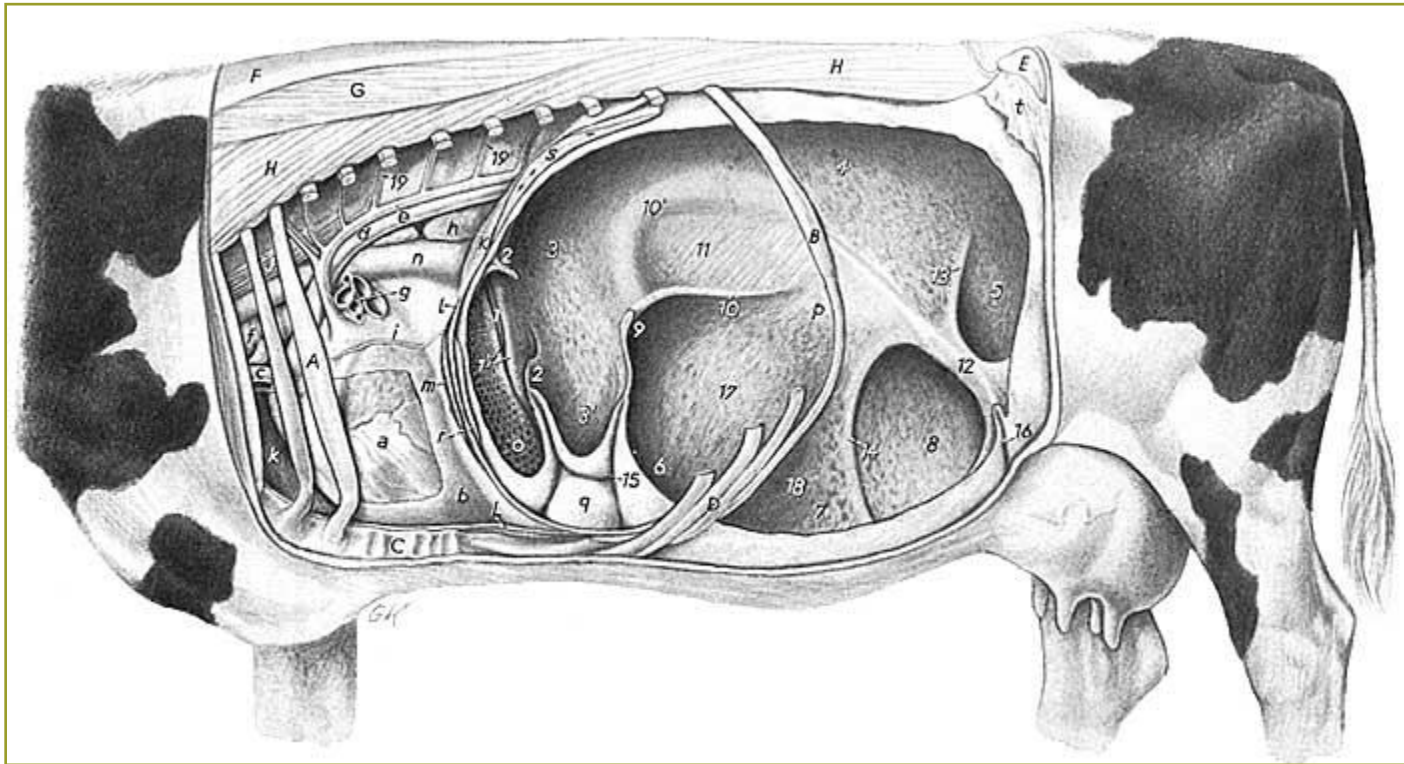


**TOPOGRAPHY OF RIGHT SIDE OF ABDOMEN OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD NON-PREGNANT COW**



**TOPOGRAPHY OF LEFT SIDE OF ABDOMEN OF 9-MONTH-OLD NON-PREGNANT HEIFER**

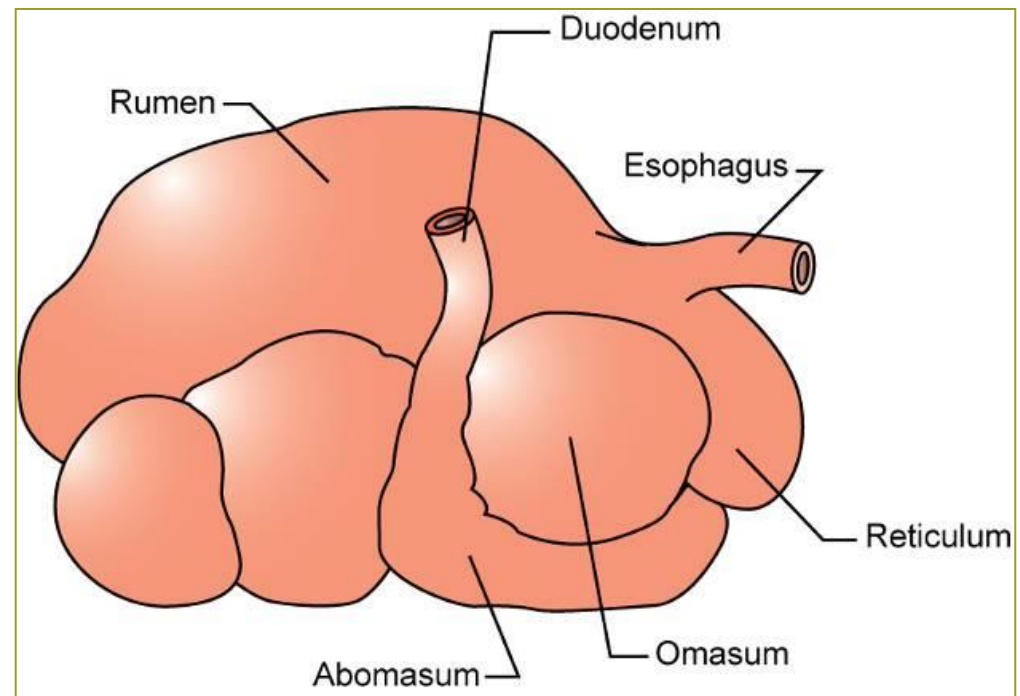
# HUGE Bovine Stomach! 😊



# Ruminants

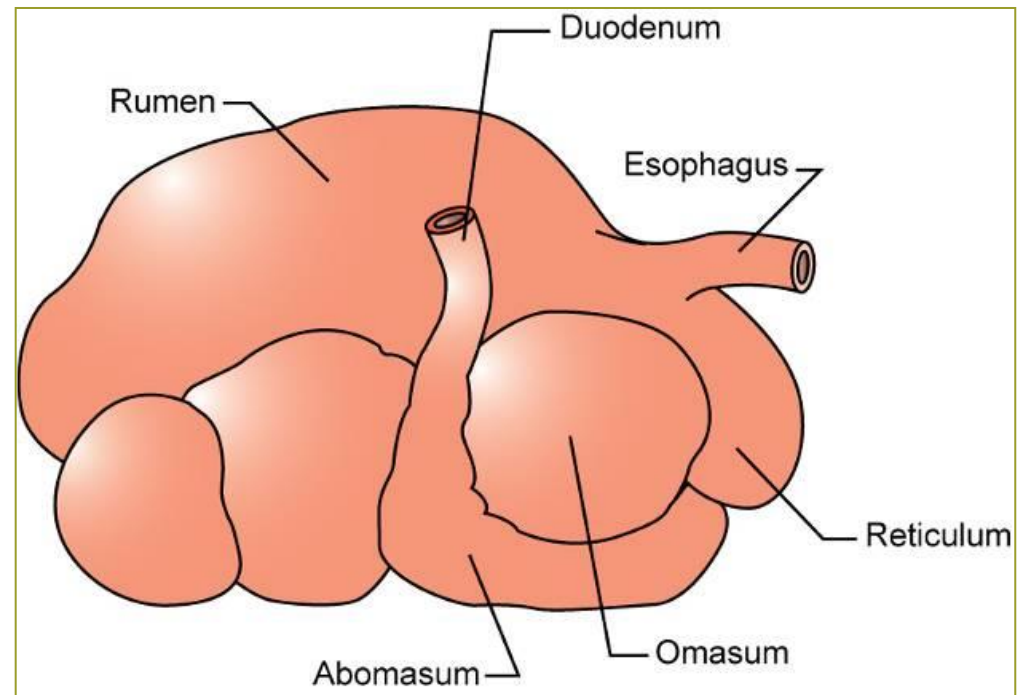
## Figure 11-8, Page 274

- One true stomach and three forestomachs
- Ruminants swallow their food, regurgitate it to chew on it some more before swallowing it again (rumination)

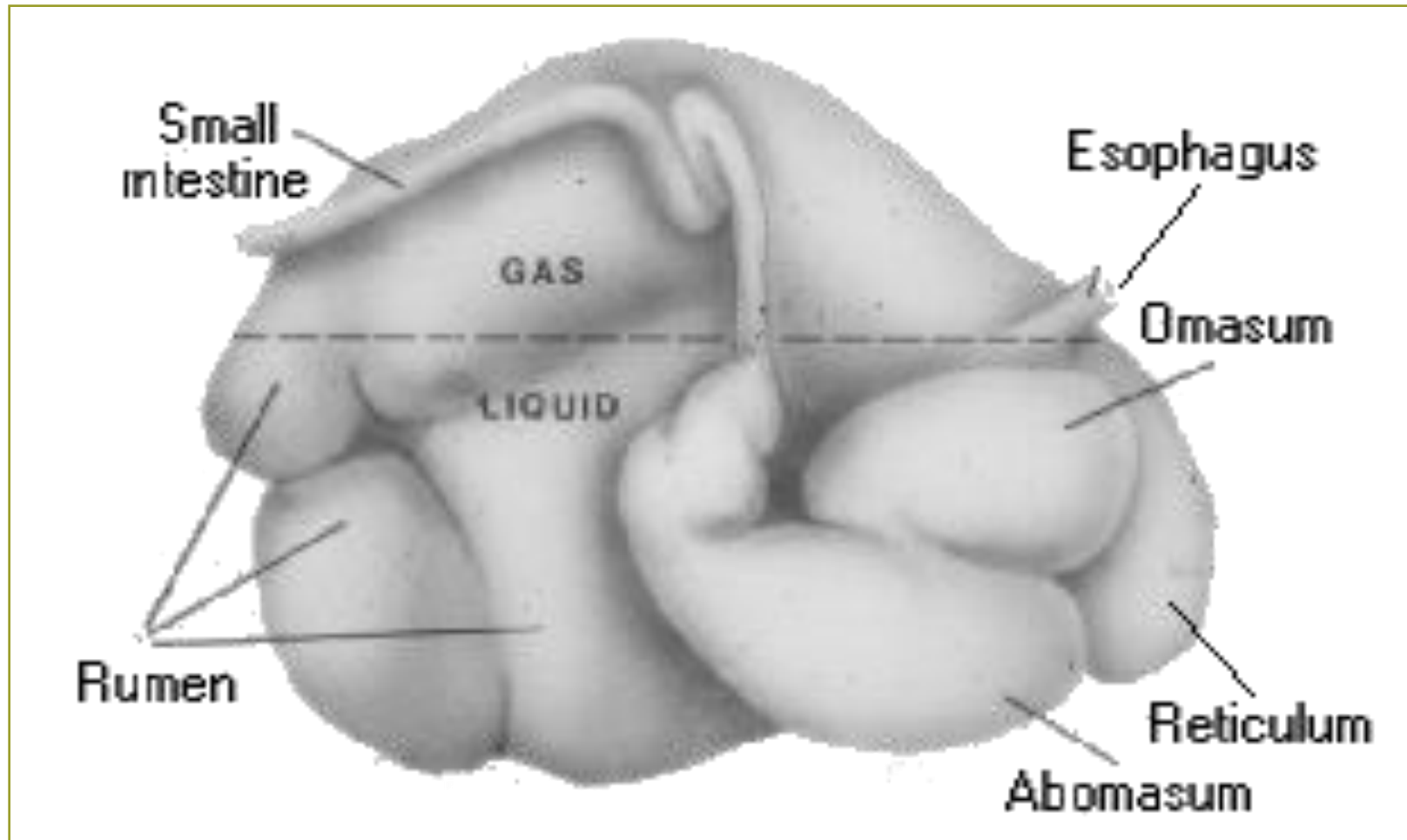


# Ruminants

- Abomasum – true stomach
- Forestomachs
  - Reticulum
  - Rumen
  - Omasum

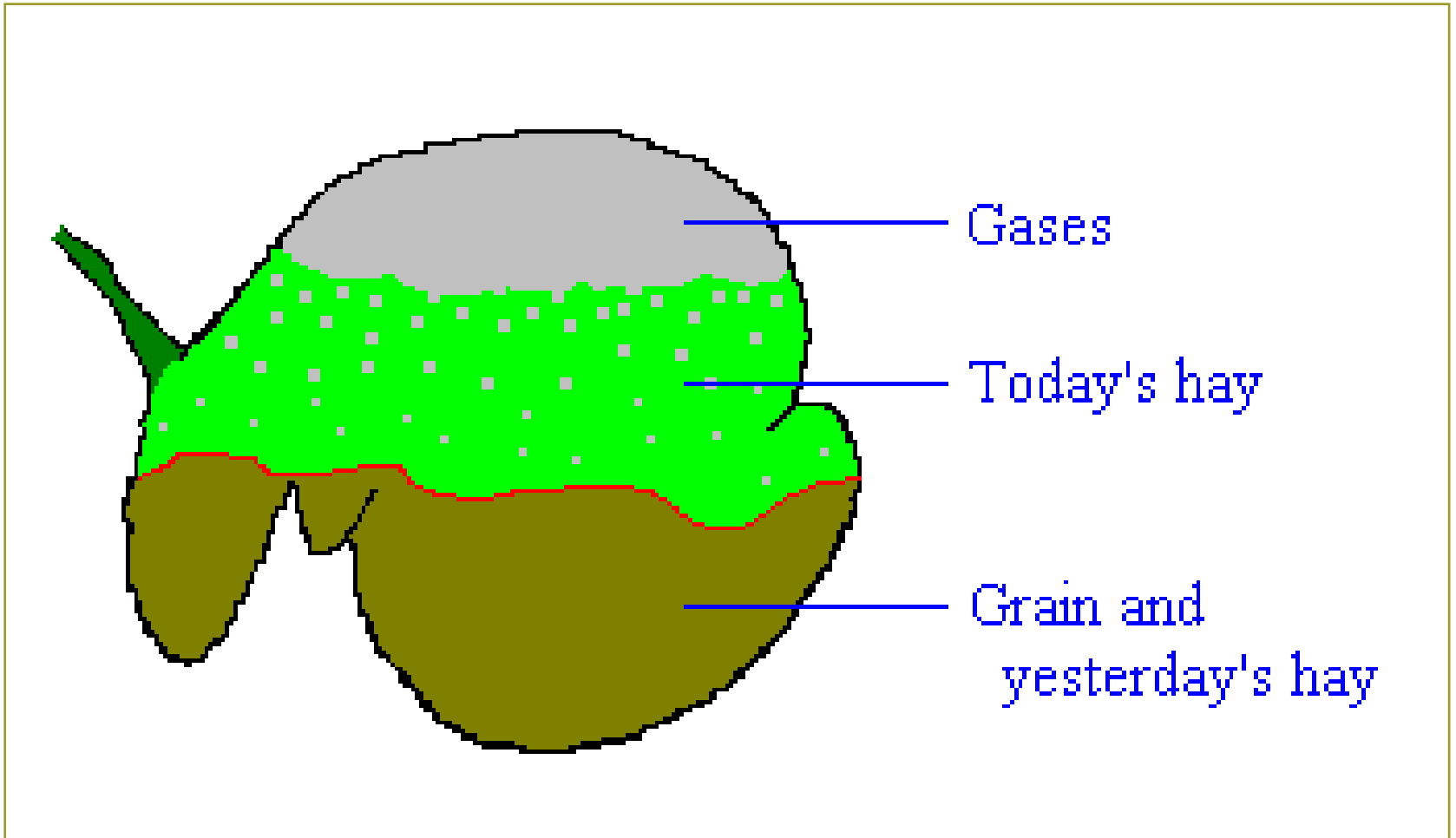


# Fluid/Gas Lines



# Fluid/Gas Lines

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# Reticulum

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- Smallest, most cranial compartment of the forestomach compartments
- Lining composed of honeycomb arrangement of folds
- Hardware disease
- Reticulum and rumen – coordinated contractions

# Reticulum

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# Rumen

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- Series of muscular sacs partially separated from one another by long muscular folds of rumen wall called pillars
  - Pillars aid in mixing and stirring of ruminal contents
- Reticuloruminal contractions
  - Allow partially digested plant food to be regurgitated
  - Allow built-up carbon dioxide or methane gas to be expelled from the rumen

# Physiology of Ruminantion

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- Rumination – “chewing cud”
  - Regurgitation
  - Resalivation
  - Reswallowing of food
- Eruclation – CO<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>4</sub> gas from rumen
- Bacteria & protozoa digest cellulose (plant fiber)

# Omasum and Abomasum

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- Omasum – muscular organ with many muscular folds
- Breaks food particles down further
- Abomasum – true stomach
  - Functions much the same as monogastric stomach
  - On left side, just like monogastric stomach

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# Small Intestine

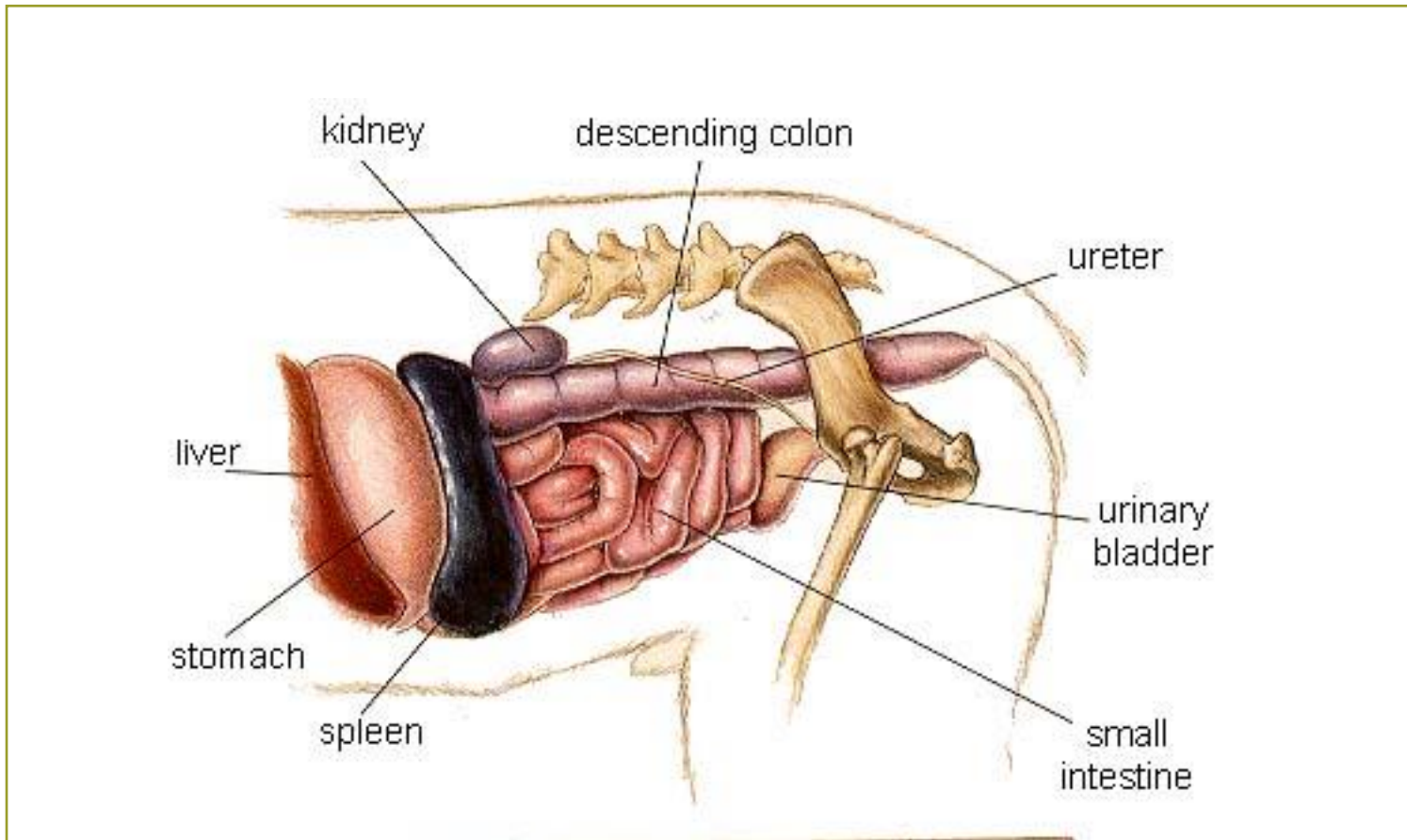
Duodenum

Jejunum

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Ileum

# Small Intestine

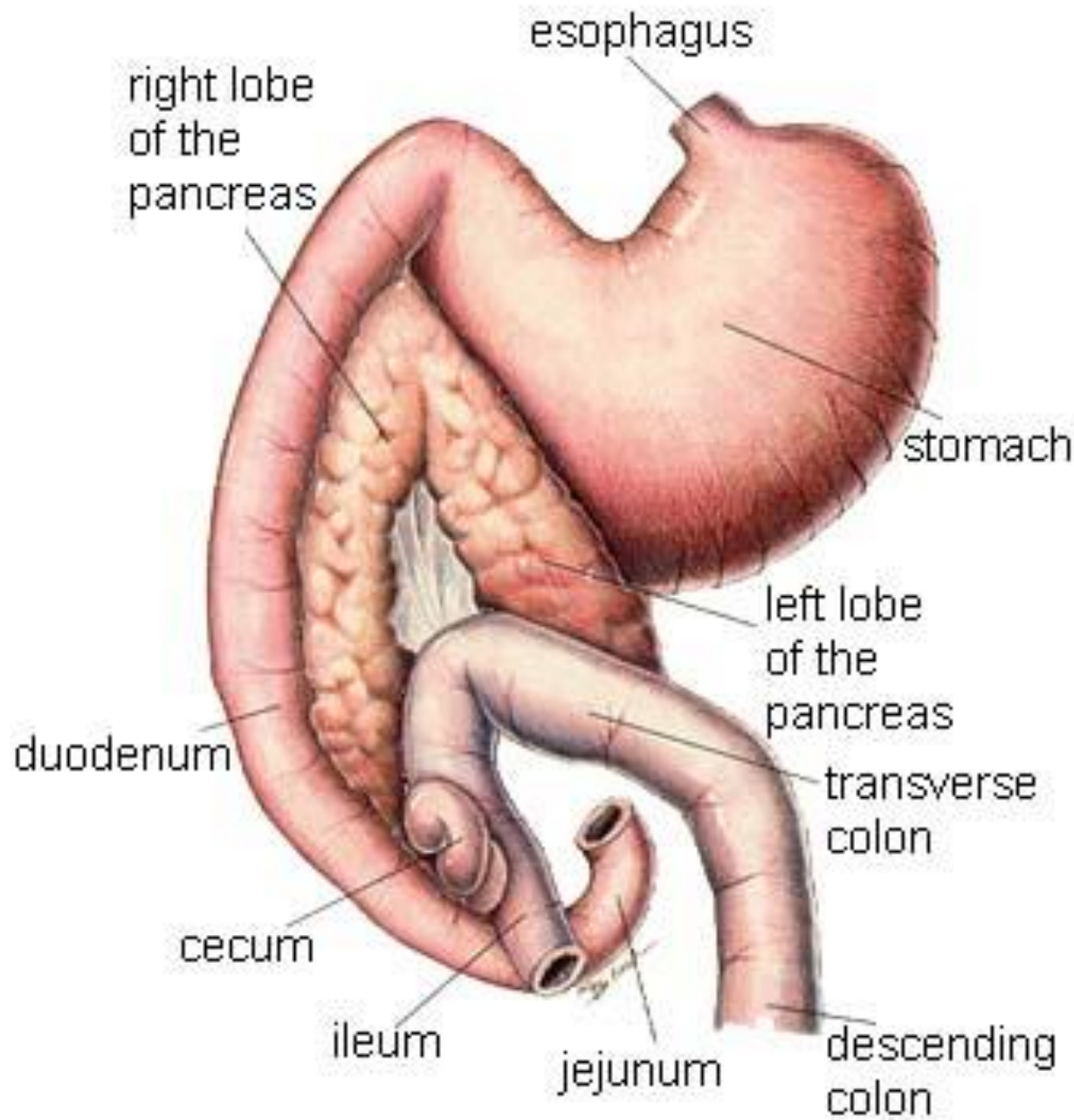


# Small Intestine

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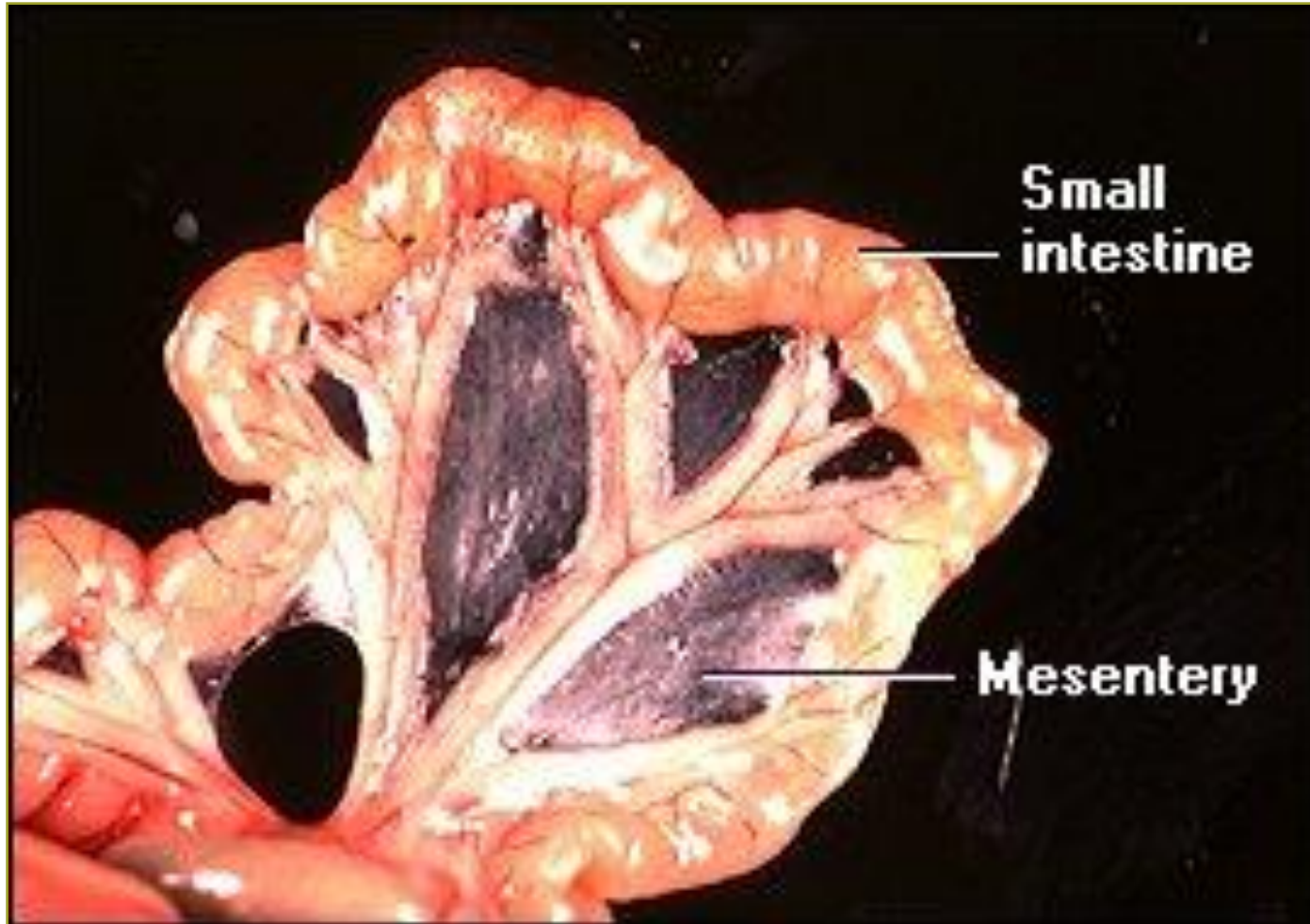
- Duodenum – first short segment that leaves the stomach
- Jejunum – longest portion
- Ileum – separated from colon by ileocecal sphincter; regulates movement of materials from the small intestine into the colon or the cecum





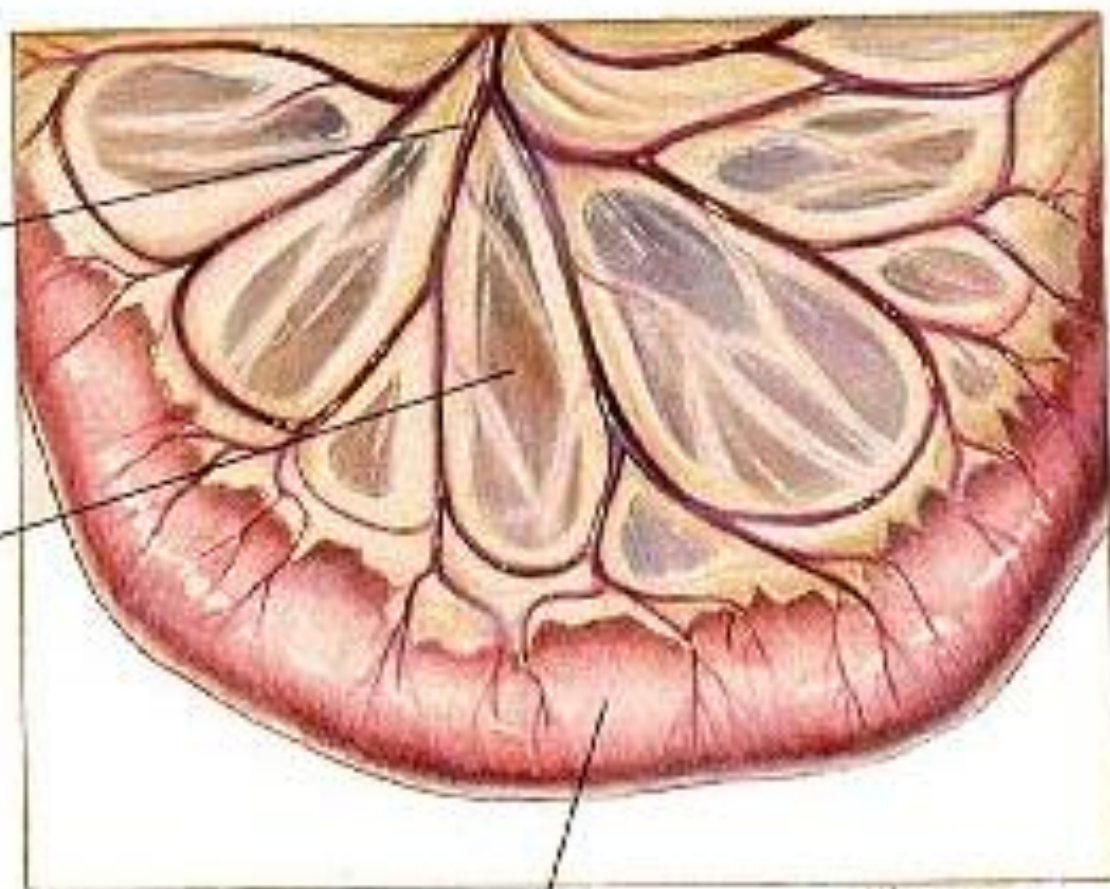
# Jejunum

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mesenteric  
blood  
vessels

mesentery



small intestine

*Y. Smith*

# Foal Small Intestine

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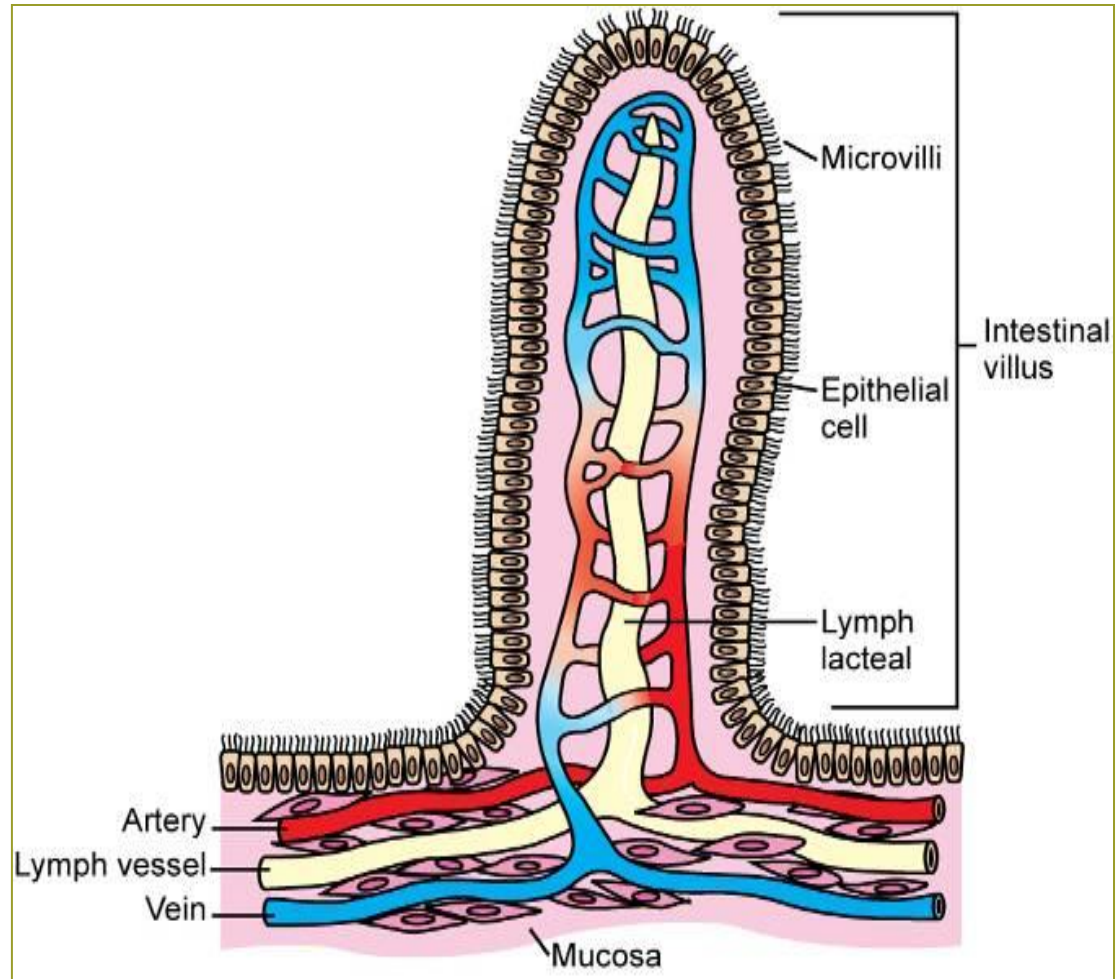
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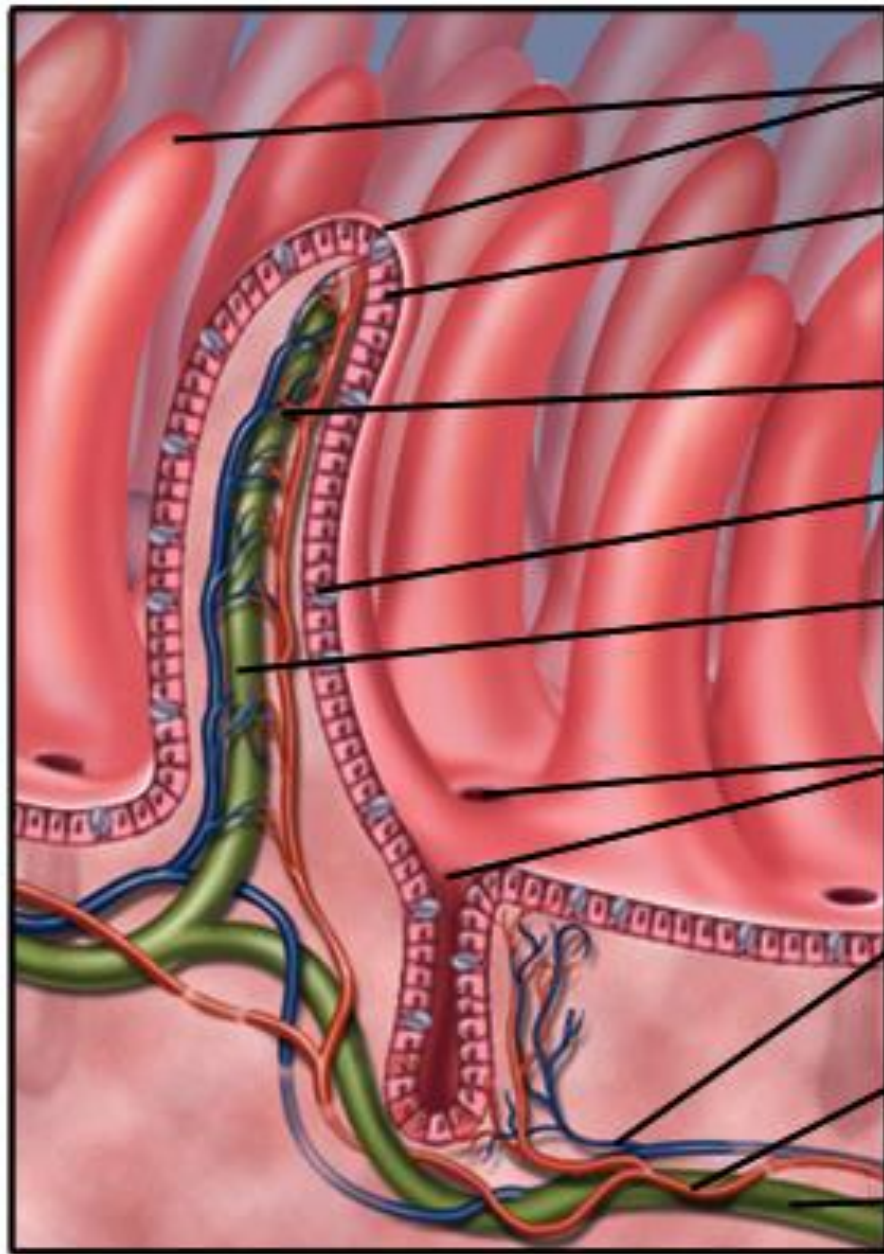


# Small Intestine Mucosa

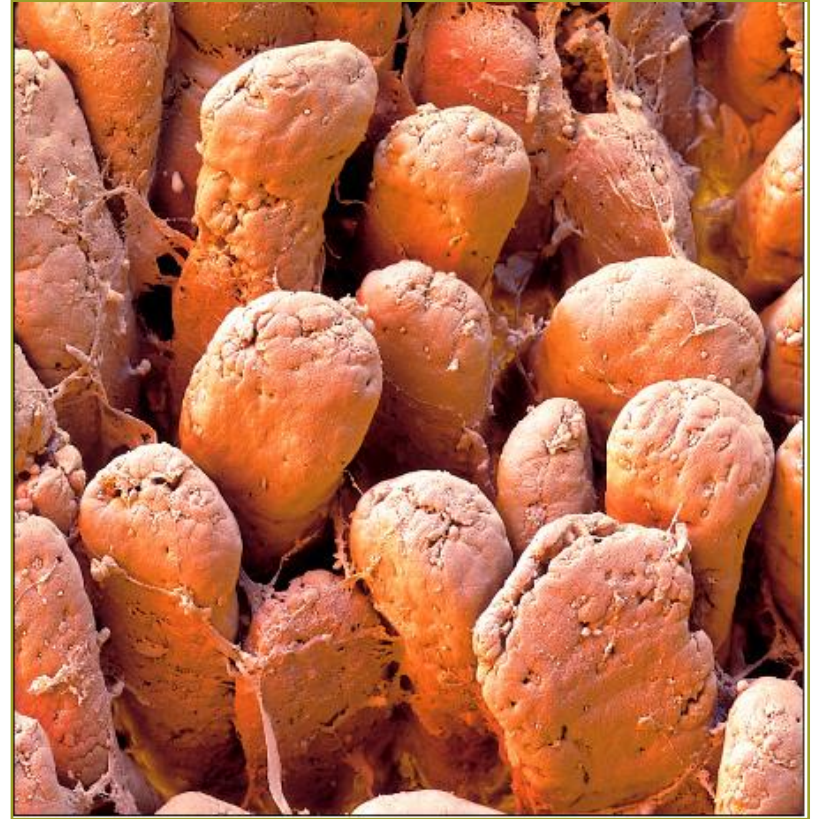
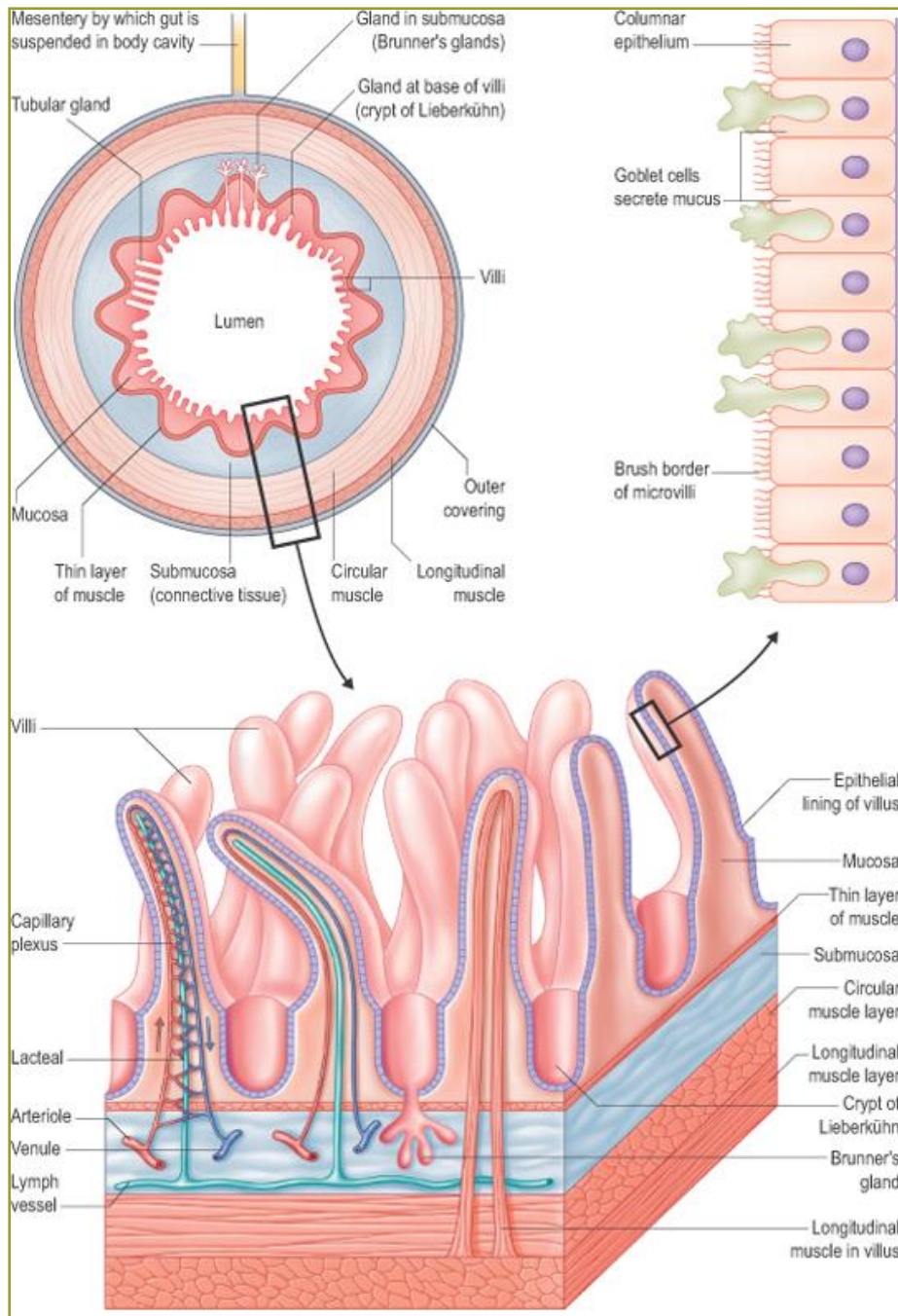
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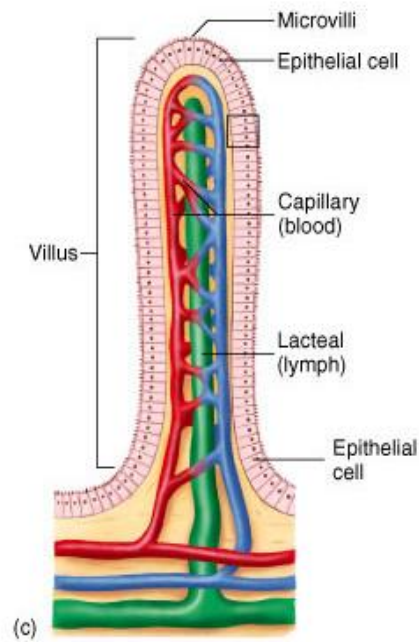
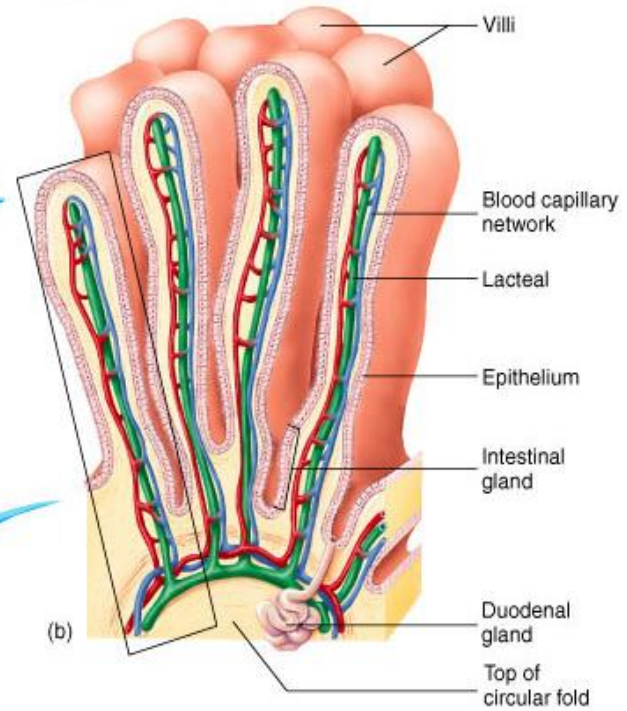
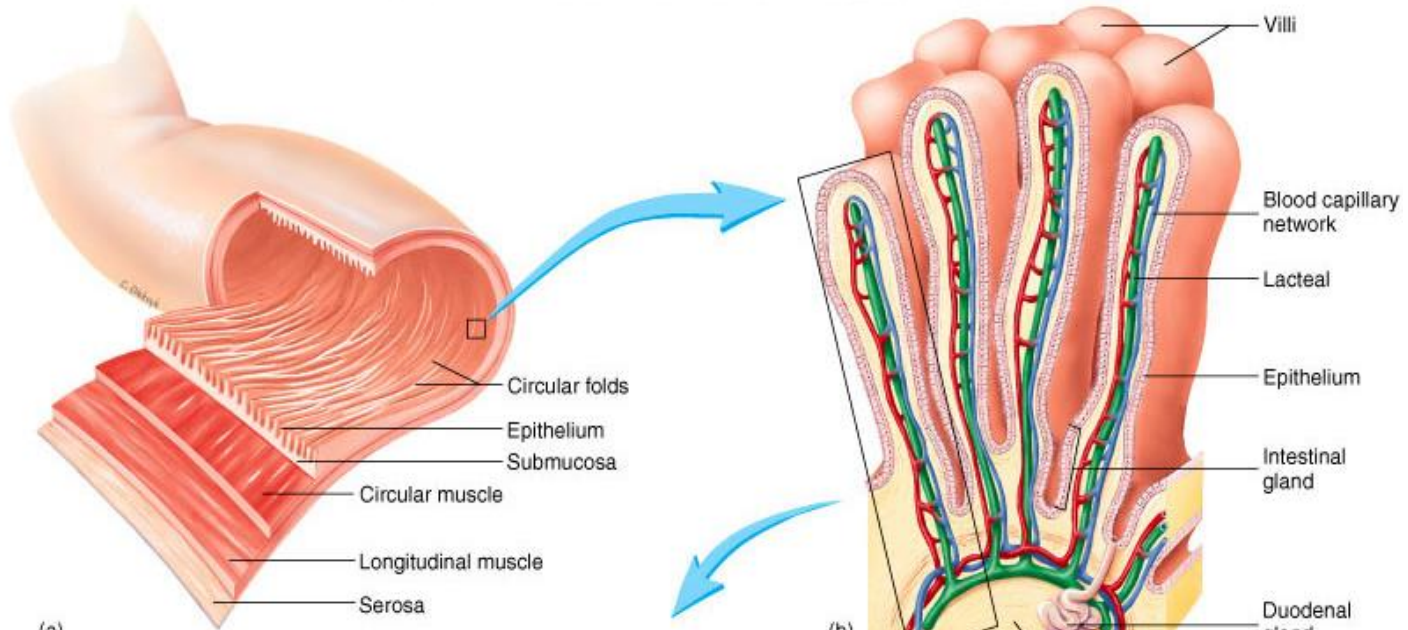
- **Mucosa** – many folds and **villi**
- Each villus contains thousands of **microvilli (brush border)**
- Microvilli – digestive enzymes and carrier molecules embedded in cell membranes



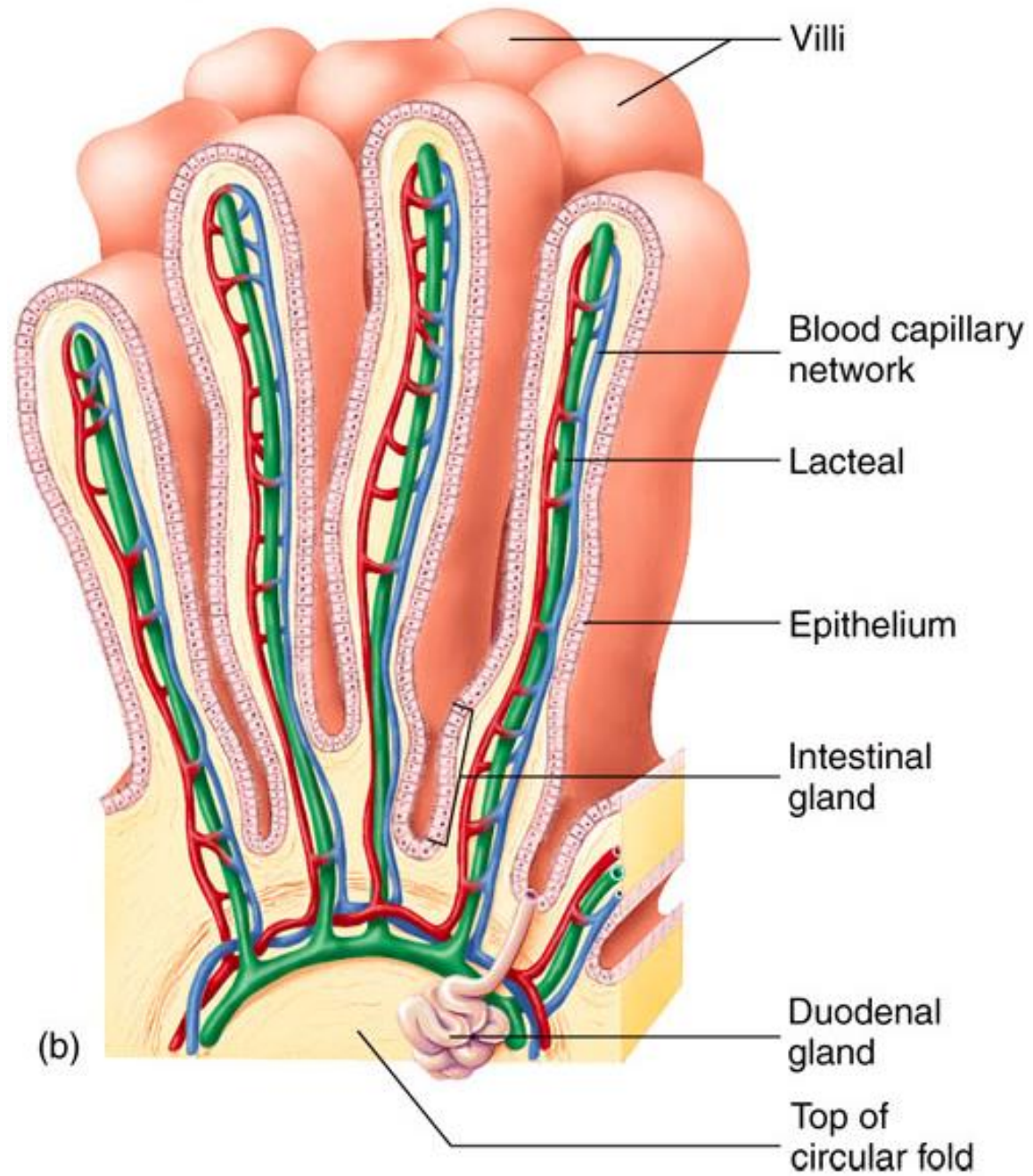


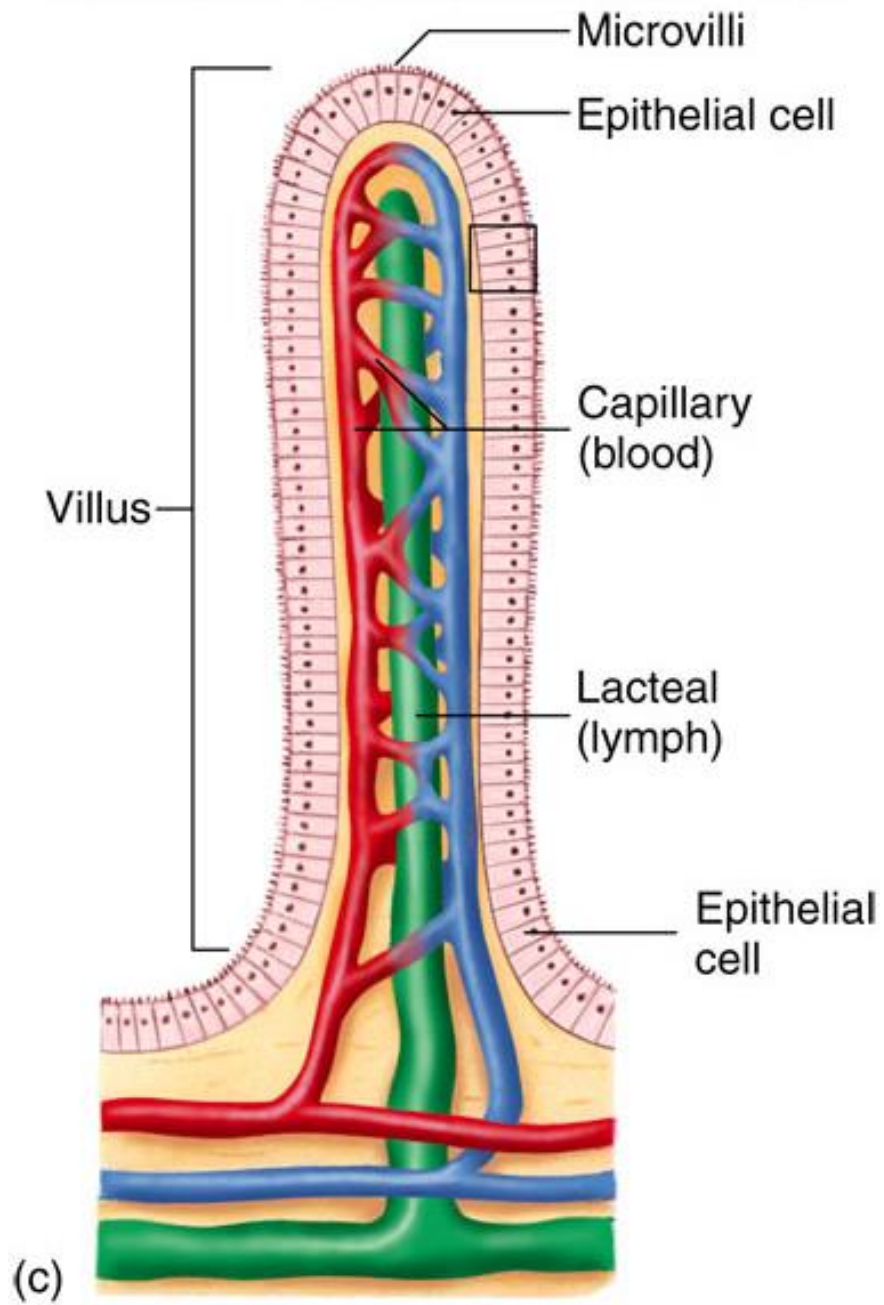
- Villi**
- Simple columnar epithelium**
- Capillary network**
- Goblet cell**
- Lacteal**
- Intestinal crypts**
- Venule**
- Arteriole**
- Lymphatic vessel**

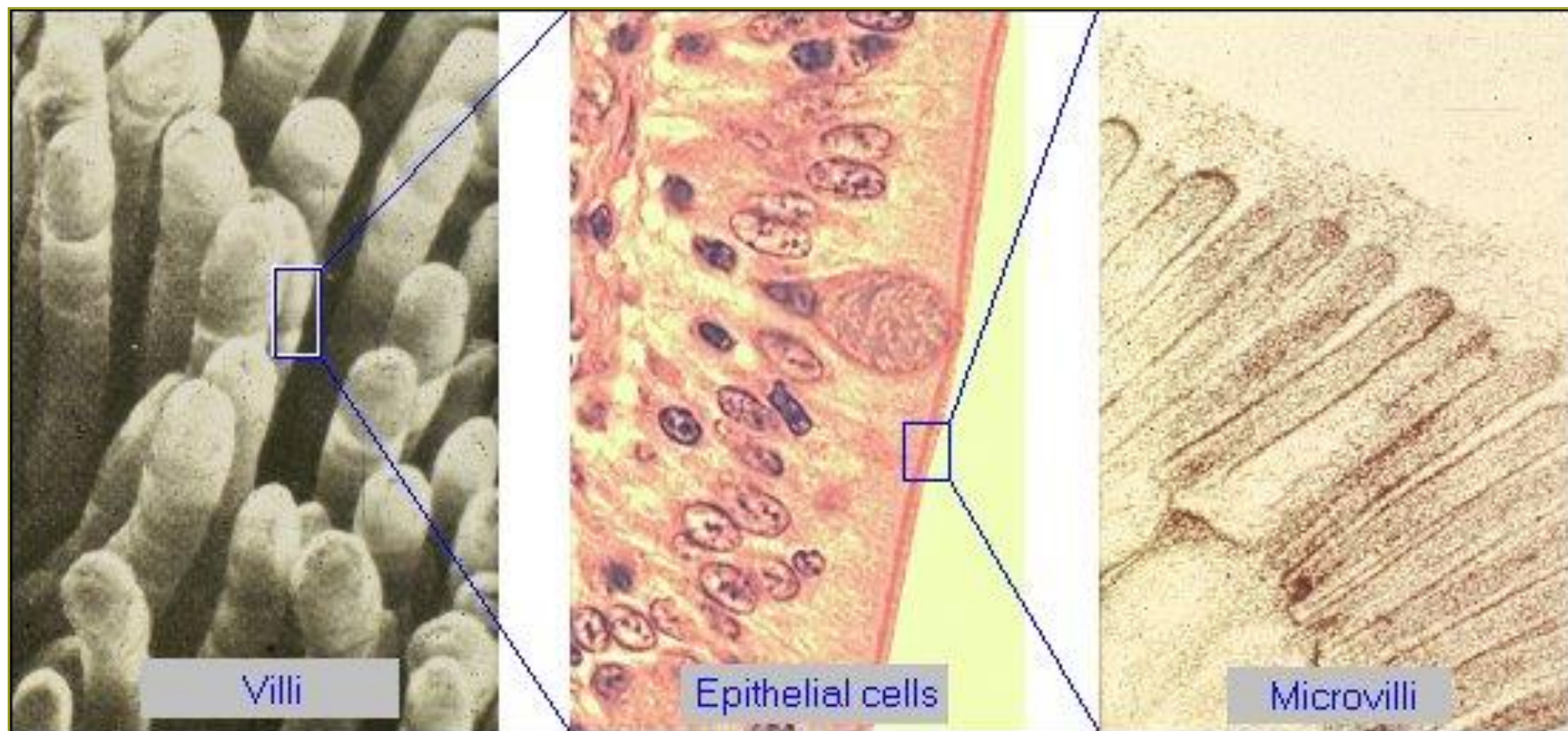












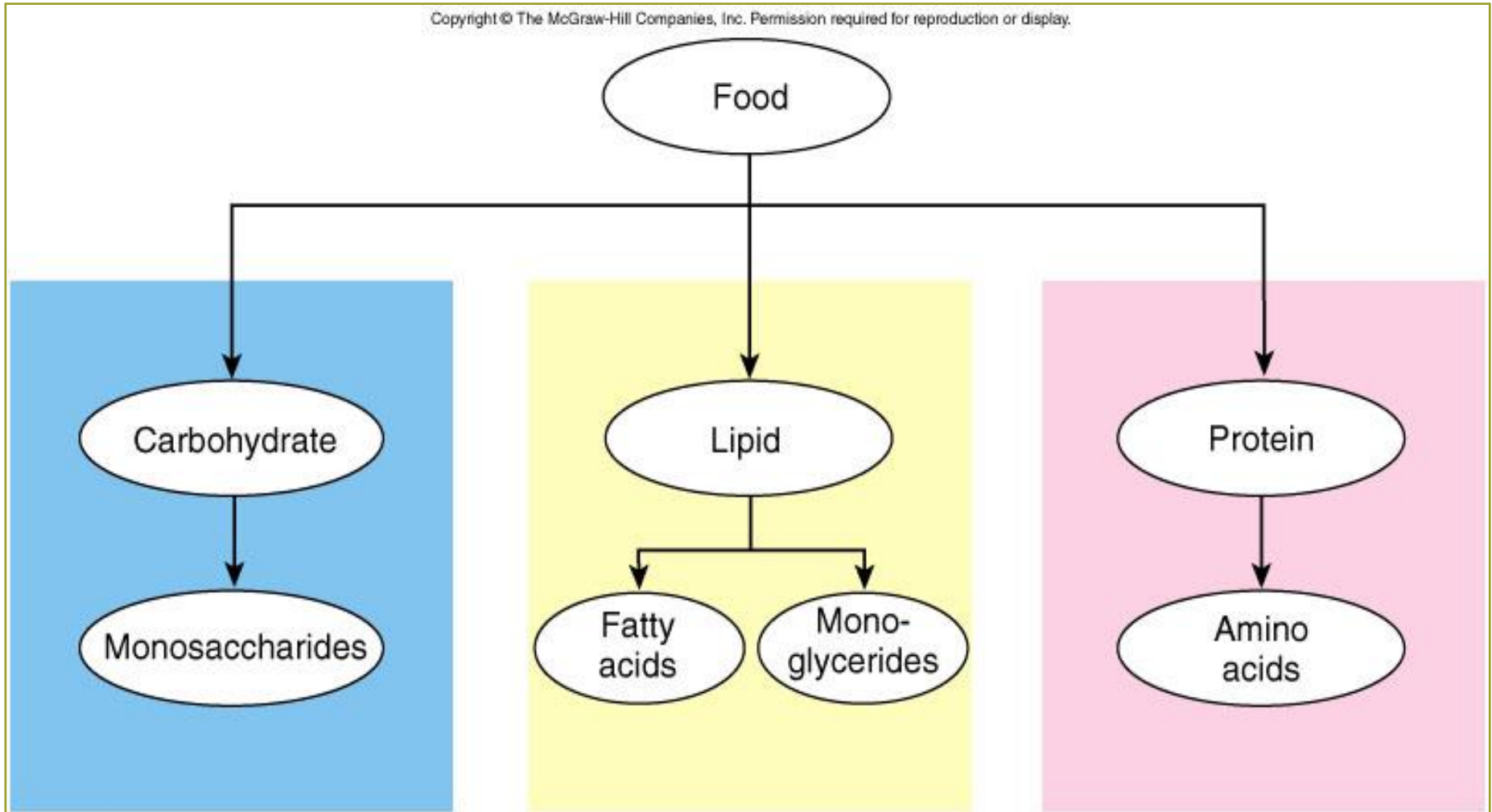
# Small Intestine Digestion

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- Electrolytes, water, and vitamins – absorbed intact across the small intestine wall
  - Micronutrients
- Carbohydrates, proteins, and fats – chemically digested
  - Macronutrients

# Digestion of Macronutrients

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# Carbohydrate Digestion

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- Starch converted into disaccharides into lumen of the duodenum by pancreatic amylase
- Disaccharides further digested by enzymes in microvilli cell membranes
- Resulting monosaccharides transported across the microvilli cell membrane and absorbed into the blood

# Protein Digestion

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- Gastric pepsin breaks apart some protein chains into smaller polypeptides
- Five pancreatic proteases: trypsin, chymotrypsin, elastase, aminopeptidase, and carboxypeptidase
- Amino acids, dipeptides, and some tripeptides are then absorbed across the cell membrane

# Fat Digestion

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- Bile acids coat the fat droplets in duodenum
- Pancreatic lipases penetrate bile acid coating
  - Digest fat molecules to produce glycerol, fatty acids, and monoglycerides



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# Large Intestine Chyme Becomes Feces

Cecum

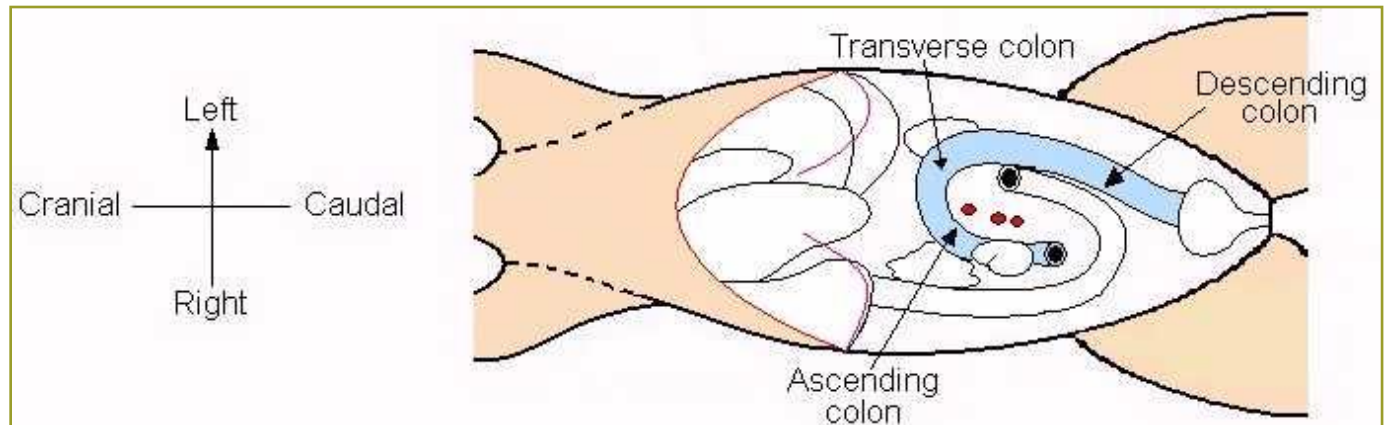
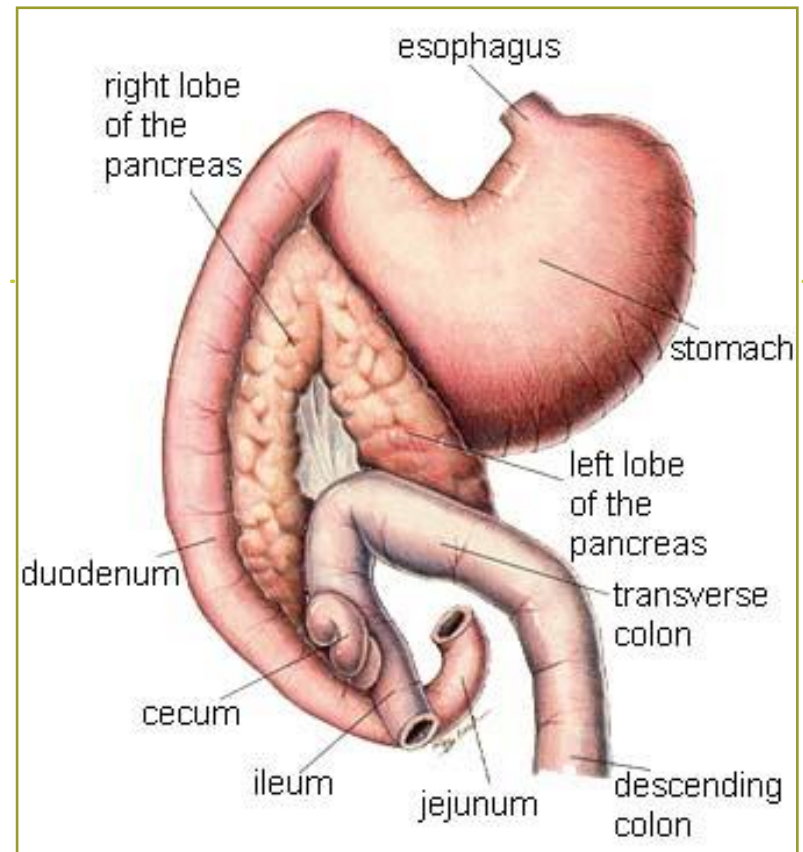
Colon

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Rectum

# Large Intestine

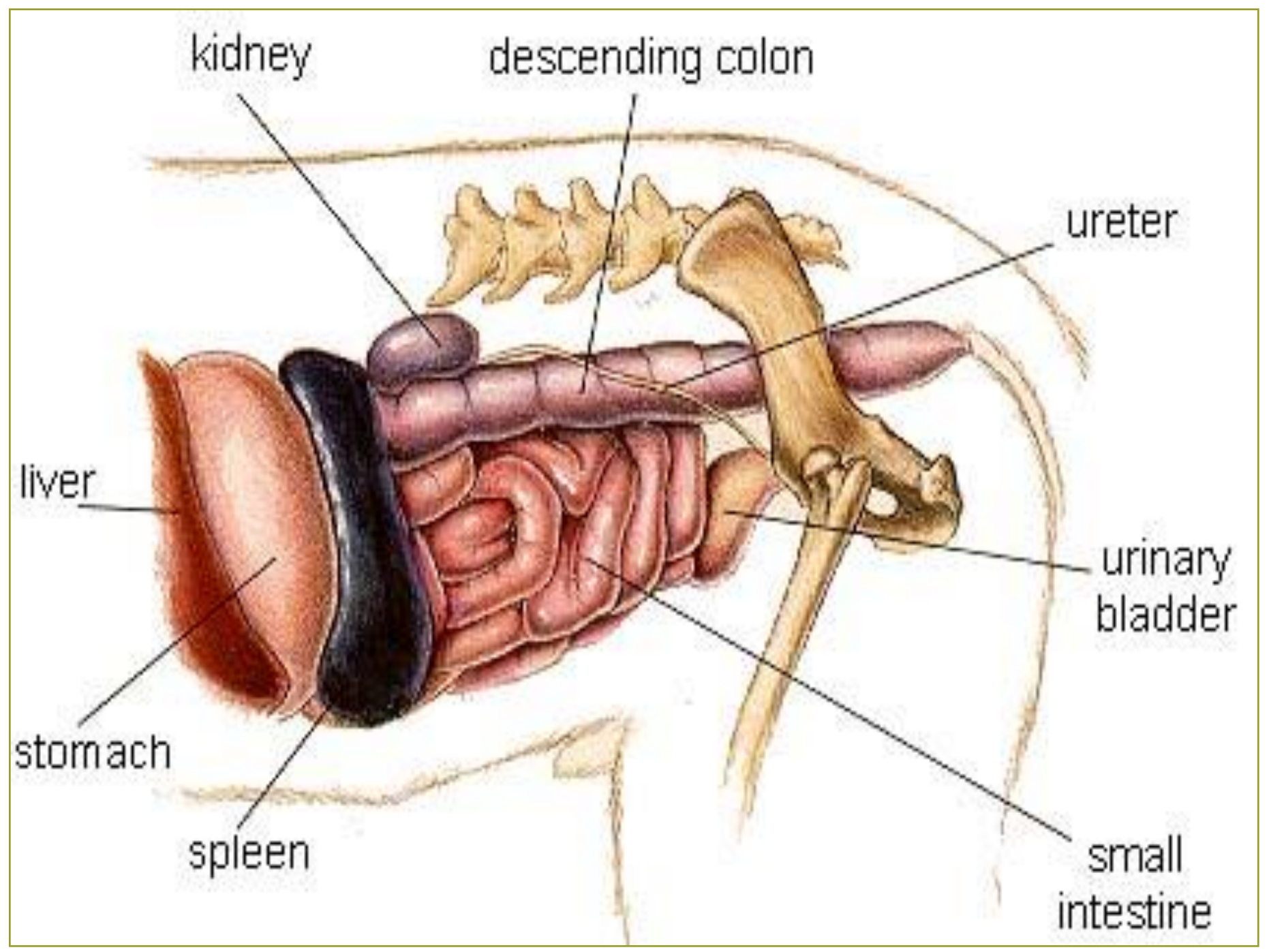
- Cecum
- Colon
  - Ascending
  - Transverse
  - Descending
- Rectum



# Large Intestine

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- Components
  - Cecum – blind sac at ileocecal junction
  - Colon – some microbial digestion
  - Rectum
- Species variation in structure
- Primary functions
  - Recover fluid and electrolytes
  - Store feces until they can be eliminated



kidney

descending colon

ureter

liver

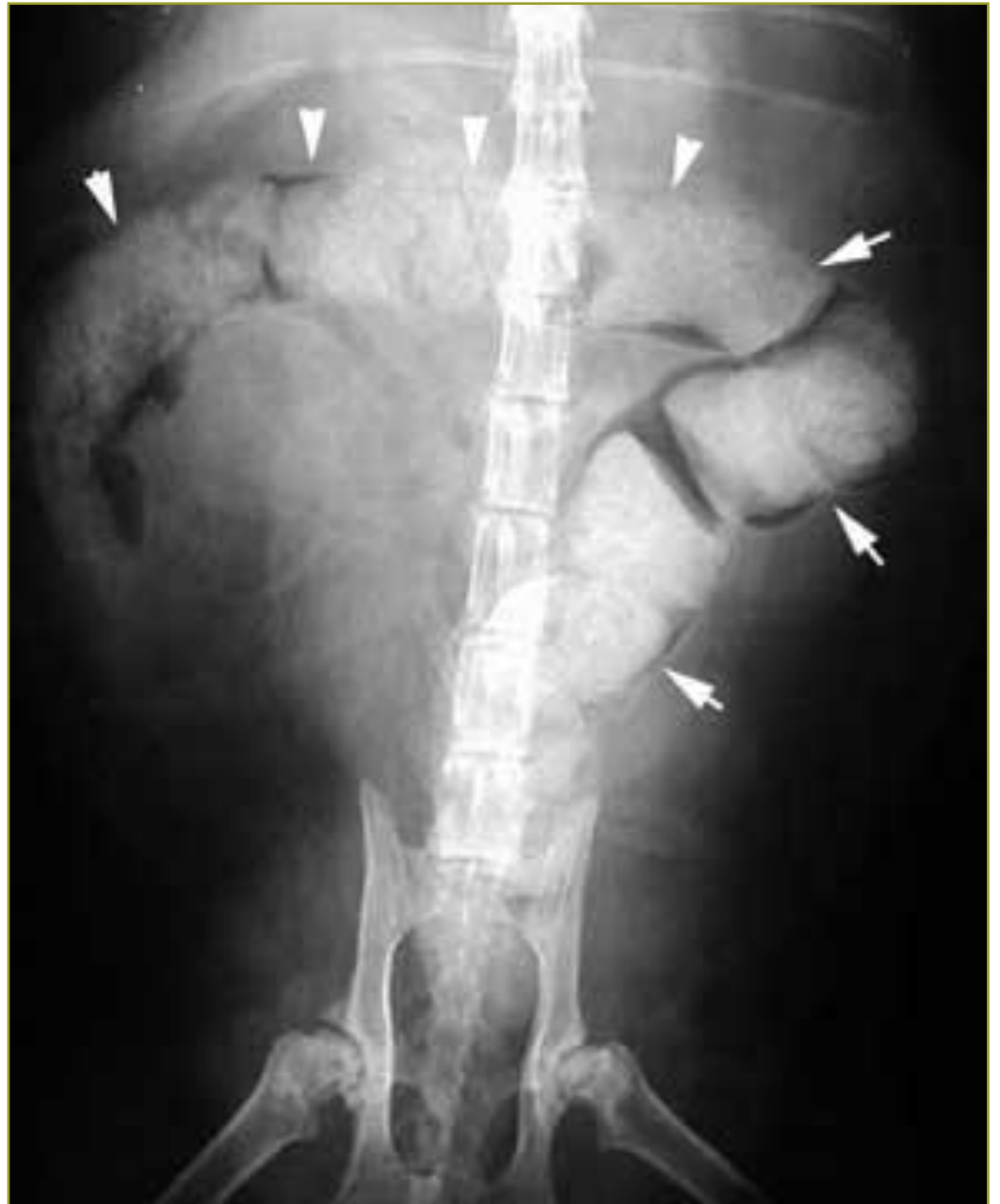
urinary bladder

stomach

spleen

small intestine

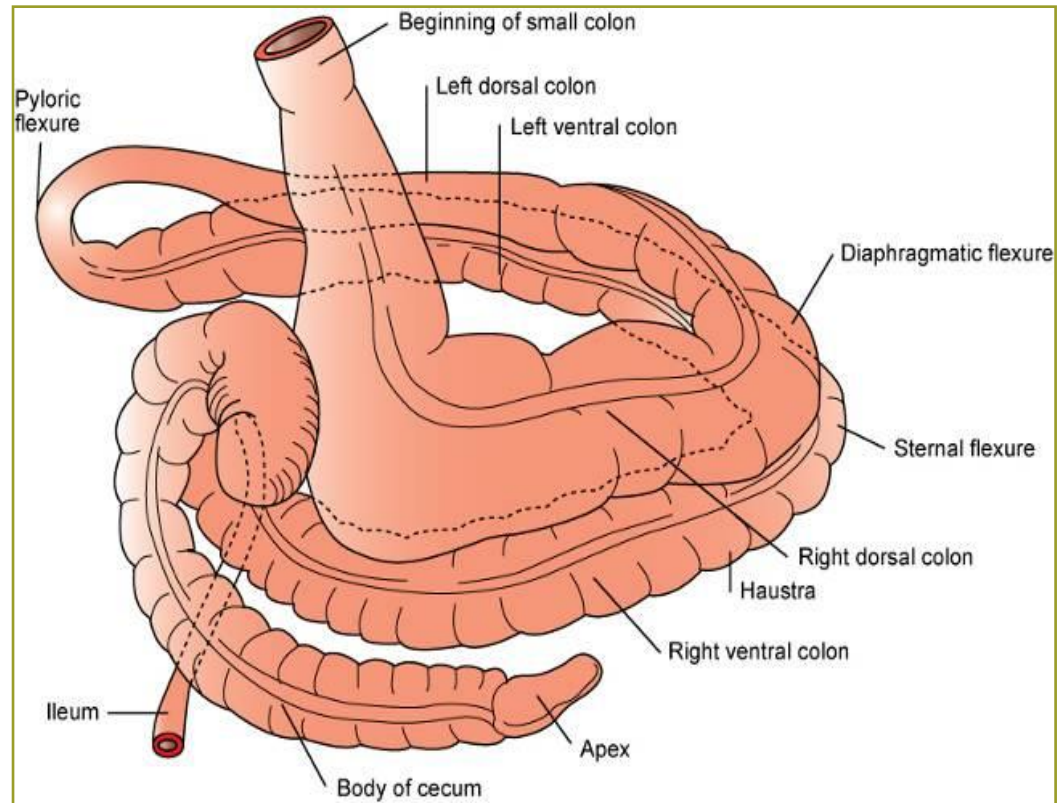
# Colon on X-ray



# Large Intestine Comparative Anatomy

## Figure 11-11, Page 280

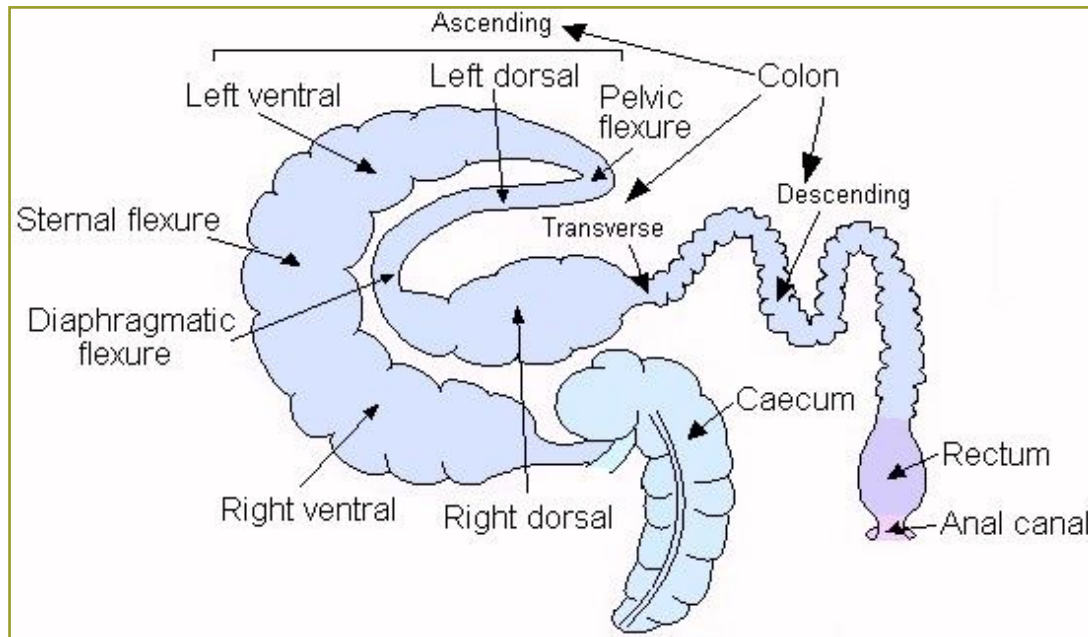
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- **Nonruminant herbivores:** very large colon and cecum (hindgut)
  - Fermentation site



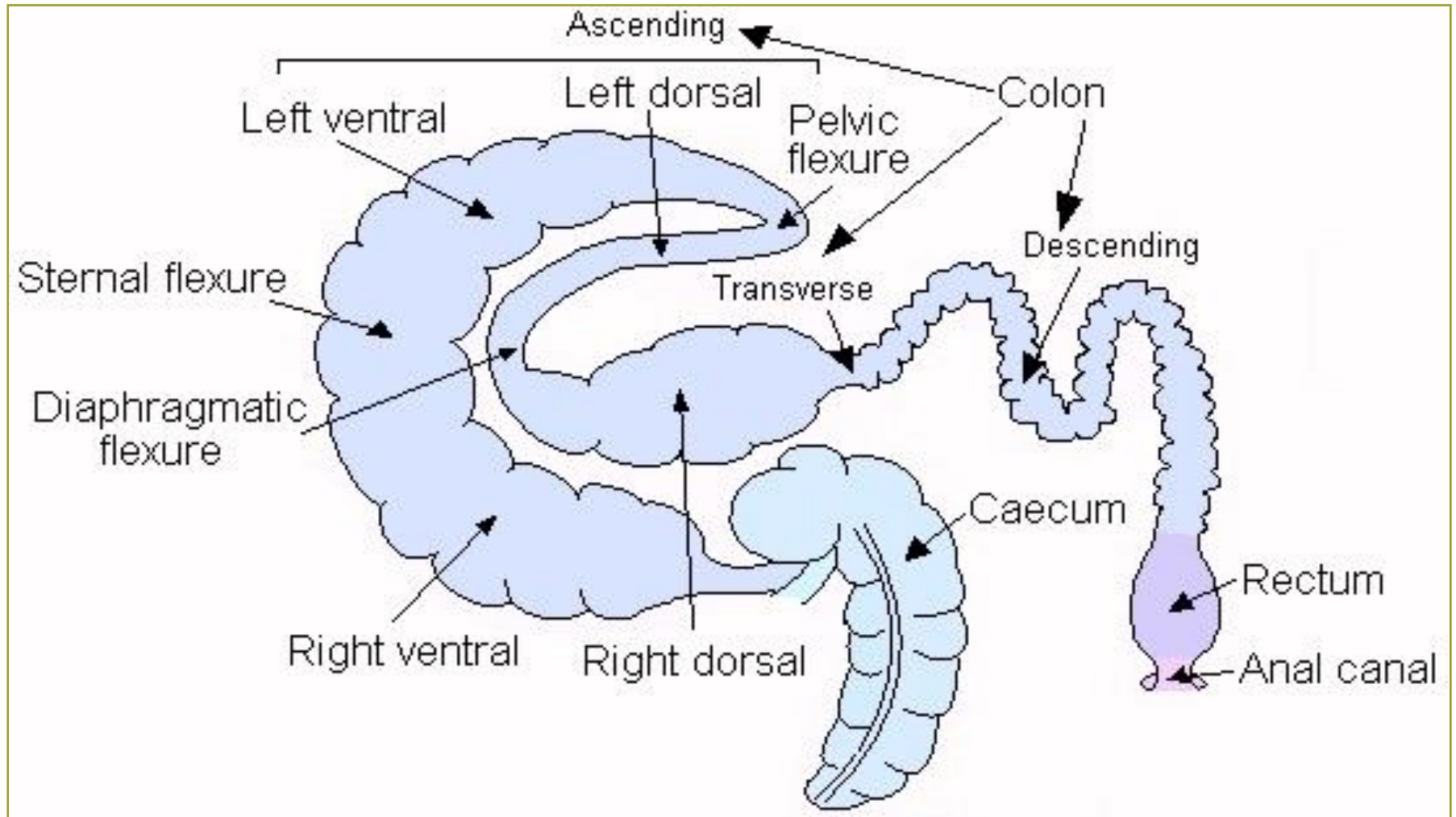
# Comparative Anatomy – Ascending Colon

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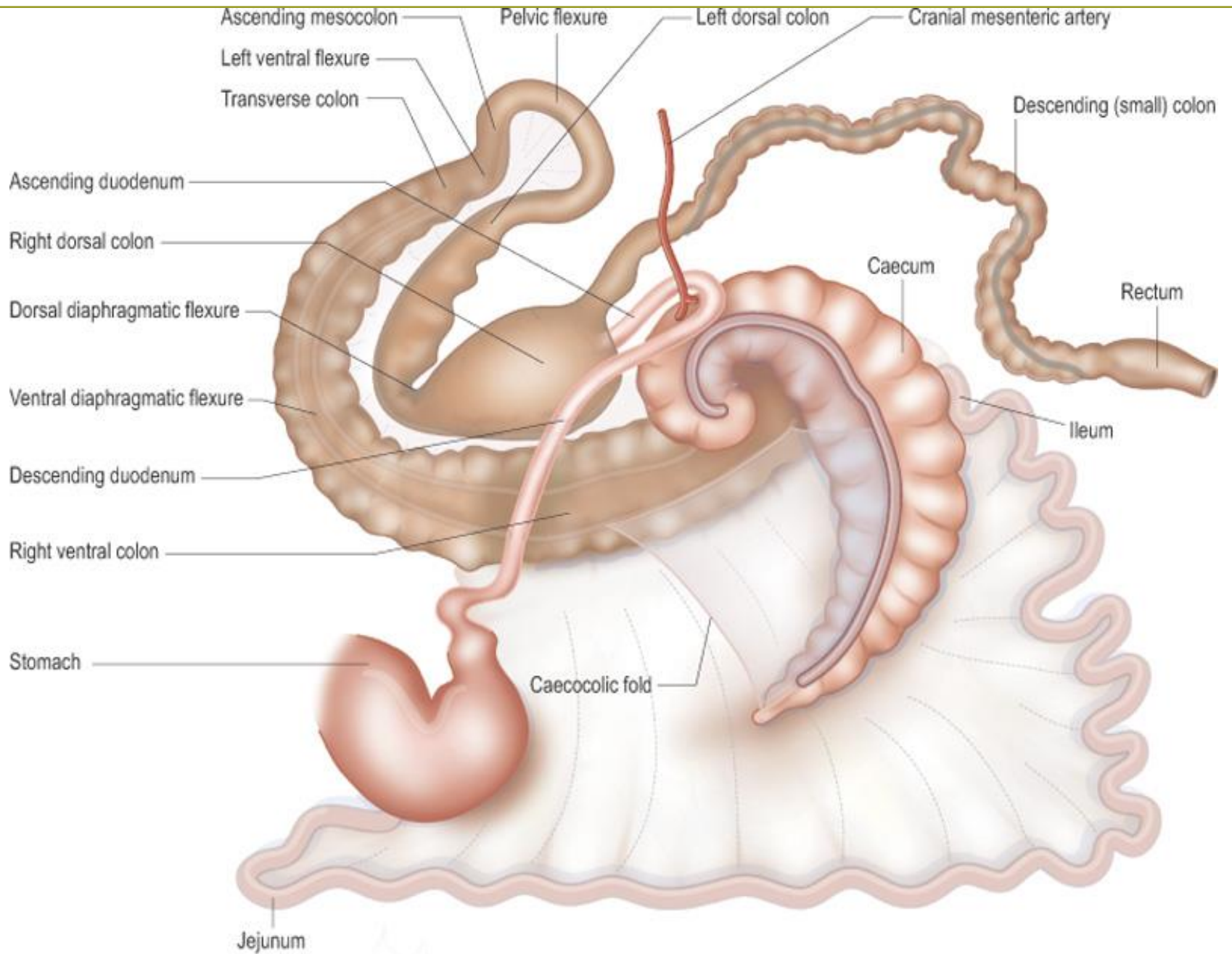
- Equine – large colon
- Bovine – coiled colon
- Porcine – spiral colon



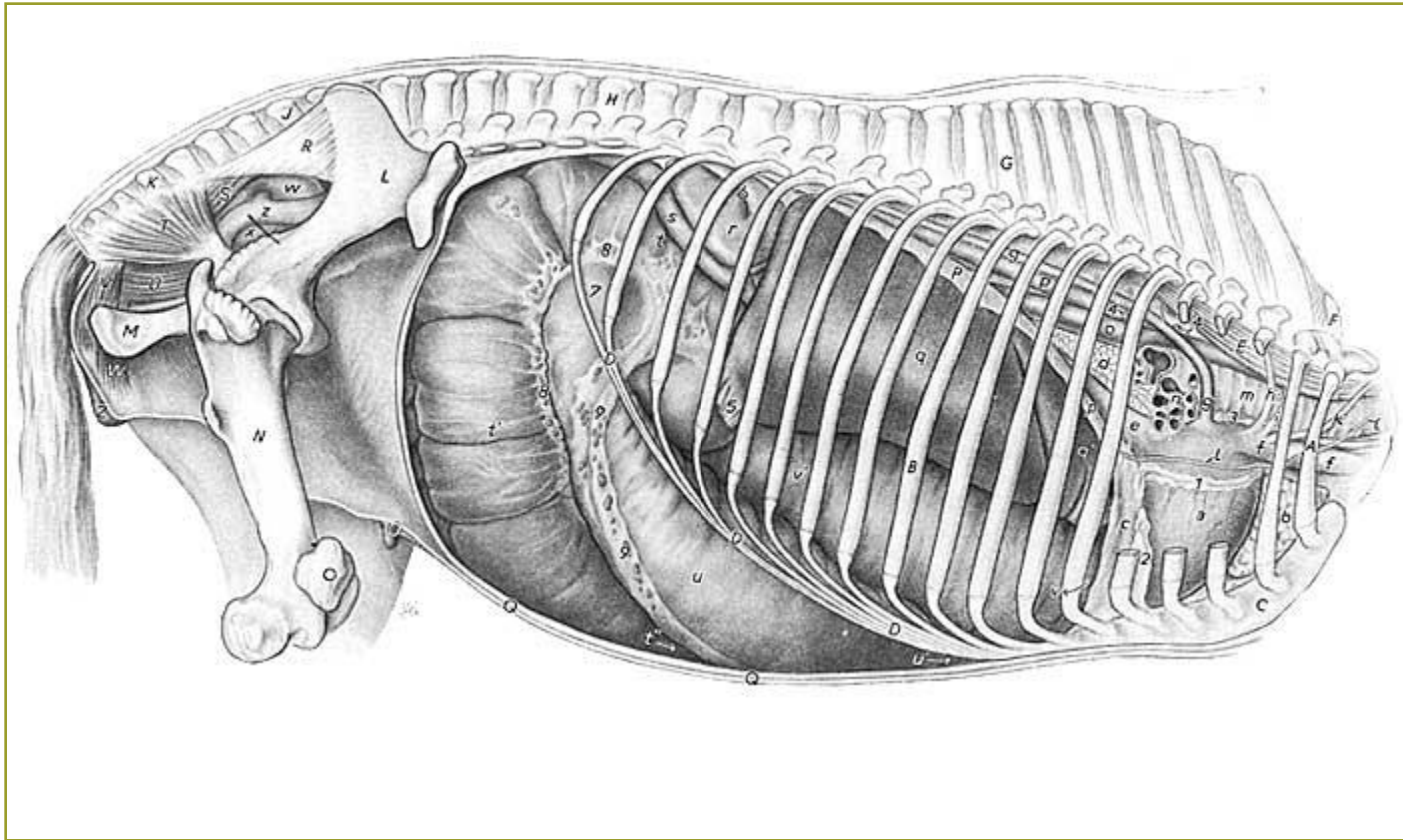
# Equine Colon – Complex!



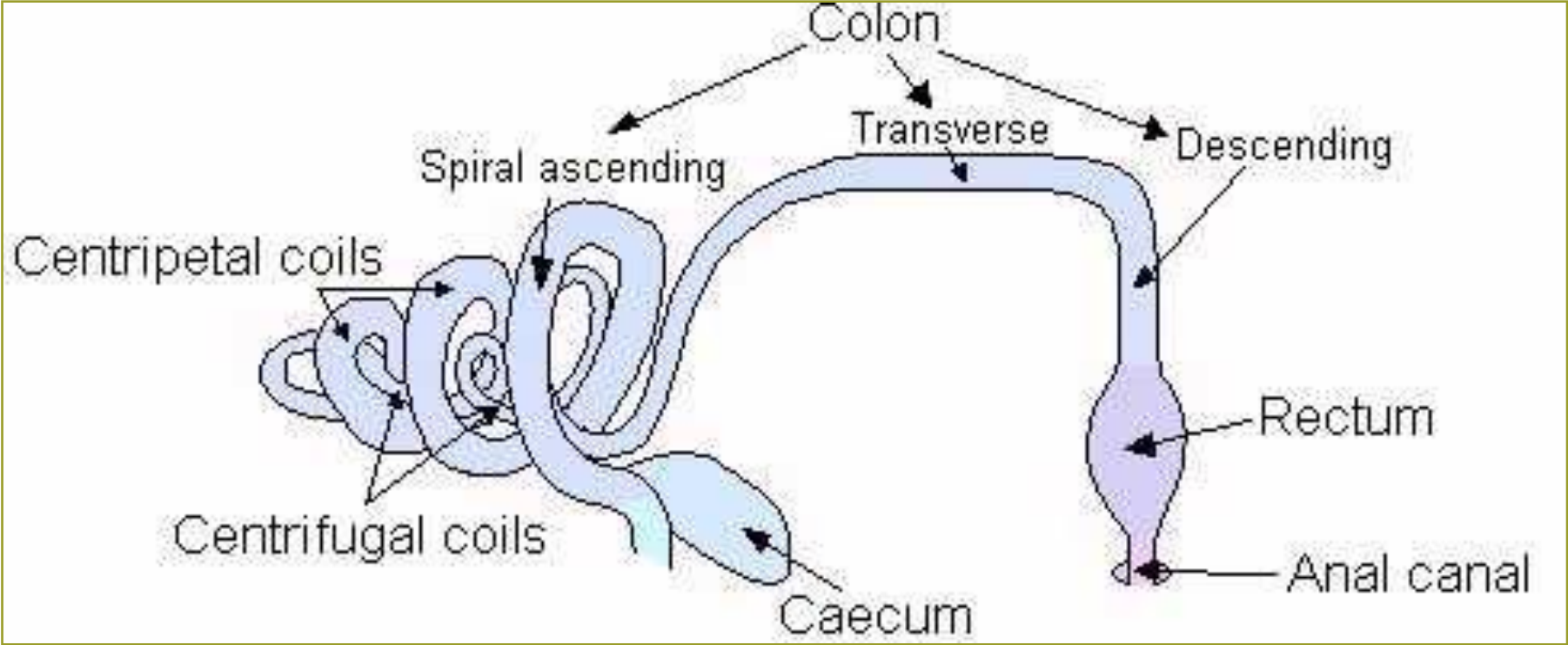




# Equine Colon



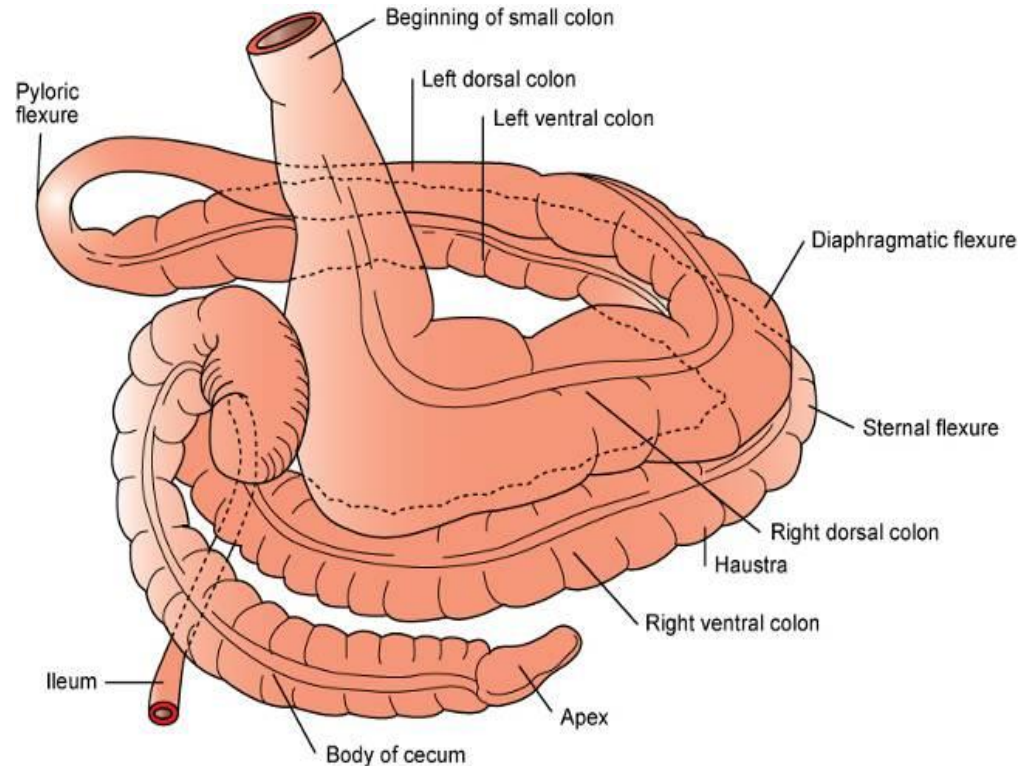
# Porcine Ascending Colon – Spiral!



# Equine Large Intestine

Figure 11-11, Page 280

- **Carnivores**: simple, tubular colon; poorly developed cecum
- **Nonruminant herbivores**: very large colon and cecum (hindgut)
  - Fermentation site



# Hindgut Digestion

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- Equine, guinea pigs, rats, rabbits
- Modifications of cecum and colon allow fermentative digestion in hindgut similar to rumen

# Rectum

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- Terminal portion of large intestine
- Nervous system control of motility and secretions is similar to that of the colon
- Numerous mucus-secreting glands lubricate and aid the passage of contents
- Sensory receptors detect stretching and stimulates the [defecation response](#)

# Anus

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- Composed of internal and external muscular sphincters
  - Internal sphincter is under autonomic control
  - External sphincter that is under voluntary control
- As the rectum distends, stretch receptors in rectum wall cause partial relaxation of the internal sphincter
- Anal mucosal receptors increase the sense or need for defecation

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# Accessory Organs

Liver

Pancreas

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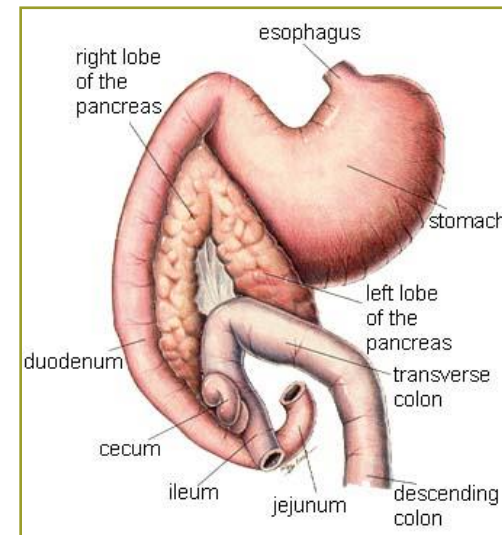
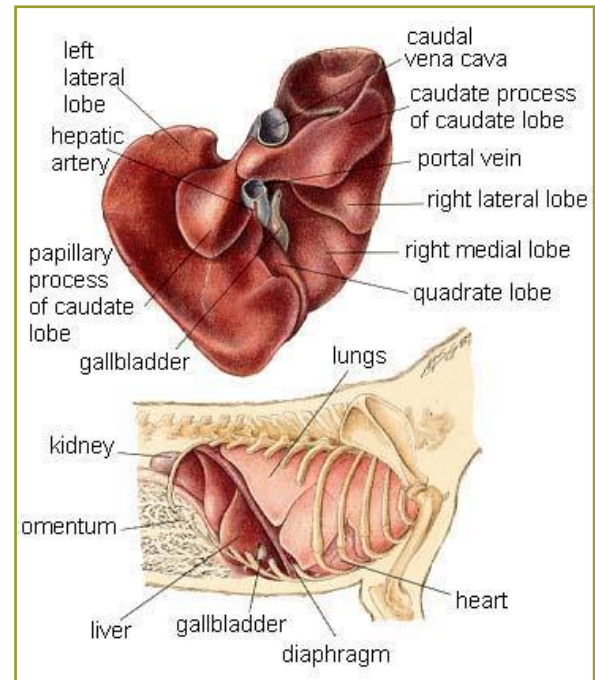
# Related Organs

- Liver

- Gall bladder
- Common bile duct

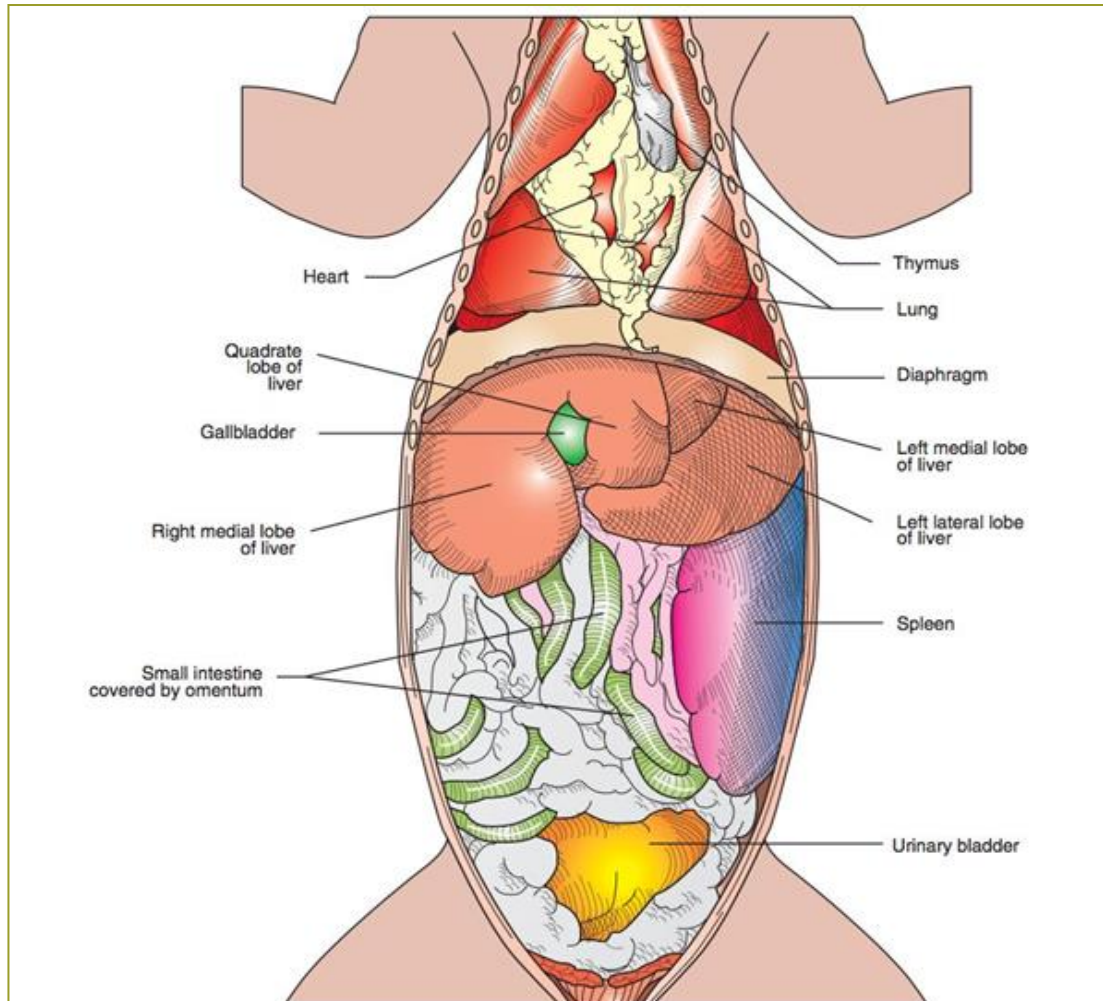
- Pancreas

- Exocrine functions
  - Pancreatic duct
- Endocrine functions
  - Insulin
  - Glucagon

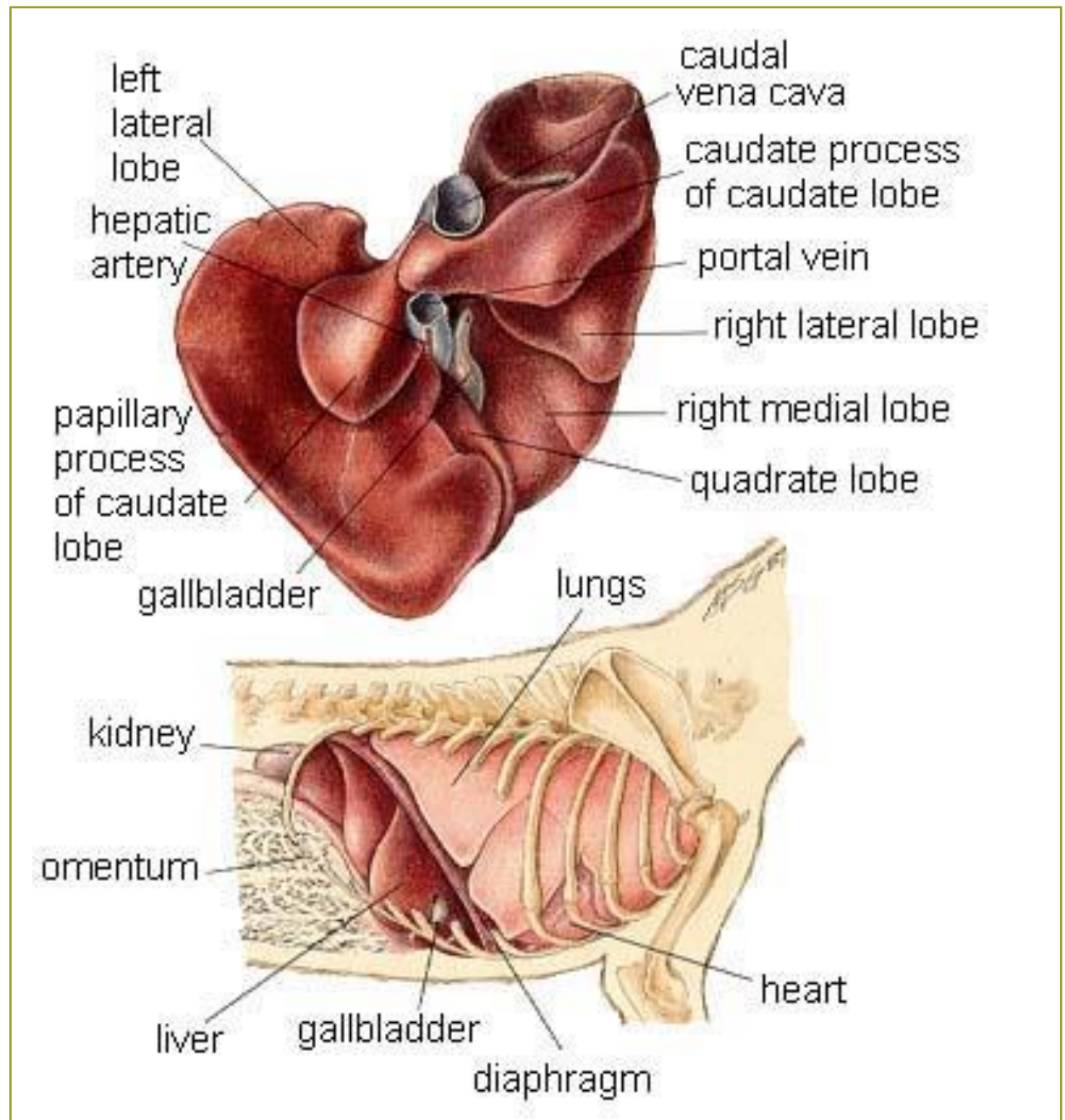


# Location of Liver

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# Liver



# Functions of Liver

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- Produces bile – bile acids, cholesterol, bilirubin
  - Secreted into bile ducts, on to hepatic duct, then to gallbladder for storage
- Removes toxins, infectious agents, and so forth that enter the body through the wall of the GI tract
- Stores or metabolizes nutrients absorbed from the GI tract
  - Glucose → Glycogen

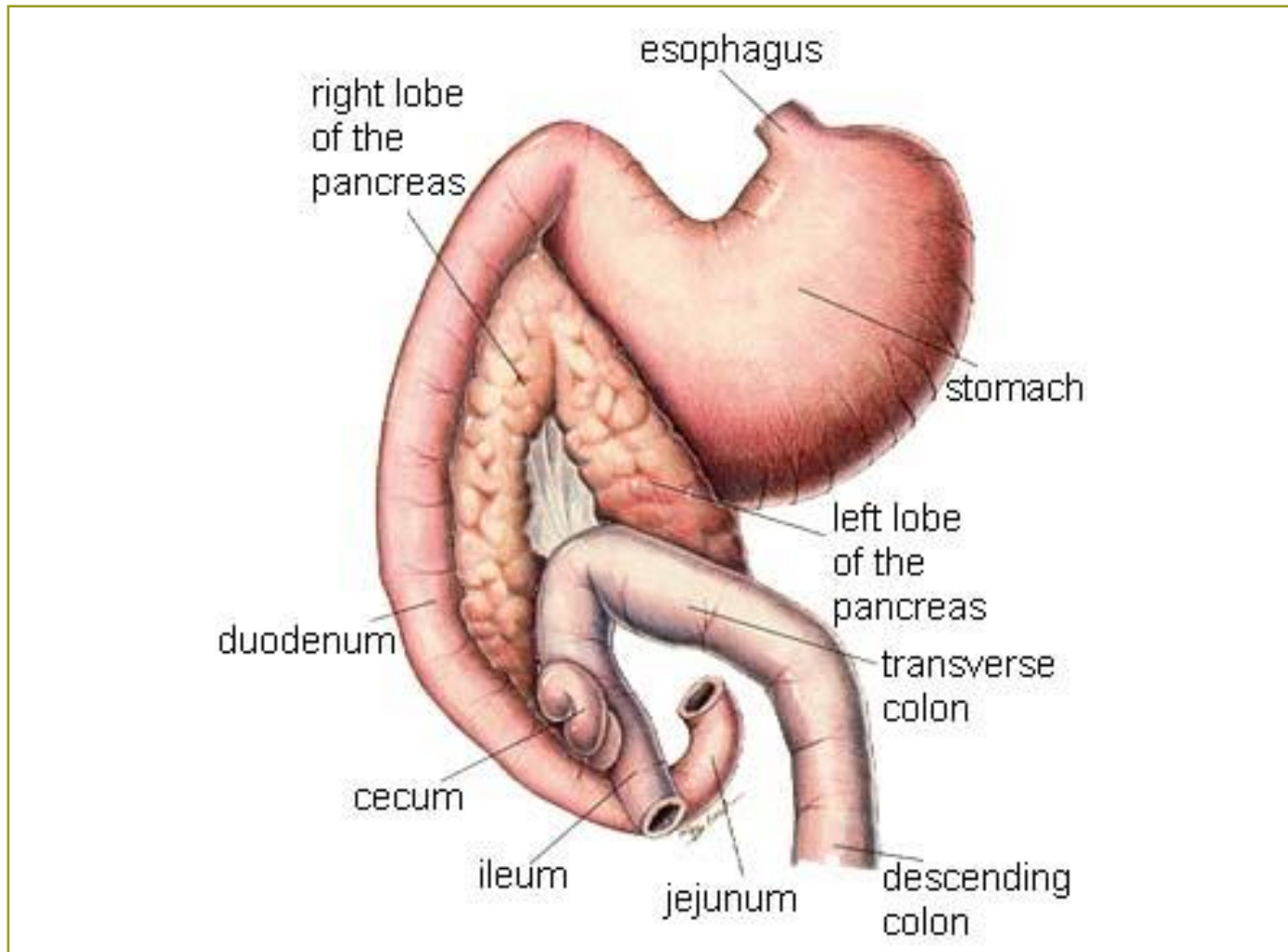
# Other Functions of Liver

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**Table 16.2** Functions of the Liver

Function	Explanation
Digestion	Bile neutralizes stomach acid and emulsifies fats, which facilitates fat digestion
Excretion	Bile contains excretory products such as cholesterol, fats, and bile pigments, such as bilirubin, that result from hemoglobin breakdown
Nutrient storage	Liver cells remove sugar from the blood and store it in the form of glycogen; also store fat, vitamins (A, B <sub>12</sub> , D, E, and K), copper, and iron
Nutrient conversion	Liver cells convert some nutrients into others, for example, amino acids can be converted to lipids or glucose; fats can be converted to phospholipids; vitamin D is converted to its active form
Detoxification of harmful chemicals	Liver cells remove ammonia from the circulation and convert it to urea, which is eliminated in the urine; other substances are detoxified and secreted in the bile or excreted in the urine
Synthesis of new molecules	Synthesizes blood proteins such as albumin, fibrinogen, globulins, and clotting factors

# Location of Pancreas



# Liver, Pancreas, & Ducts

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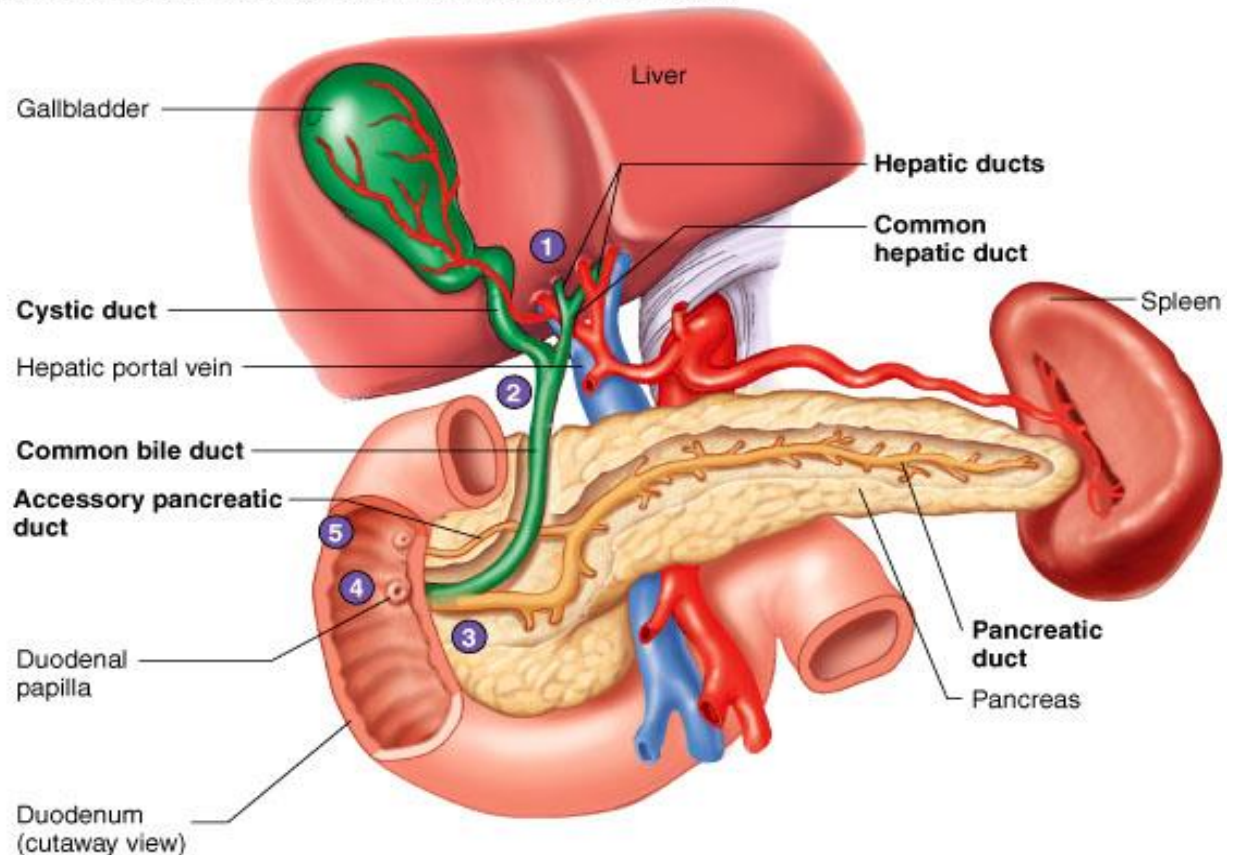
1. The hepatic ducts from the liver lobes combine to form the common hepatic duct.

2. The common hepatic duct combines with the cystic duct from the gallbladder to form the common bile duct.

3. The common bile duct joins the pancreatic duct.

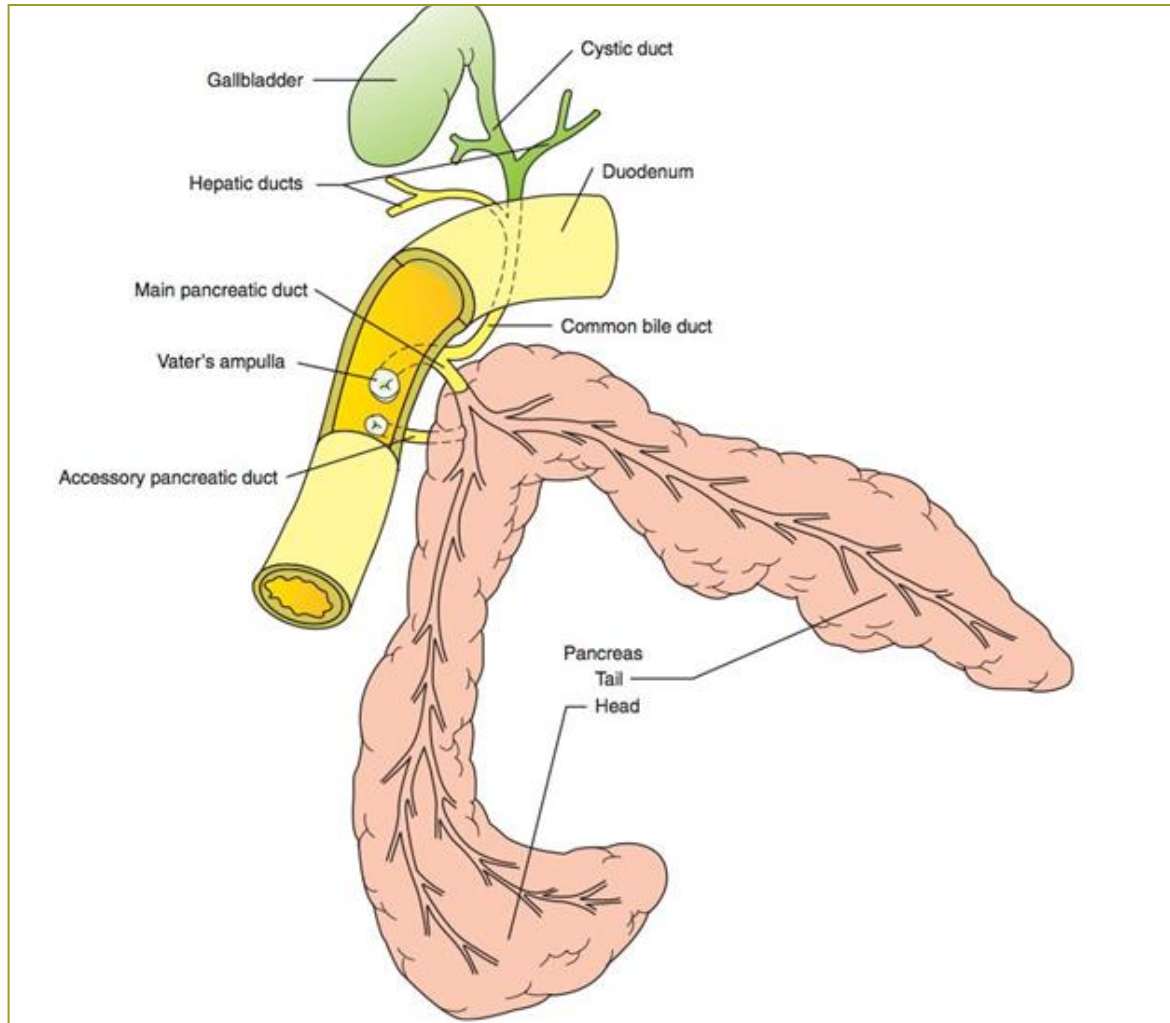
4. The combined duct empties into the duodenum at the duodenal papilla.

5. Pancreatic secretions may also enter the duodenum through an accessory pancreatic duct, which also empties into the duodenum.



# Pancreatic & Common Bile Ducts

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# Functions of Pancreas

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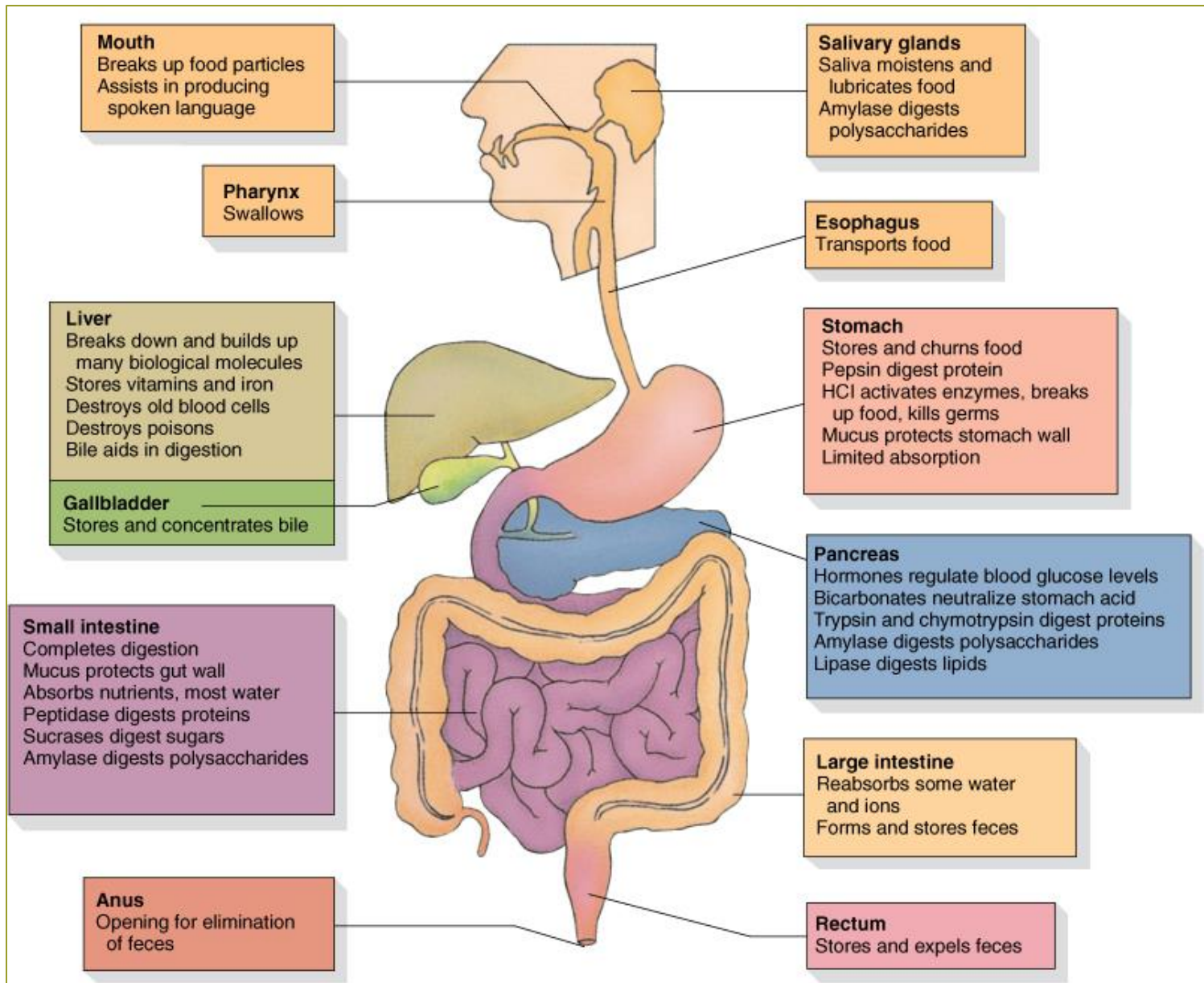
- Only gland in body with both exocrine and endocrine functions!!!
- Production of pancreatic amylase, proteases, and lipase
- Secretes bicarbonate into the duodenum
  - Helps neutralize acidity of contents and maintains the pH in the duodenum needed for proper enzyme function
- Produces insulin and glucagon
  - Help regulate blood glucose levels

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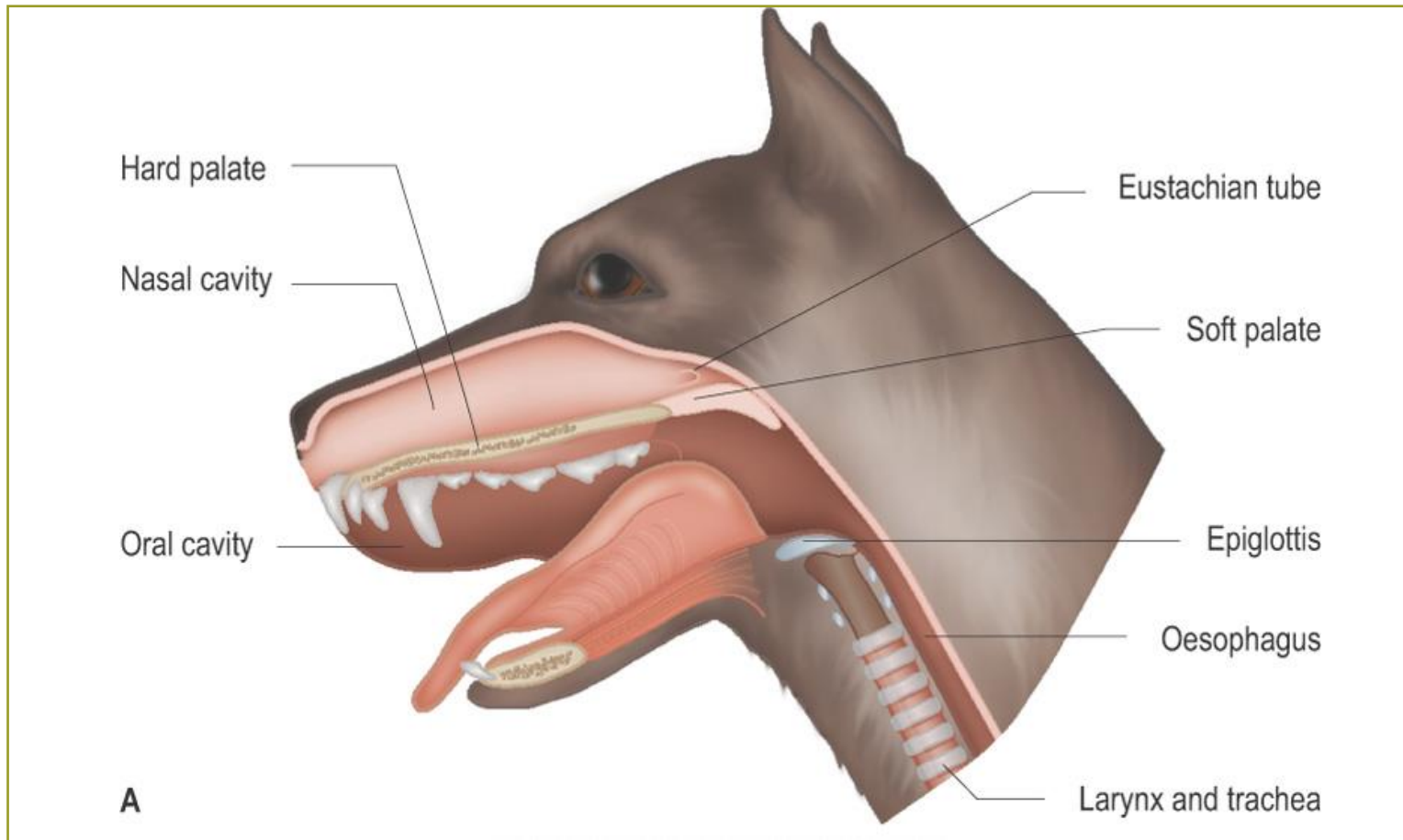
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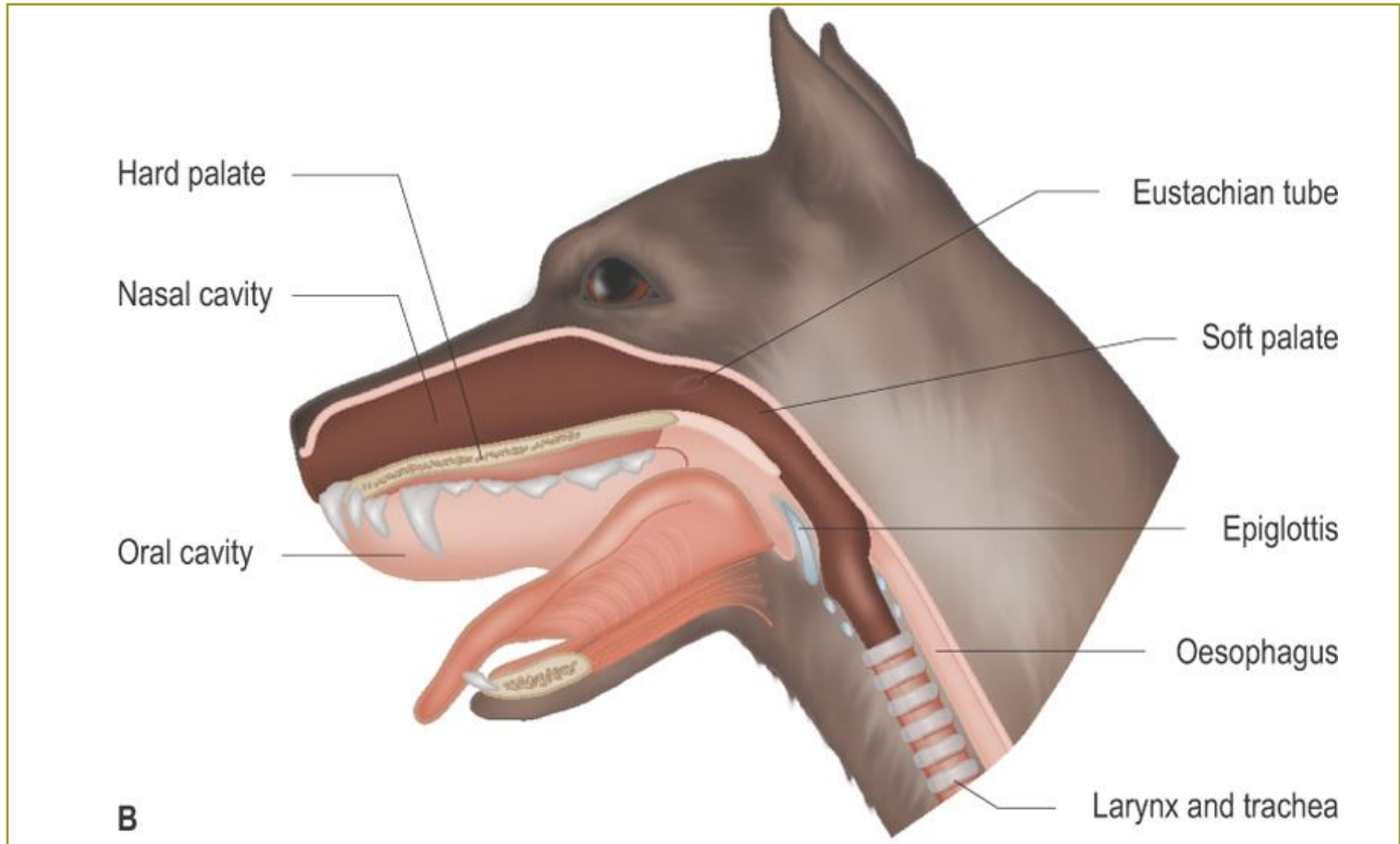
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# Swallowing



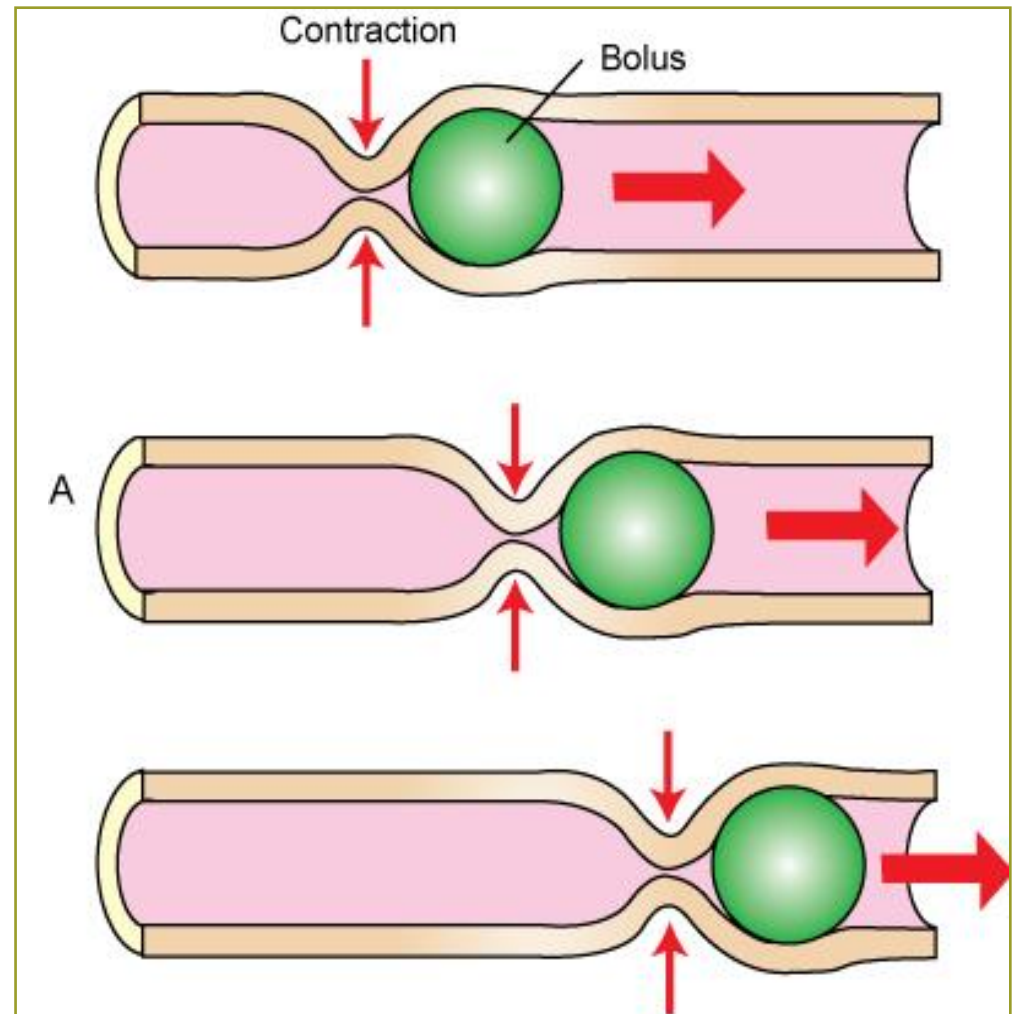
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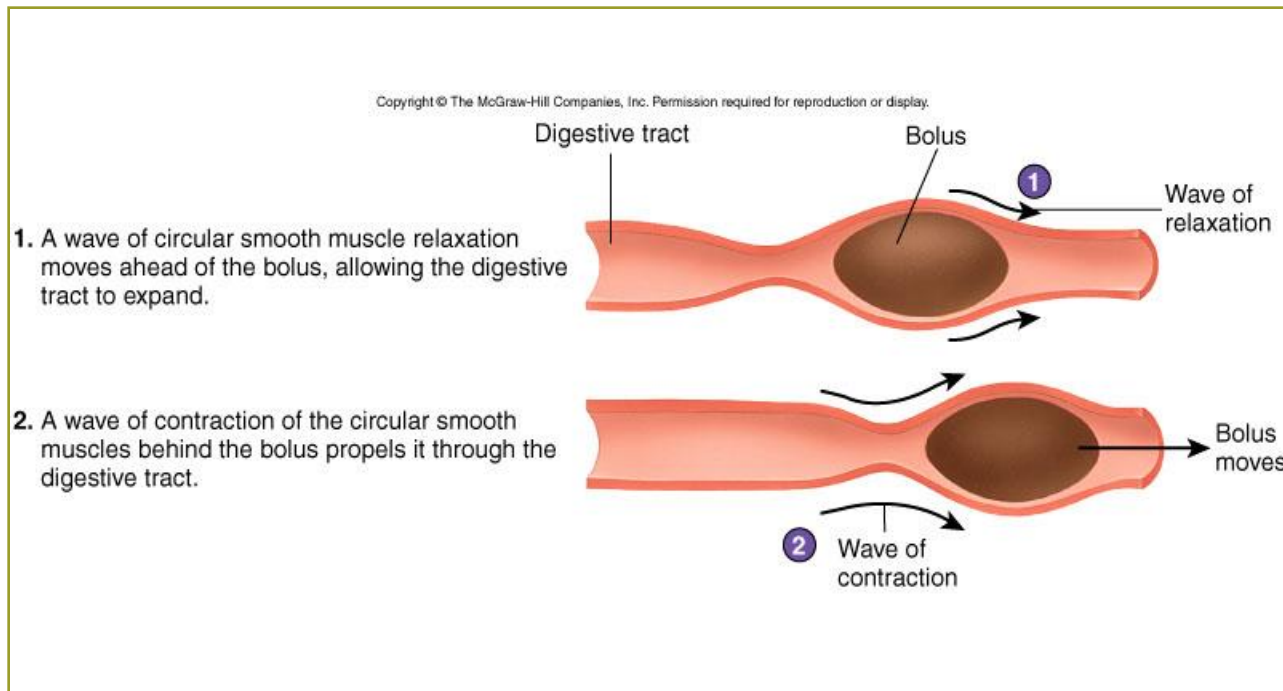
# Peristalsis

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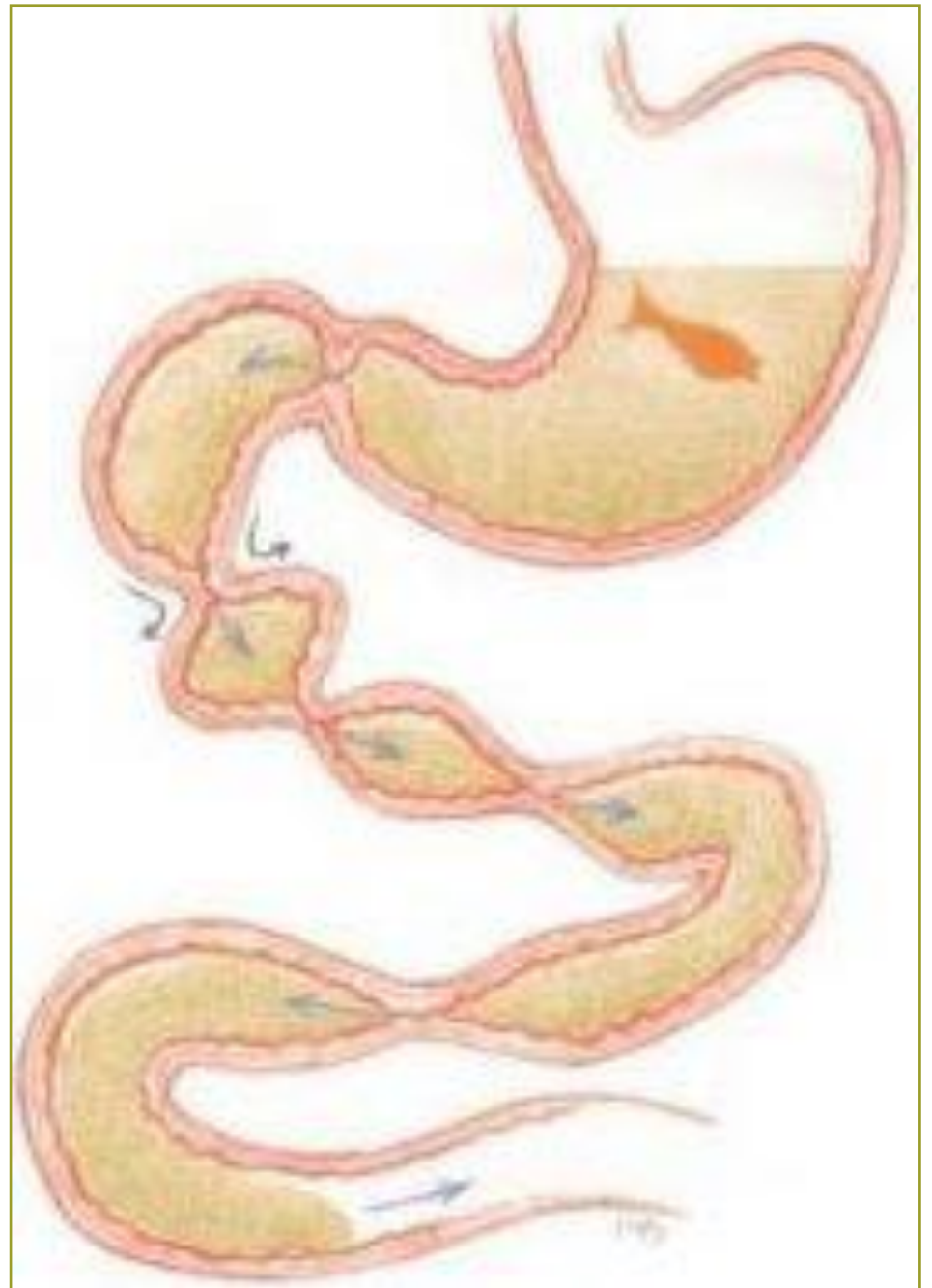
- Circular muscle contractions
- **Wavelike movement** along the tract
- **Propel** digestive tract contents along the tube ahead of them



# Peristalsis



# Peristalsis

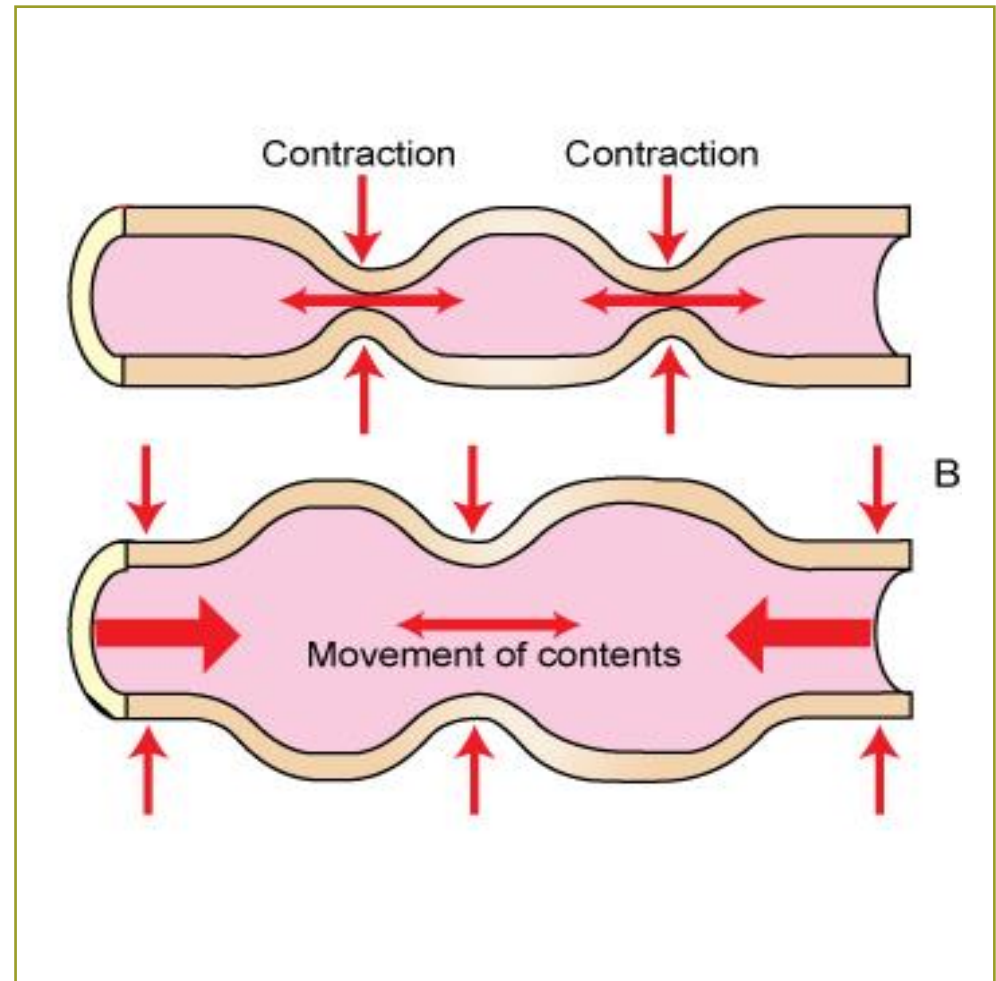




# Segmental Contractions

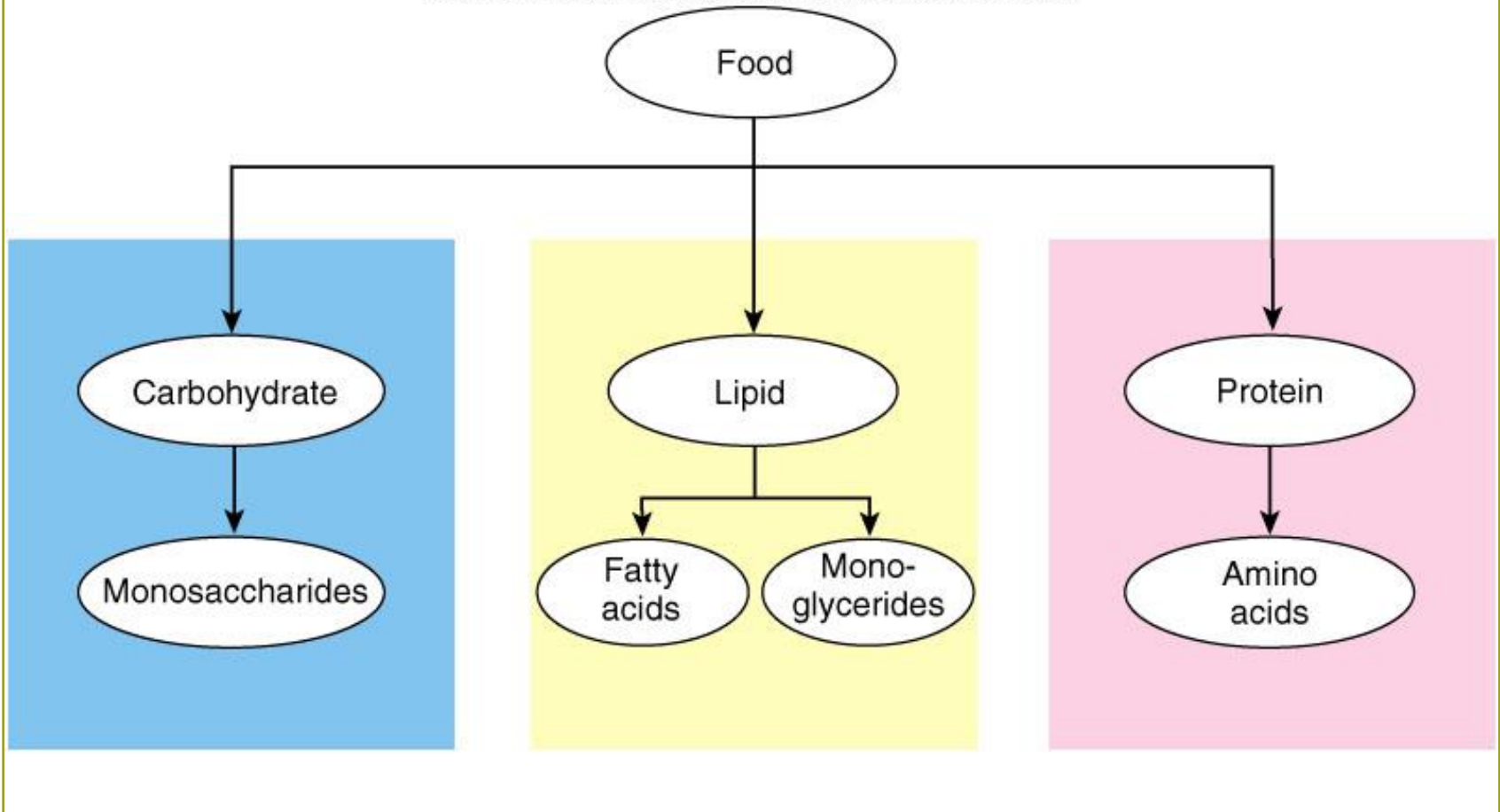
Figure 11-3B, Page 267

- Periodic circular muscle contractions
- Occur in different adjacent sites
- Mixes digestive tract contents and slows their movement through GIT



# Physiology of Digestion

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# Pancreatic Digestive Enzymes

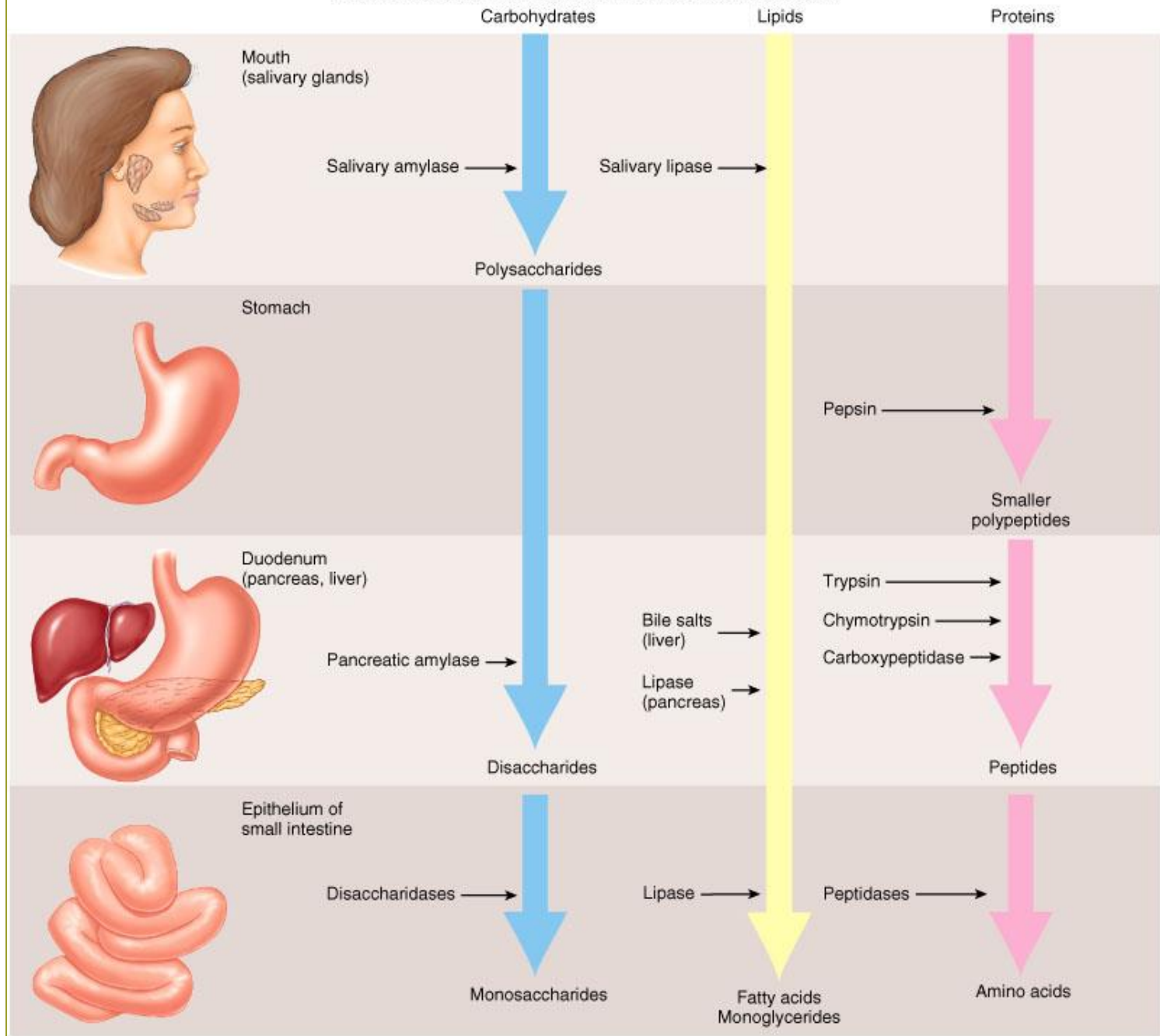
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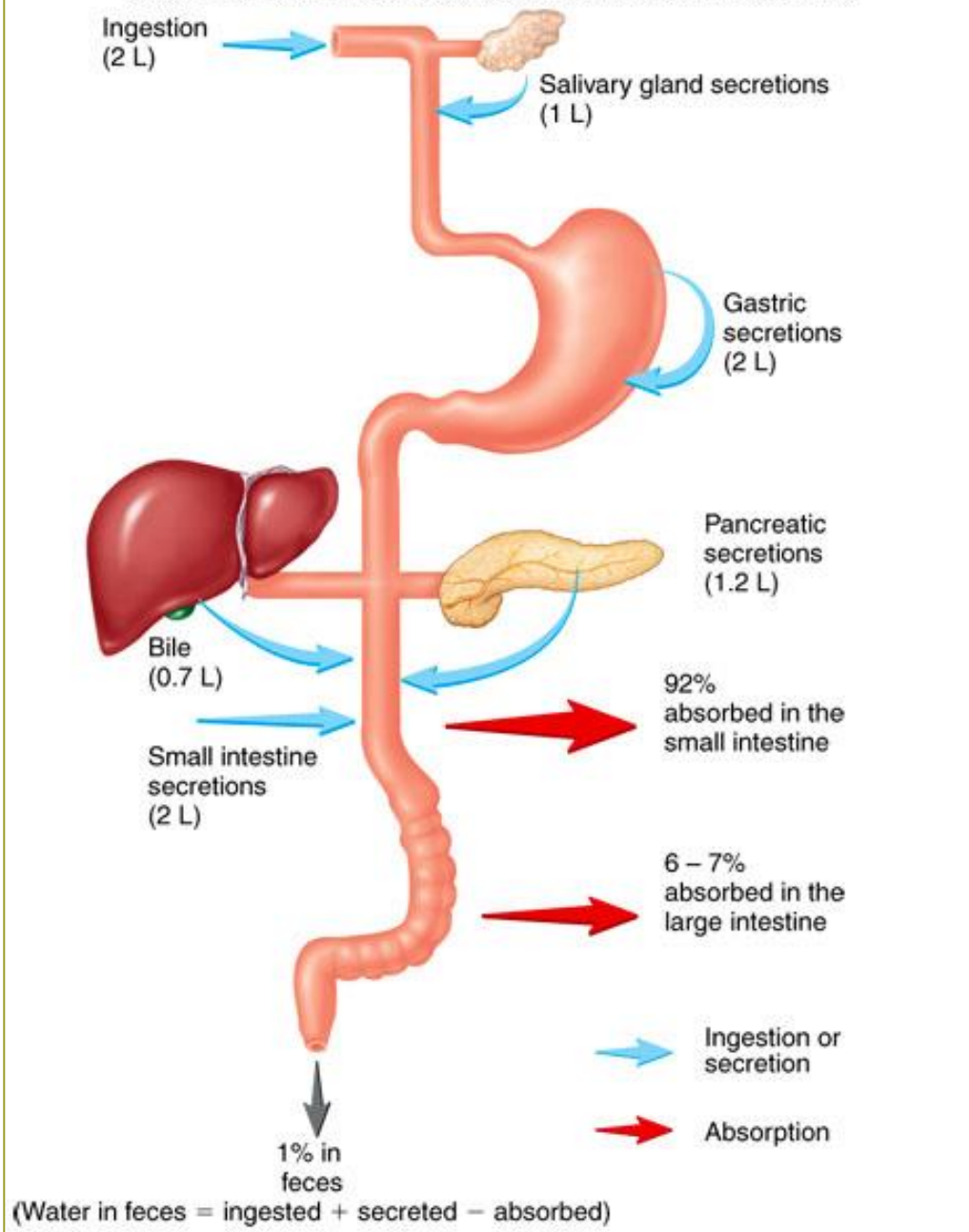
- **Amylase** – enzyme in saliva of omnivores
  - Breaks down amylose (sugar component of starch)
- **Lipase** – enzyme that digests lipids
  - May be found in the saliva of some young animals while they are nursing or on a high-milk diet
- **Protease** – enzyme that digests proteins

# Nervous System & Digestion

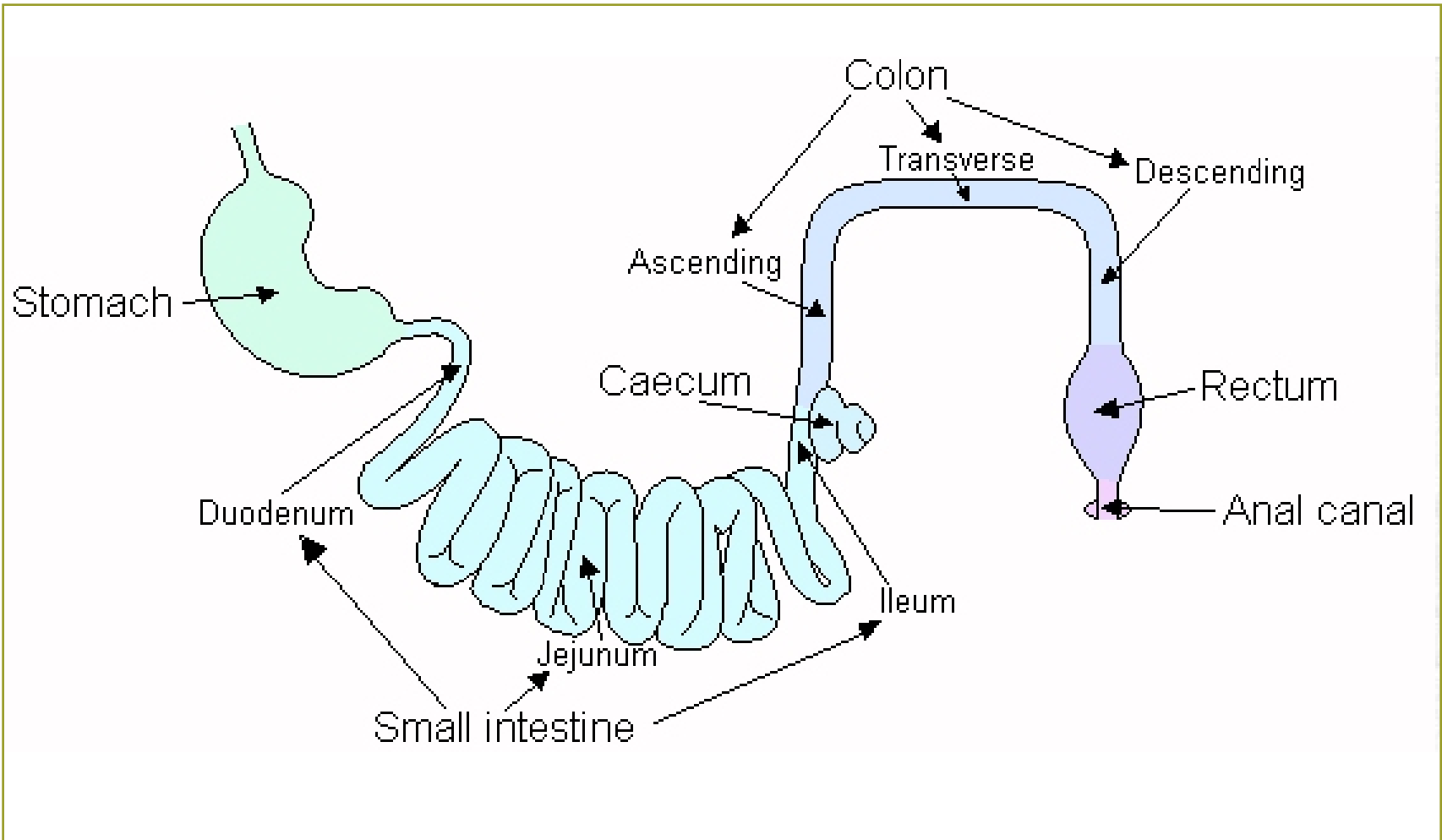
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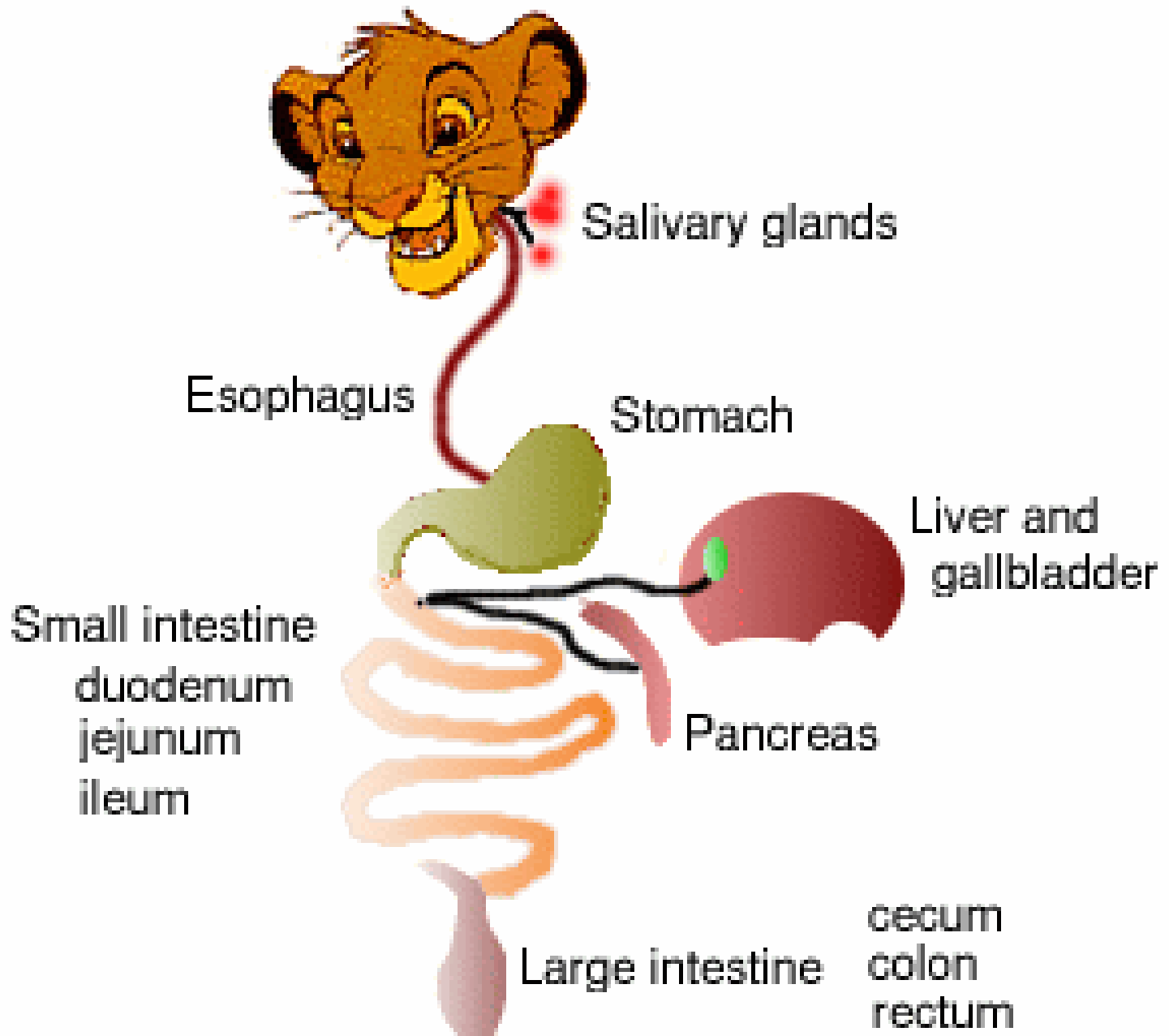
- Autonomic nervous system controls most of the glands in the digestive system
- Parasympathetic stimulation increases salivation.
  - Anticipation of eating can cause parasympathetic stimulation of the salivary glands
- Sympathetic nervous system stimulation decreases salivation
  - Fear or parasympathetic nervous system inhibitors like atropine produce dry mouth





# GIT Review – Trace a Bolus of Food







## Male cat

**4** Diaphragm

**3** Spinal cord

**2** Lung

**1** Brain

**24** Buccal cavity

**23** Tongue

**22** Epiglottis

**21** Trachea

**20** Esophagus

**19** Heart

**18** Liver

**17** Gallbladder

**16** Pancreas

**5** Stomach

**6** Kidney

**7** Large intestine

**8** Small intestine

**9** Anus

**10** Testis

**11** Penis

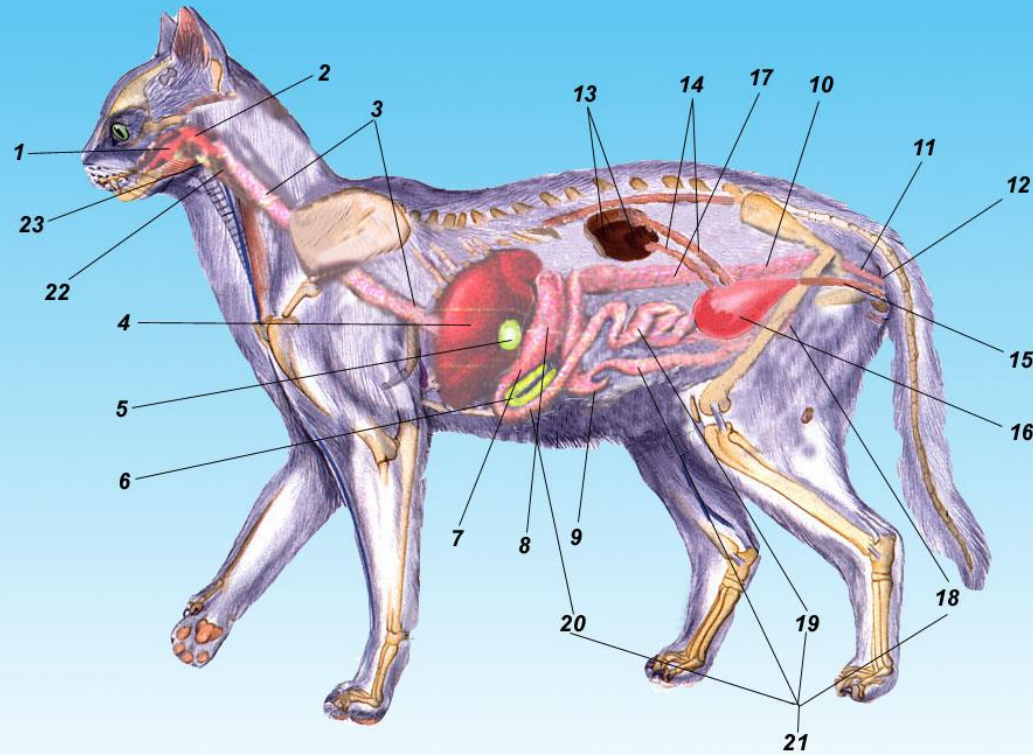
**12** Urethra

**13** Sperm duct  
(vas deferens)

**14** Bladder

**15** Spleen

# Digestive & Urinary Systems



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|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Tongue       | 9. Cecum            | 17. Large Intestine |
| 2. Pharynx      | 10. Colon           | 18. Ileum           |
| 3. Esophagus    | 11. Rectum          | 19. Jejunum         |
| 4. Liver        | 12. Anus            | 20. Duodenum        |
| 5. Gall Bladder | 13. Kidneys         | 21. Small Intestine |
| 6. Pancreas     | 14. Ureters         | 22. Trachea (cut)   |
| 7. Pylorus      | 15. Urethra         | 23. Epiglottis      |
| 8. Stomach      | 16. Urinary Bladder |                     |

# Parasites of GIT

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<b>Parasite</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Roundworms	S.I.	Puppies, Kittens
Hookworms	S.I.	Dogs, Cats
Whipworms	L.I.	Dogs
Tapeworms	S.I.	Dogs, Cats
Coccidia	S.I.	Puppies, Kittens

# Small Animal GIT Pathology

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- Stomatitis
- Glossitis
- Gingivitis
- Periodontitis
- Dental caries
- Pharyngitis
- Gastritis
- Gastroenteritis
- Enteritis
- Colitis

# Small Animal GIT Pathology

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- Prostaglandins & NSAIDS (Page 247)
- Canine gastric bloat
- Gastric torsion
- Hepatitis
  - Jaundice (icterus)
- Pancreatitis
- Diabetes mellitus
- Coprophagy
- Lactose intolerance

# No Gall Bladder

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- Horse
- Rat
- Terms to also know – stomatitis, glossitis, tenesmus, prehension, mastication, anorexia, laparotomy, enterotomy, colotomy, anastomosis, rumenotomy, abomasopexy, gastropexy, intussusception, etc.

# Large Animal GIT Pathology

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- Bovine bloat (rumen)
- Displaced abomasum (DA)
- Equine Colic

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# Test Yourself

## **KNOW THESE IN EVERY CHAPTER!**

Pages 270, 273, 277, 279, 282

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# Clinical Applications

Pages 270, 270, 270, 274, 276, 279

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# Nutrients and Metabolism

## Chapter 12



Pages 283-313



# Textbook Learning Objectives

## Chapter 12 – Page 283

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- List the six categories of nutrients.
- List and describe the three categories of carbohydrates.
- List and describe the four categories of lipids.
- Give the general structure of proteins.
- Differentiate between the water-soluble vitamins and fat-soluble vitamins and list their dietary sources and functions.
- List the common macrominerals, microminerals and trace elements found in the body.
- Describe the processes of catabolism and anabolism.
- List the events that occur in each stage of cellular metabolism.
- Describe the processes of glycolysis, the Krebs cycle, and the electron transport system.
- Describe the general structure of enzymes and explain the role of enzymes in initiation and control of metabolic reactions.

What is  
“Good Nutrition”  
for Animals???





# What Is Nutrition?

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- Definition
  - The study of nutrients in foods and also in an animal's body
- Clinical Importance of Pet Nutrition
  - All cells in an animal's body need a constant daily input of nutrients in order to stay healthy and functioning well
  - **Healthy Cells → Healthy Body**
  - **“Balance is the key”**

# Food

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- Food is any substance, usually comprised primarily of carbohydrates, fats, water and/or proteins, that can be eaten or drunk by animals (including humans) for nutrition and/or pleasure.



# Role of the Veterinary Technician

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- **Client education!!!** 😊
  - Answer general questions
  - Mentor owners on proper feeding of their pets
    - Assessment
    - Feeding plan
- Promotion of wellness and preventive medicine

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# Wellness Plans for Pets

Nutrition

Vaccinations

Parasite control

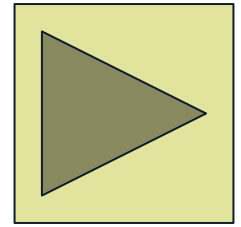
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Surgical neutering

Behavior counseling

# Partners for Healthy Pets

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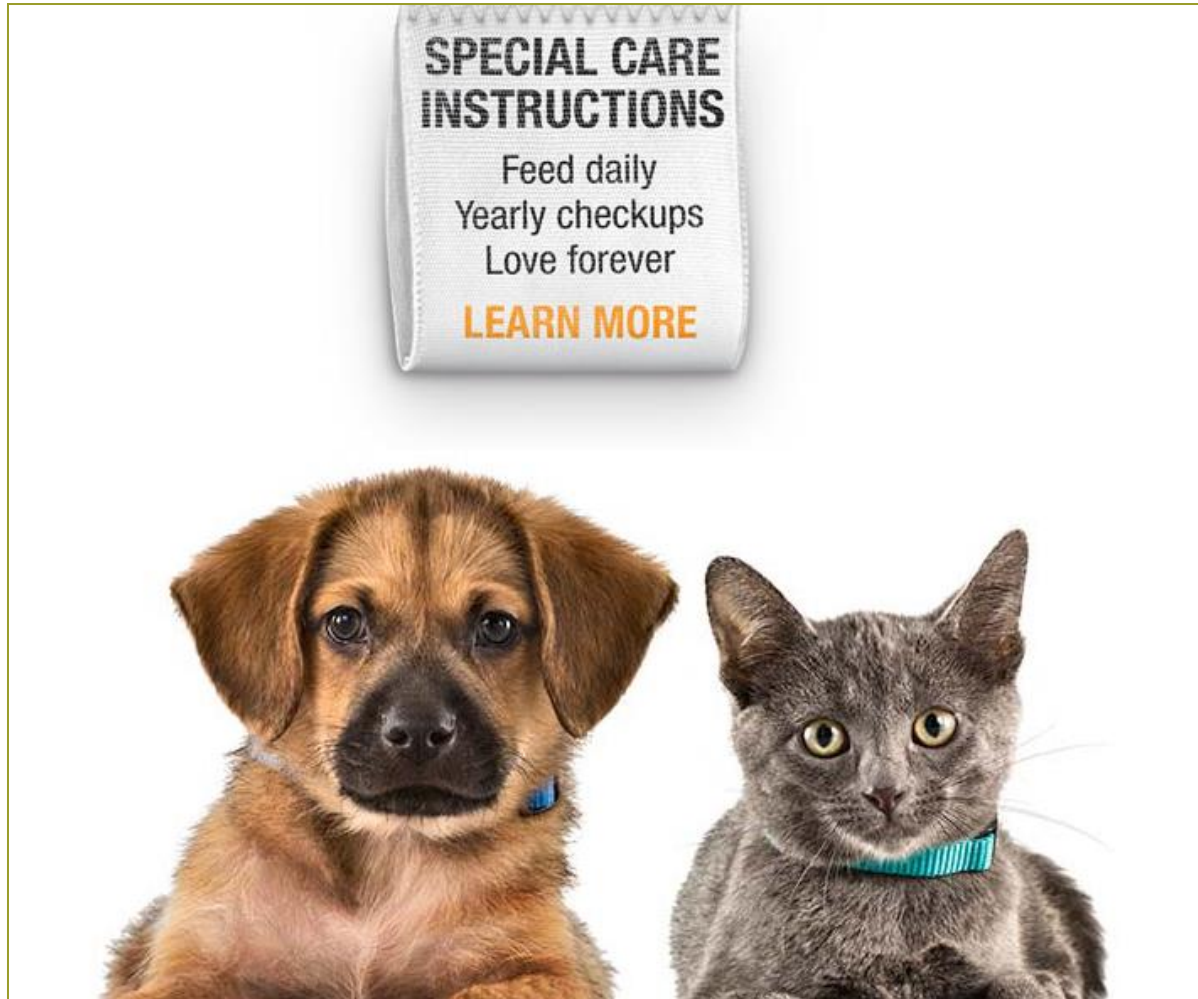
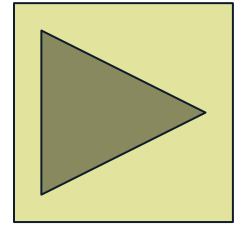
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# Nutrients

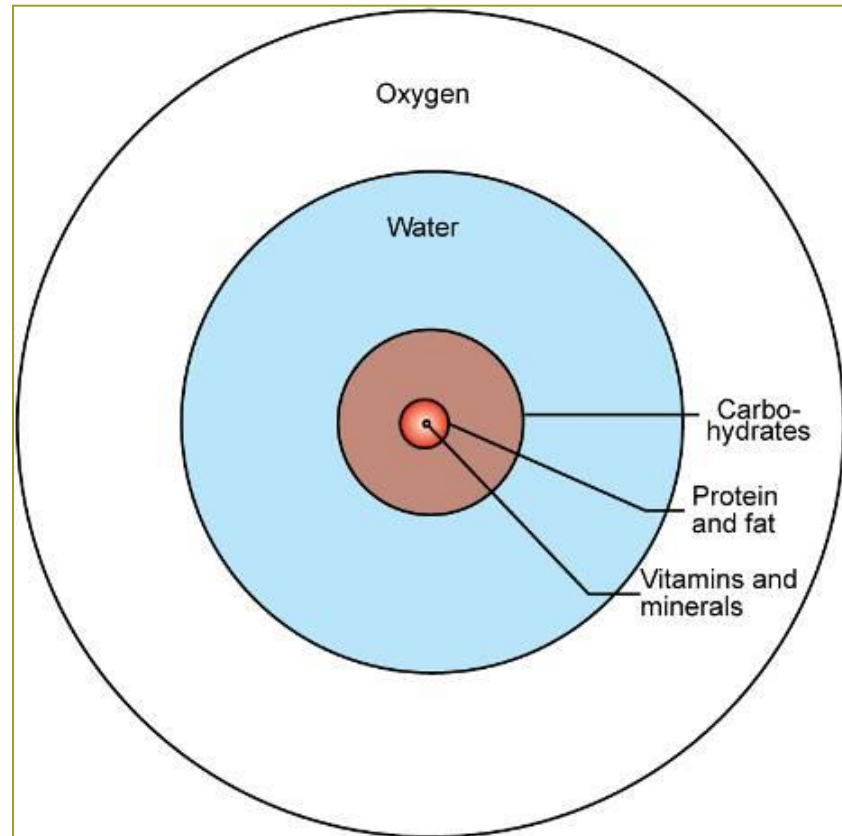
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# Nutrients

## Figure 12-1, Page 284

- Substances derived from food; necessary for carrying out normal body functions
- Six categories:
  1. Water
  2. Carbohydrates
  3. Lipids
  4. Proteins
  5. Vitamins
  6. Minerals



# Some Nutrition Definitions

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- Nutrients – any substance ingested to support life
  - Essential
  - Organic

# Nutrient Categories

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- Macronutrients

- Need digestion before absorption
- Energy-producing nutrients (calories)

- Micronutrients

- No digestion needed before absorption
- Non-energy-producing nutrients



# Nutrients

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- Energy-producing nutrients (calories)
  - Carbohydrates, fats, and proteins
- Non-energy producing nutrients
  - Water, vitamins, and minerals
- Essential nutrients – ones that an animal cannot manufacture
  - Must be in diet

# Macronutrients

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- Definition
  - Large organic molecules that give structure and energy to the animal's body (calories)
  - Energy-producing nutrients
- 3 categories
  - Carbohydrates
  - Lipids (fats & oils)
  - Proteins

# Dietary Sources of Macronutrients

## Box 12-1, Page 285

### BOX 12-1 Summary of Nutrient Groups and their Dietary Sources

#### CARBOHYDRATES

##### Sugars

- Simple carbohydrates (monosaccharides and disaccharides) found in fruit, honey, sugar cane, sugar beets, and immature vegetables

##### Starches

- Complex carbohydrates (polysaccharides) found in grains, nuts, rice, and root vegetables, such as potatoes and legumes

##### Cellulose

- Complex carbohydrate (polysaccharides) found in most vegetables.

#### PROTEINS

- Meat, dairy products, soybeans, green leafy plants, eggs

#### LIPIDS

##### Neutral Fats

- Saturated—Meat, milk, cheese, cream, butter, coconuts
- Unsaturated—Vegetable oils, olive, safflower
- Phospholipids—Plasma membranes in plant and animal cells
- Steroids—eggs, butter and cream, animal fat, some chemical insecticides in the environment
- Cholesterol

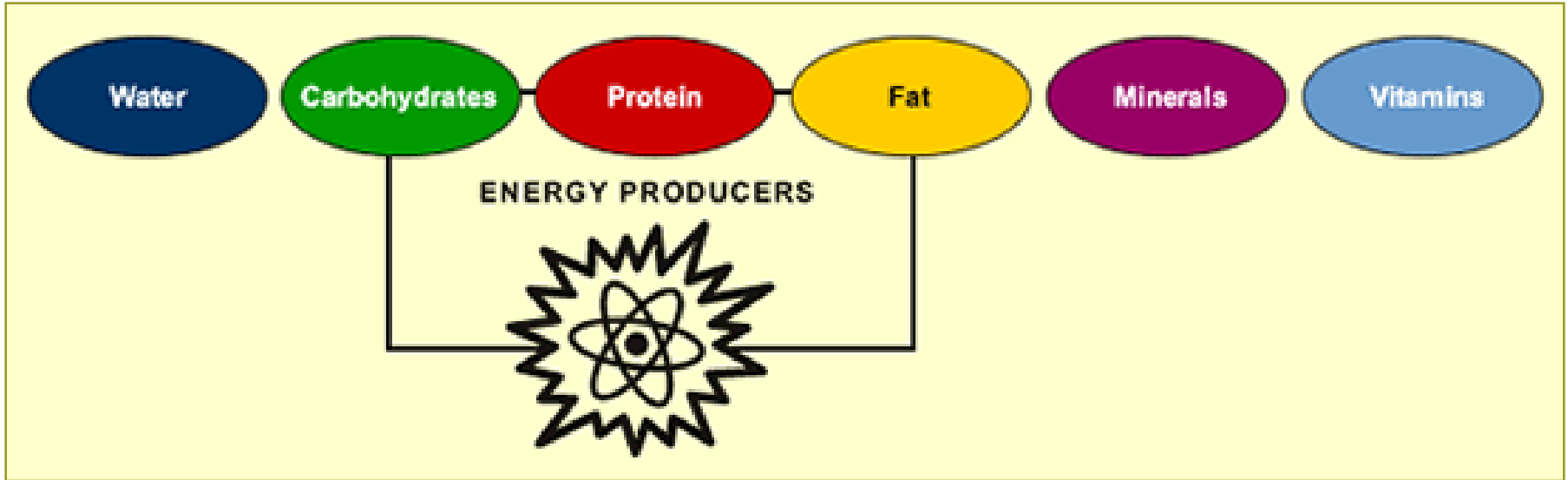
# Micronutrients

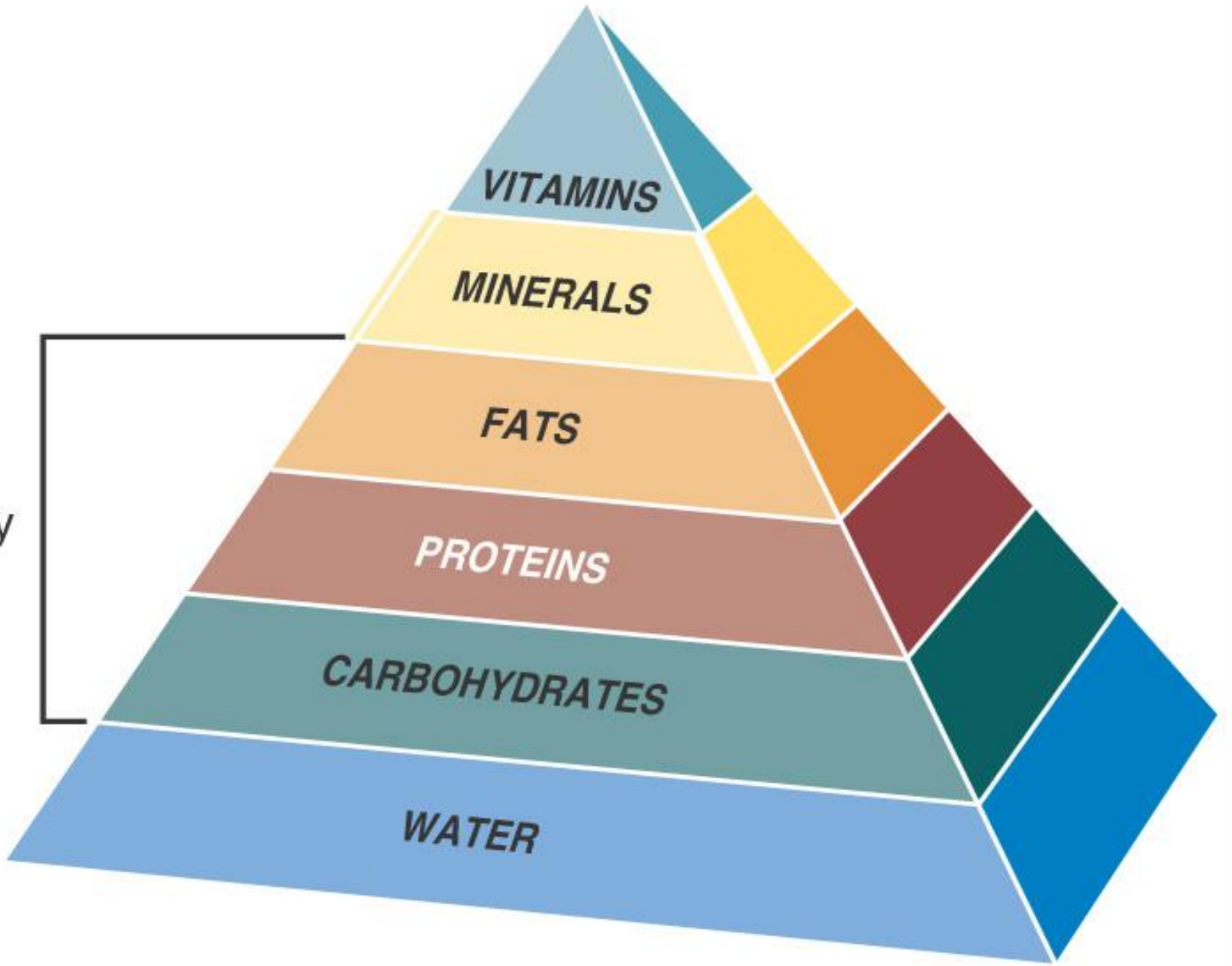
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- Definition
  - Smaller molecules that are required by an animal for metabolism and homeostasis
  - No digestion needed
  - Non-energy-producing nutrients
- 3 categories
  - Vitamins
  - Minerals
  - Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)

# The 6 Nutrients

(In Descending Order of Amounts Needed)

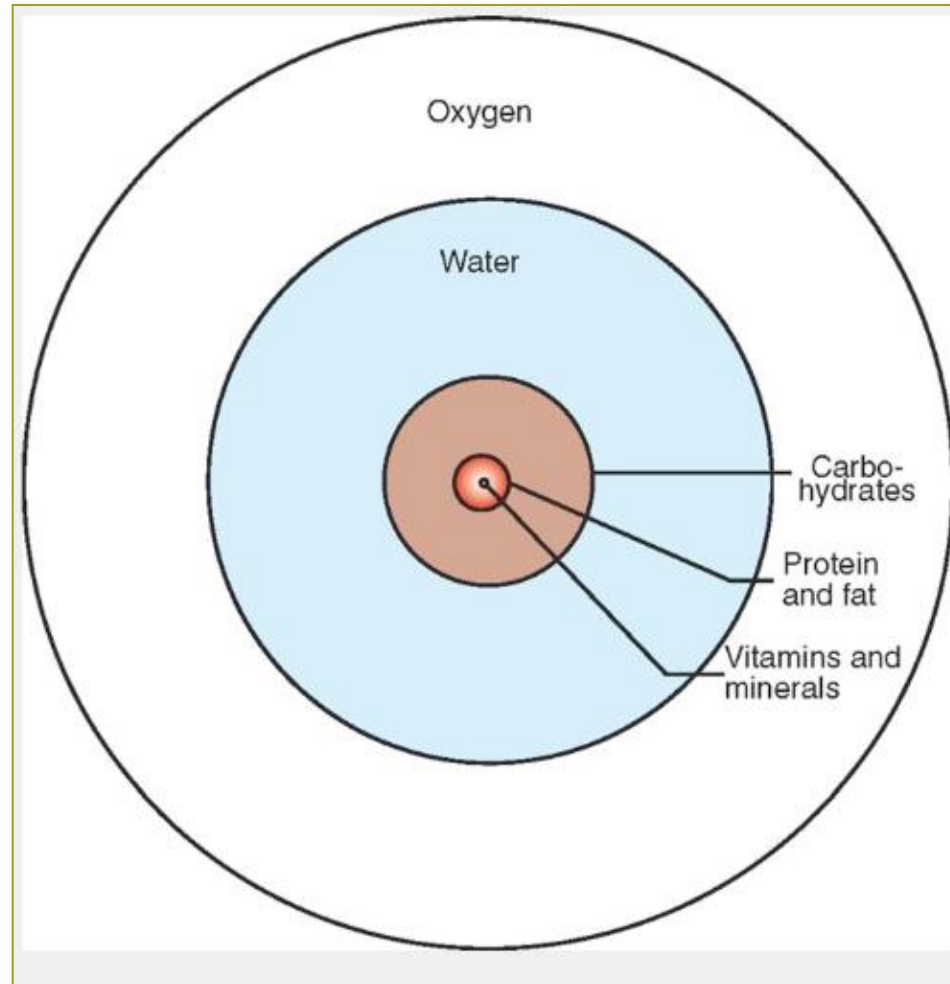




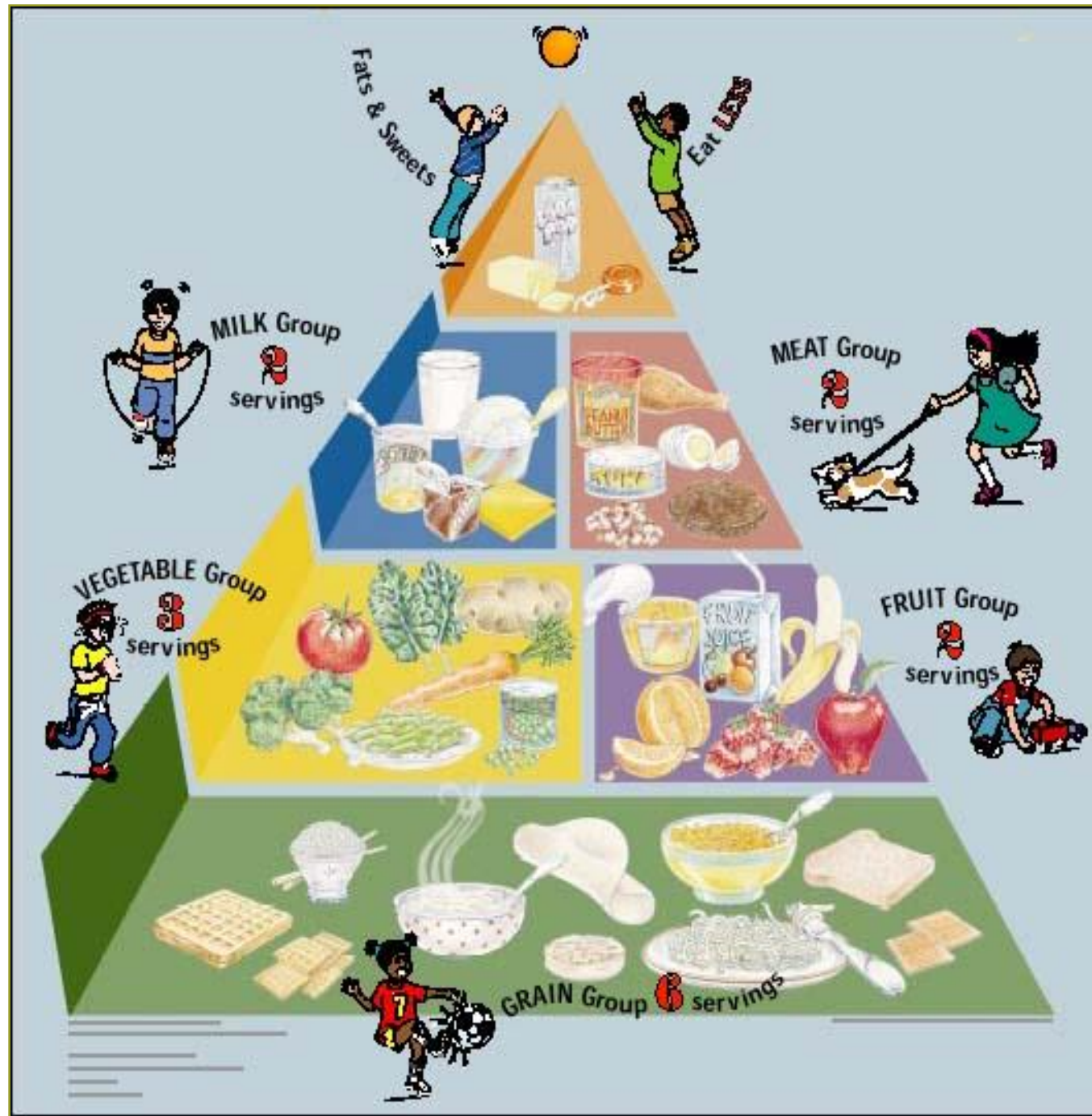
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# And Another Way to Look at It

**Figure 12-1, Page 284**

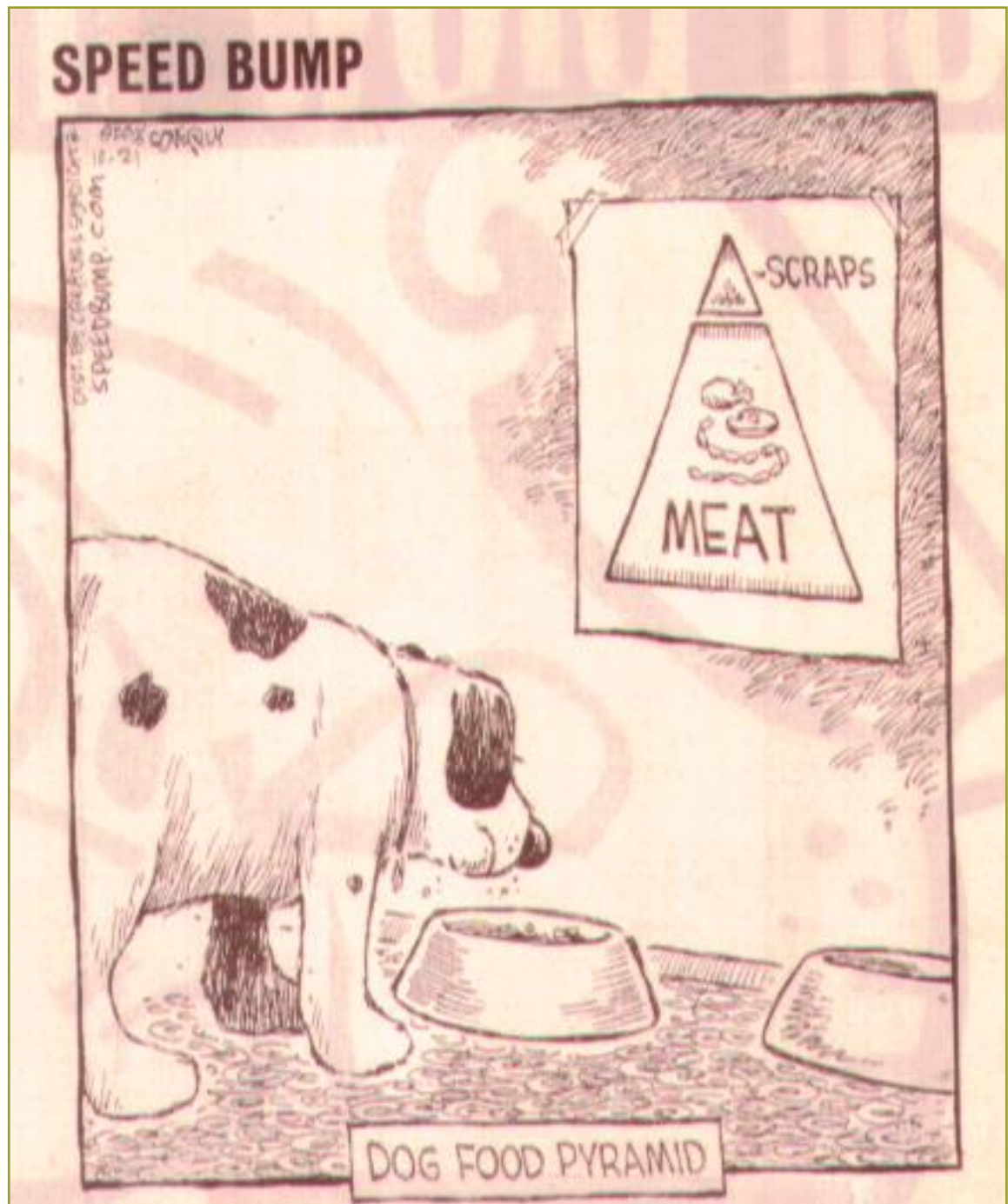


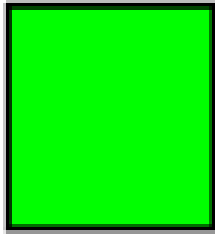
# Old Human Food Guide Pyramid





# Canine Food Guide Pyramid? ☺





= Organic  
Nutrients

**Carbon**

<b>Carbohydrates</b>	
<b>Fats</b>	
<b>Proteins</b>	
<b>Vitamins</b>	

**Minerals**

**Water**

**Oxygen**

**Hydrogen**

**Nitrogen**

**Minerals**



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# Macronutrients (Energy Nutrients)

Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fats (Lipids)

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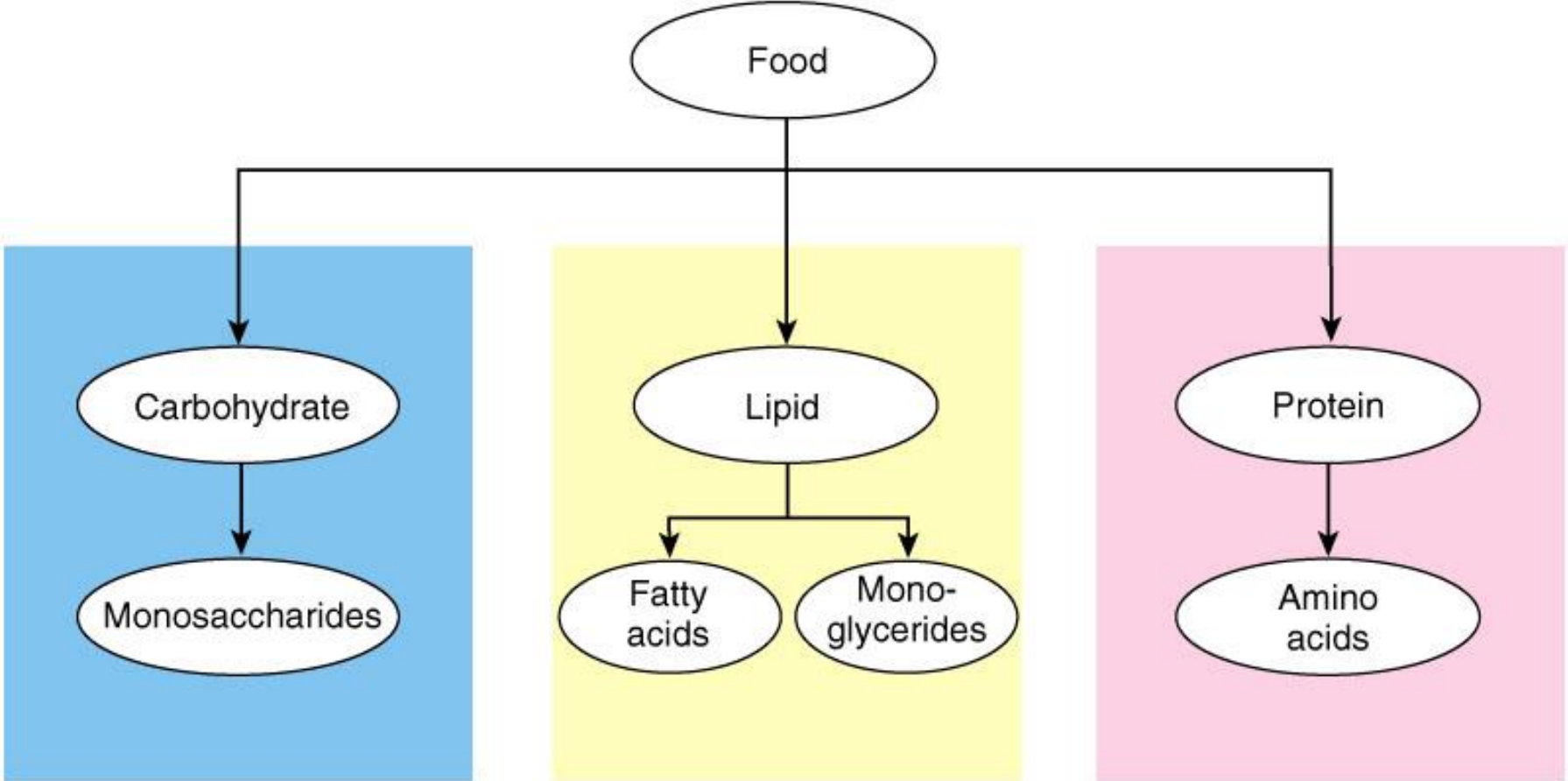
# Calorie Values of Energy Nutrients

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<b>Energy Nutrient</b>	<b>Energy</b>
Carbohydrate	4 cal/g
Fat (lipid)	9 cal/g
Protein	4 cal/g

# Macronutrients Need Digestion

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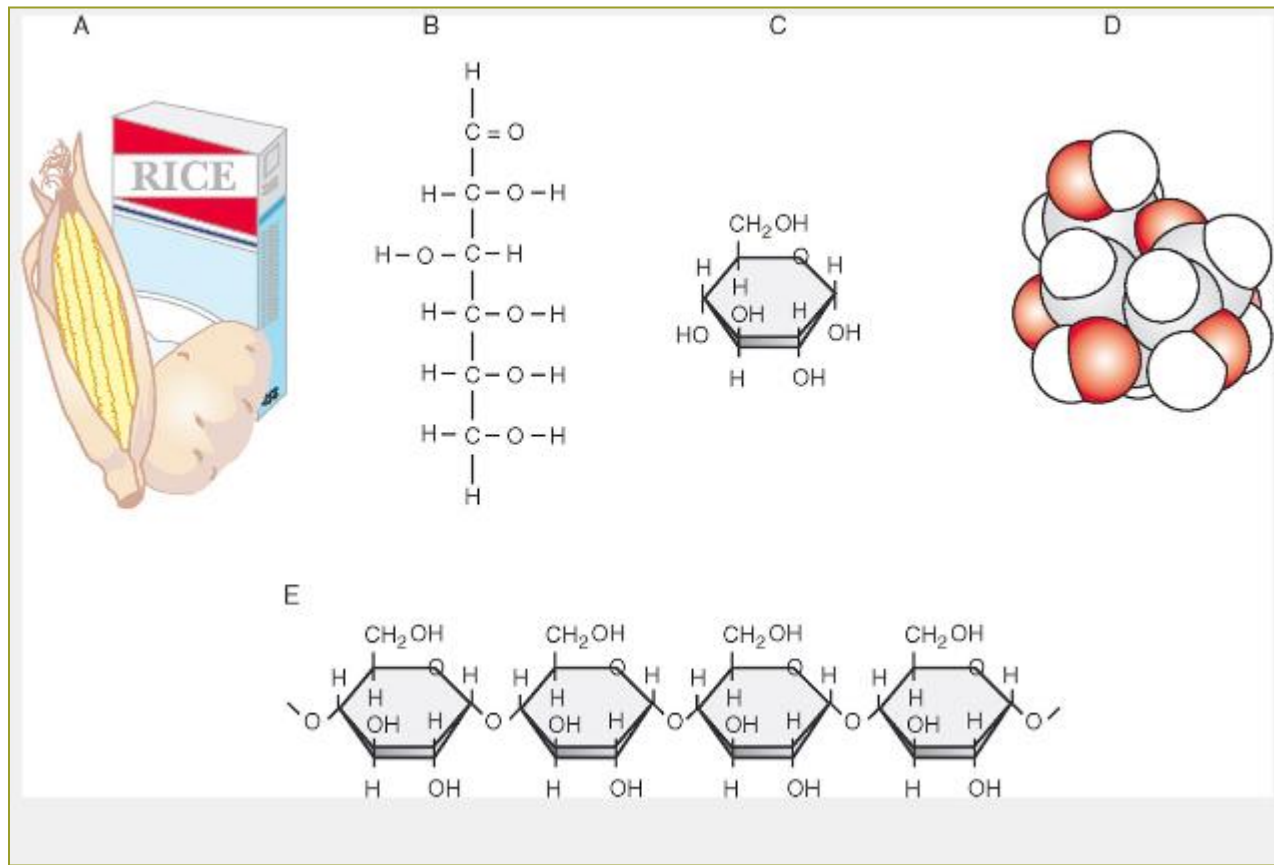
# Carbohydrates

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- Sugars – monosaccharides and disaccharides that come from fruits, sugar cane, honey, milk, and sugar beets
- Starches – polysaccharides that come from grains, root vegetables, and legumes
- Cellulose (Fiber) – polysaccharides that are found in most vegetables
  - Cannot be digested by pets
- Stored as glycogen in animal body
- **4 calories per gram**

# Carbohydrates – Plant Sources

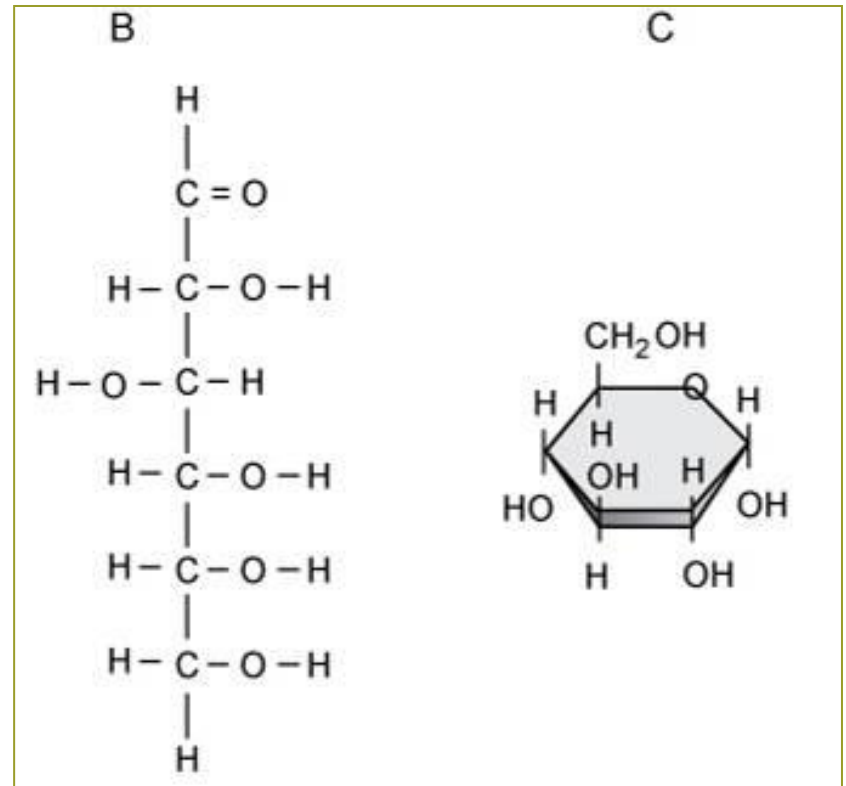
Figure 12-2, Page 289



# Glucose

Figure 12-2B & C, Page 289

- Monosaccharide  
( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ )
- Simplest, smallest dietary carbohydrate
- Used to make ATP through glycolysis
- Excess glucose is converted to glycogen (stored in liver) or converted to fat (stored in adipose tissue)





# Lipids (Fats & Oils)

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- Types of Lipids
  - Fats – animal source
    - More calories than oils
  - Oils – plant source
- Insoluble in water
- Soluble in other lipids and organic solvents
- Functions – food flavor, long-term energy
  - **9 calories per gram**
- Storage in body as fat

# Lipid Categories

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- **Neutral fats**
  - Saturated fats
  - Unsaturated fats
- **Phospholipids**
- **Steroids**
- Other lipid substances

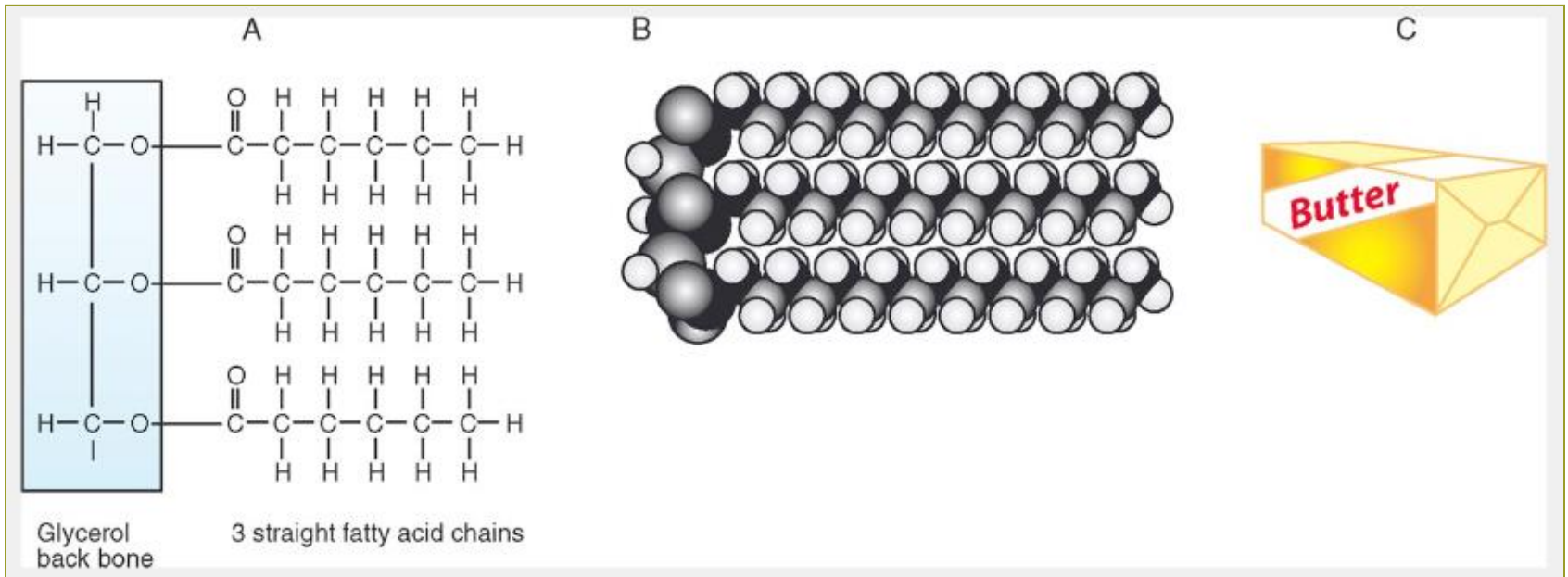
# Neutral Fats (aka Triglycerides)

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- Composed of fatty acids and glycerol
- Triglycerides – three chains of fatty acid molecules attached to a single molecule of glycerol
- Fatty acids – classified depending upon number of carbon atoms in backbone of molecule
  - Long chain, medium chain, short chain
- Glycerol is a modified simple sugar

# Neutral Fats

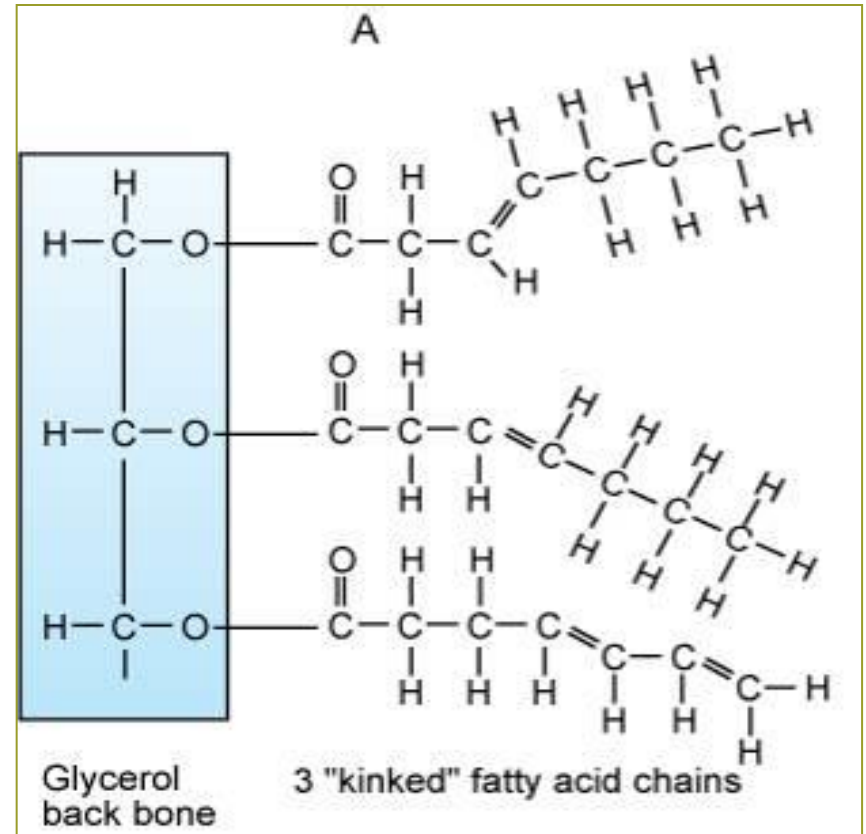
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# Saturated Fats

Figure 12-3A, Page 290

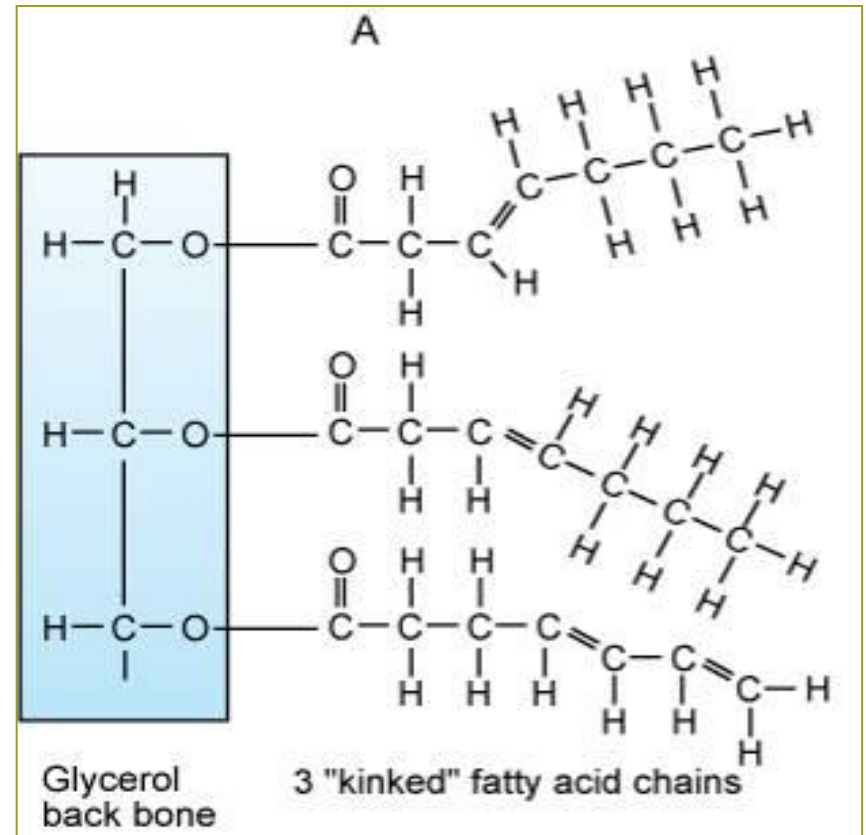
- Saturated fats – fatty acids with single bonds between carbon atoms; full complement of hydrogen



# Unsaturated Fats

Figure 12-4A, Page 290

- Unsaturated fats – one or more double bonds between the carbon atoms; not a full complement of hydrogen atoms
  - Monounsaturated
    - Olive oil
  - Polyunsaturated
    - Omega-3 fatty acids



# Neutral Fats – Plant/Animal Sources

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- Liver can convert one fatty acid to another
  - Essential fatty acids – cannot be synthesized
  - Linoleic acid, linolenic acid, and arachidonic acids
- Neutral fats contain over twice as much potential energy by weight as protein or carbohydrates
  - **9 calories per gram**

# Fat Functions

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- Increased flavor of foods
- Aid absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins
  - **A, D, E, and K**
- Stored subcutaneous fat is an important insulator
- Fat surrounds and cushions vital organs such as the heart, kidneys, and eyes



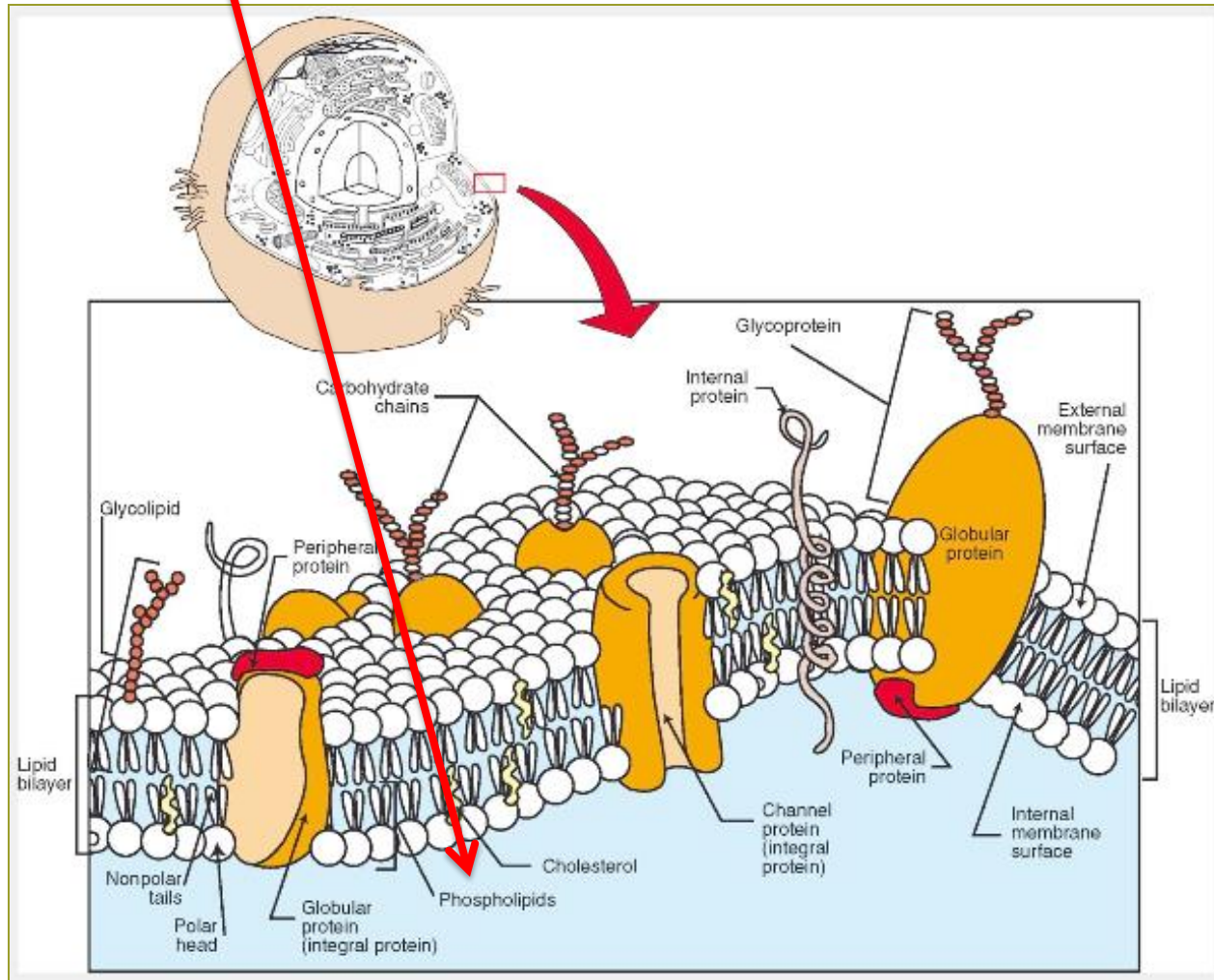
# Phospholipids

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- Modified triglycerides derived primarily from cell membranes of plant and animal cells
- Glycerol core and two fatty acid chains
- Phosphorous group attached to the glycerol molecule; “polar head”

# Phospholipids in Cell Membranes

Figure 3-3, Page 49



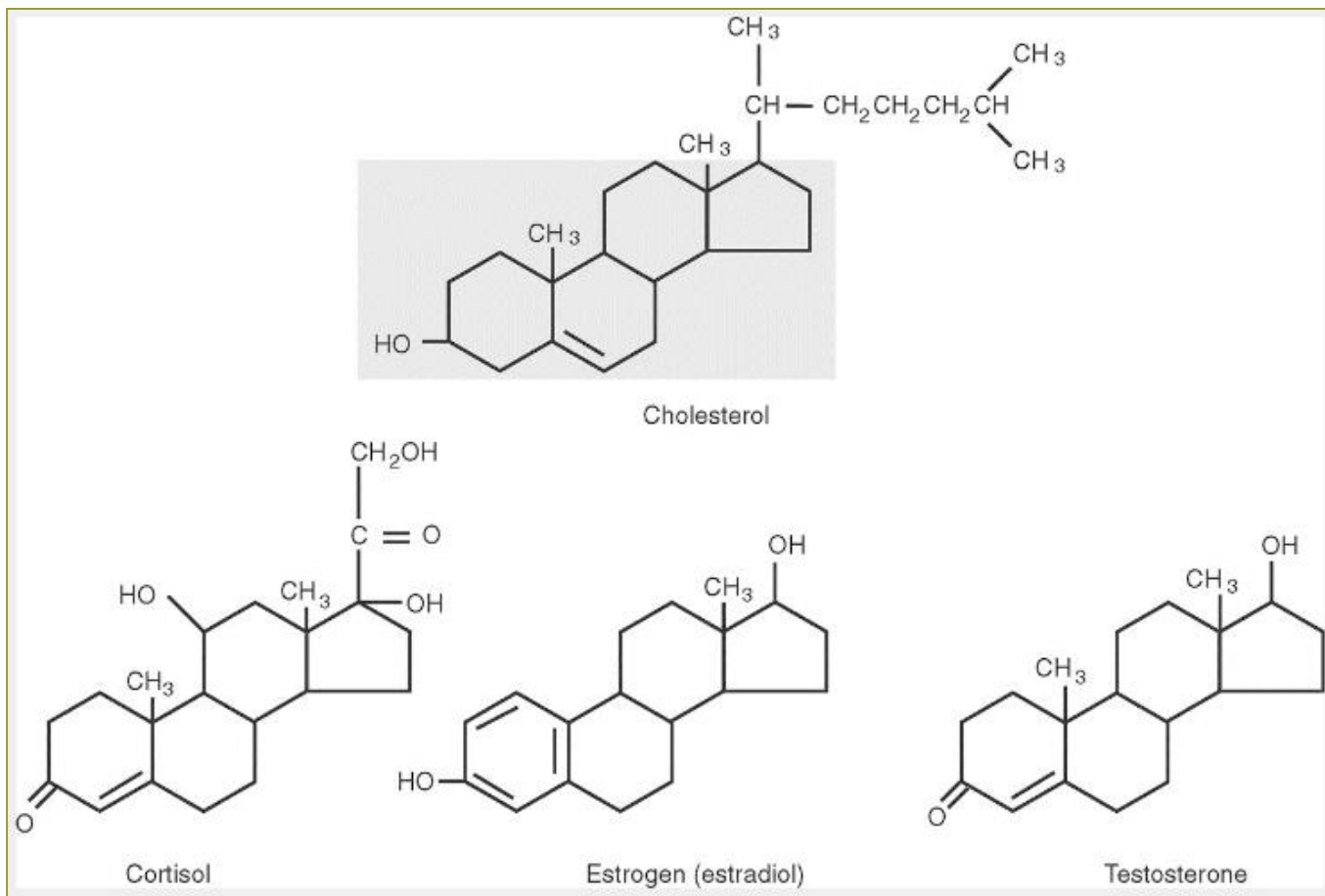
# Steroids

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- Composed of four flat interlocking rings of hydrocarbons
- Include cholesterol, bile salts, sex hormones and hormones released from the cortex of the adrenal gland
- **All of the other steroid molecules can be made from cholesterol**
- Cholesterol is found in the cell membrane
- Liver is able to manufacture cholesterol

# Steroids

## Figure 2-32, Page 31



# Other Lipoid Substances

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- Fat soluble vitamins
- Eicosanoids – regulatory molecules derived from arachadonic acid
  - Prostaglandins, leukotrienes and thromboxanes
- Lipoproteins

# Proteins

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- Structural proteins – Most structures in body
- “Working proteins”
  - Hormones
  - Enzymes
  - Antibodies



# Protein Functions

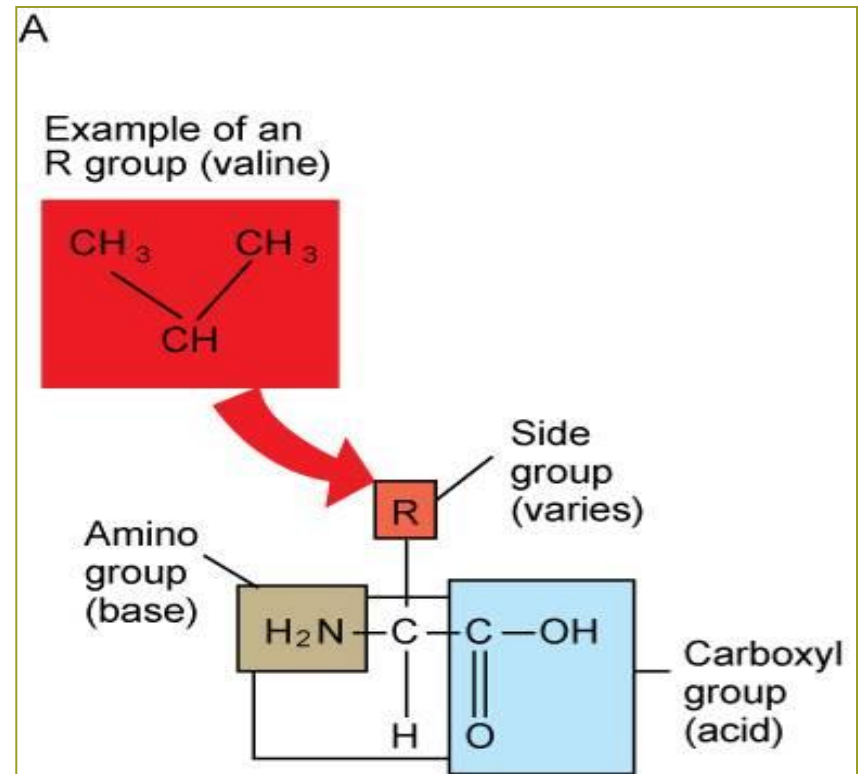
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- Growth of animal
- Repair & maintenance of cells
- Regulate body functions – enzymes and hormones
- Transport oxygen – hemoglobin
- Aid in body movement – contractile proteins in muscle cells
- No actual storage of excessive protein → fat
- **4 calories per gram**

# Protein Structure

Figure 12-5A, Page 292

- Composed of amino acids
  - Amine group (-NH<sub>2</sub>)
  - Organic acid group (-COOH)
  - “R” group – variable
- 22 different types of amino acids
  - “Essential amino acids”





# Protein Structure

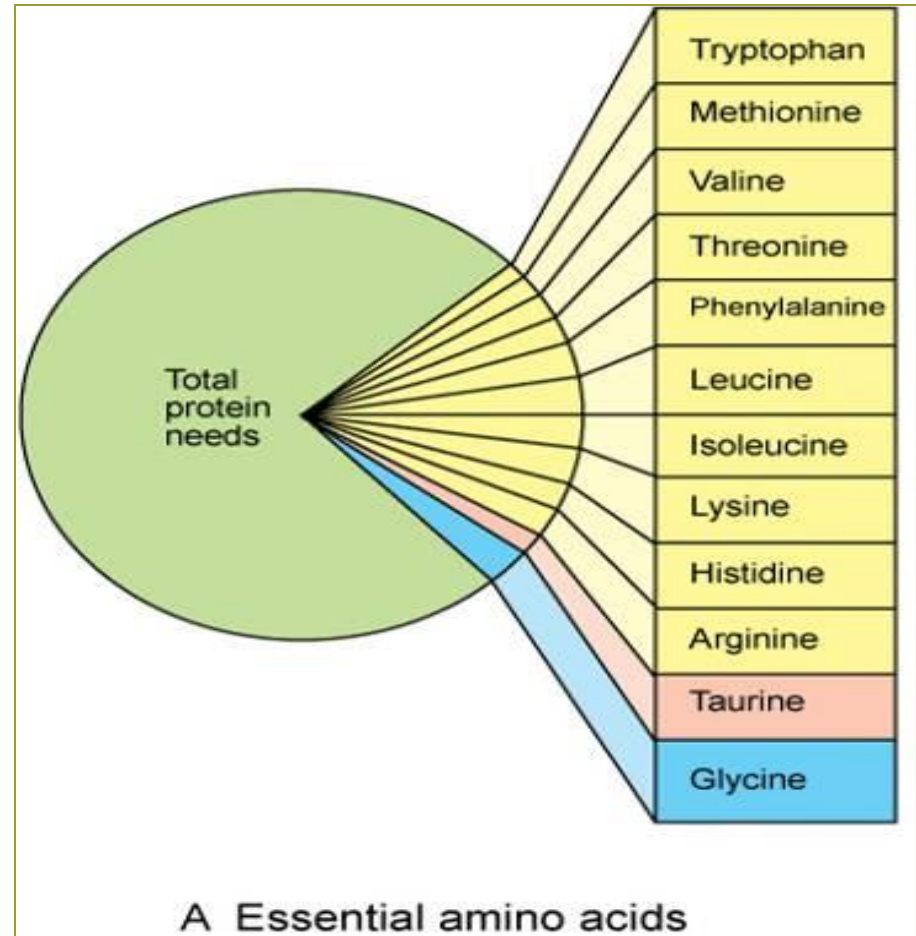
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- Peptide bond – forms between acid group from one amino acid and basic group on the next
- Polypeptide – more than ten amino acids bonded together
- Protein – 50 or more amino acids
- Proteins can be composed of 100 to 10,000 amino acids
- Type and order of amino acids determines structure and function of the protein

# Essential Amino Acids

Figure 12-6A, Page 293

- **Must be present in the diet**
- Animal either cannot make them at all or cannot make them fast enough to meet the body's needs for tissue maintenance and growth



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# Micronutrients

Vitamins, Minerals, Water

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# Micronutrients

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- No Calories
- Need no digestion to be absorbed

# Vitamins

Table 12-1, Page 296 – Know This Well! 😊

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- Function as co-enzymes or parts of co-enzymes or regulatory molecules
- Most vitamins are not made in the body and must be consumed in the diet
  - Exceptions: Vitamin D, made in the skin; vitamin K and biotin, made in the intestine by bacteria; beta carotene can be converted into vitamin A

# Vitamins

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- Organic molecules that are vital to life and indispensable to body functions
- Participate in many metabolic reactions
- Most are essential vitamins
- 2 categories
  - Water-soluble vitamins
  - Fat-soluble vitamins

# Water-Soluble Vitamins

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- Absorbed through the GI tract wall when water is absorbed
- Excesses excreted in urine; toxicities are rare
  - **Vit B<sub>1</sub> (thiamine)**
  - **Vit B<sub>2</sub> (riboflavin)**
  - **Vit B<sub>3</sub> (niacin or nicotinamide)**
  - **Vit B<sub>5</sub> (pantothenic acid)**
  - **Vit B<sub>9</sub> (folacin or folic Acid)**
  - **Vit B<sub>12</sub> (cyanocobalamin)**
  - **Vit C (ascorbic Acid)**

# Fat-Soluble Vitamins

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- Bind to ingested lipids before they are absorbed
- Stored for long periods of time in tissues; toxicity a possibility if high levels are consumed
  - Vit A (retinol)
  - Vit D (calciferol)
  - Vit E (tocopherols)
  - Vit K (coagulation factor)



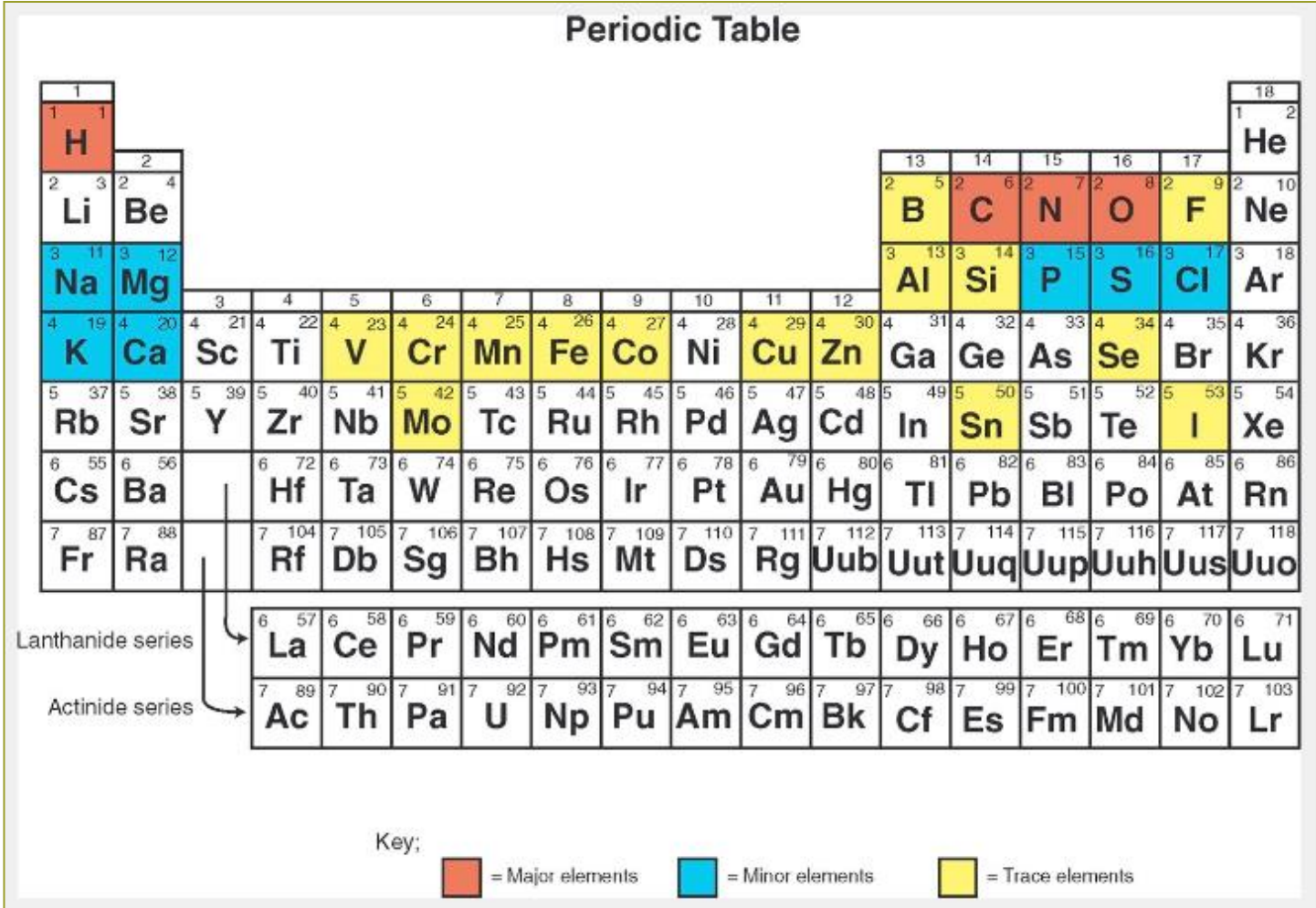
# Minerals (Ash)

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- Naturally occurring inorganic substances; chemical elements
- Only **24** have a role in animal's bodies
- Essential nutrients
- 3 categories
  - Macrominerals – large quantities (%)
  - Microminerals – small quantities (parts per million)
  - **Trace minerals**

# Minerals on the Periodic Table

Figure 2-5, Page 11



# Elements (Minerals) in the Animal Body

## Table 2-1, Page 12

The percentage of the element found in an animal's body is listed. Note that the first few elements make up the vast majority of matter in the animal body.

Element	Chemical Symbol	Atomic Number	Body Mass (%)	Function in the Animal Body
<b>Major Elements</b>				
Oxygen	O	8	65.0	Necessary for cellular energy (production of ATP); component of water
Carbon	C	6	18.5	Primary component of organic molecules
Hydrogen	H	1	9.5	Component of water and organic molecules; necessary for energy transfer and respiration; ion influences pH of fluids
Nitrogen	N	7	3.3	Component of all proteins and nucleic acids
<b>Minor Elements</b>				
Calcium	Ca	20	1.5	Component of bones and teeth; required for muscle contraction, nerve impulse transmission, and blood clotting
Phosphorus	P	15	1.0	Principal component in backbone of nucleic acids; important in energy transfer (part of ATP); component of bones
Potassium	K	19	0.4	Principal, positive ion within cells; important in nerve function
Sulfur	S	16	0.3	Component of most proteins
Sodium	Na	11	0.2	Important positive ion in extracellular fluid; important in nerve function
Chlorine	Cl	17	0.2	Ion is most abundant negative ion in extracellular fluids
Magnesium	Mg	12	0.1	Component of many energy-transferring enzymes
<b>Trace Elements</b>				
Silicone	Si	14	<0.1	Component of some enzymes
Aluminum	Al	13	<0.1	Component of some enzymes
Iron	Fe	26	<0.1	Critical component of hemoglobin
Manganese	Mn	25	<0.1	Needed for fatty acid synthesis
Fluorine	F	9	<0.1	Component of bones and teeth
Vanadium	V	23	<0.1	Component of some enzymes
Chromium	Cr	24	<0.1	Needed for proper glucose metabolism
Copper	Cu	29	<0.1	Needed for hemoglobin and myelin
Boron	B	5	<0.1	Component of some enzymes
Cobalt	Co	27	<0.1	Needed for maturation of RBC's
Zinc	Zn	30	<0.1	Important component of many enzymes and proteins
Selenium	Se	34	<0.1	Antioxidant
Molybdenum	Mo	42	<0.1	Key component of many enzymes
Tin	Sn	50	<0.1	Component of some enzymes
Iodine	I	53	<0.1	Component of thyroid hormone

# Mineral Categories

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- **Macrominerals** – calcium, chlorine, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, and sodium
- **Microminerals** – copper, iodine, iron, manganese, selenium and zinc
- **Trace elements** – chromium, cobalt, fluorine, molybdenum, nickel, silicon, sulphur and vanadium

# Minerals

## Box 12-2, Page 297

### BOX 12-2 Summary of the Minerals Found in the Body

Macrominerals	Microminerals	Trace Minerals
Calcium (Ca)	Copper (Cu)	Chromium (Cr)
Chlorine (Cl)	Iodine (I)	Cobalt (Co)
Magnesium (Mg)	Iron (Fe)	Fluorine (F)
Phosphorus (P)	Manganese (Mn)	Molybdenum (Mo)
Potassium (K)	Selenium (Se)	Nickel (Ni)
Sodium (Na)	Zinc (Zn)	Silicon (Si)
		Sulfur (S)
		Vanadium (V)

\* By far the most abundant minerals in the body.

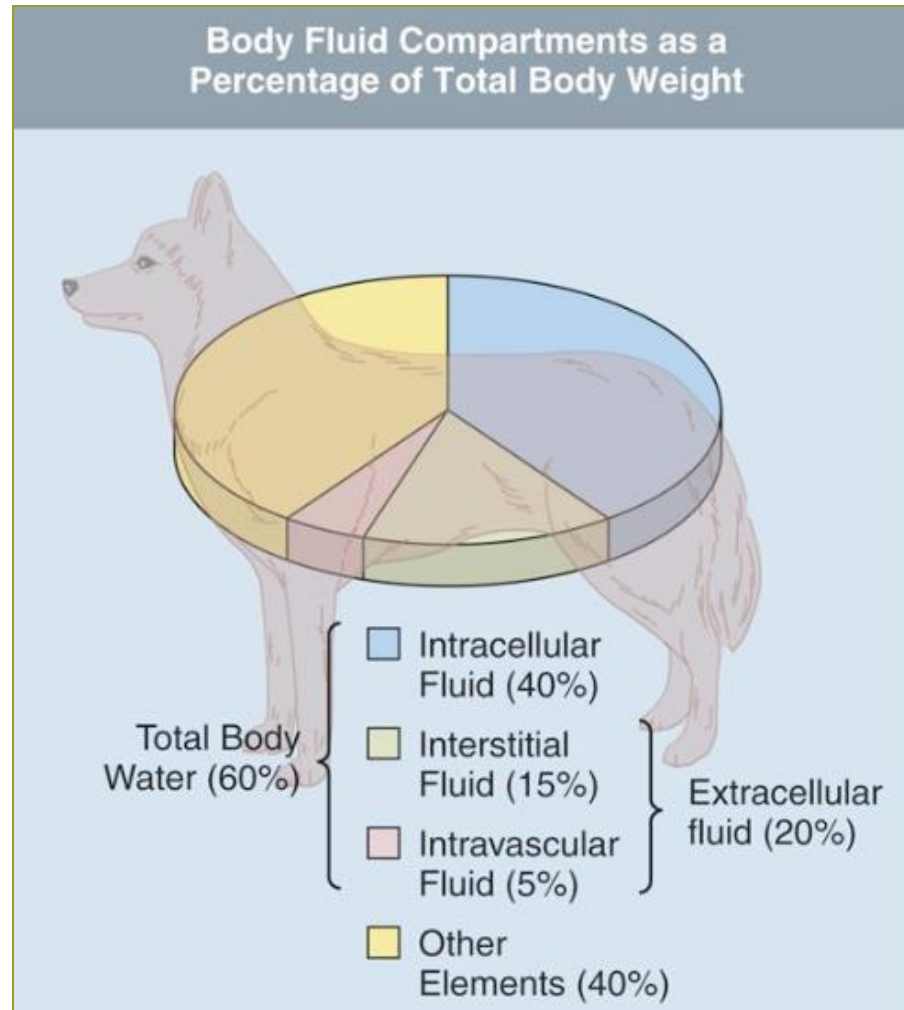
# Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)

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- Secret of Life!
- The **MOST** important nutrient of all!
- **Essential** on a daily basis
- Animal body fluid compartments
  - **Extra-Cellular Fluid (ECF)**
    - **Interstitial fluid**
    - **Plasma**
  - **Intra-Cellular Fluid (ICF)**
    - The greatest amount of water in the animal's body

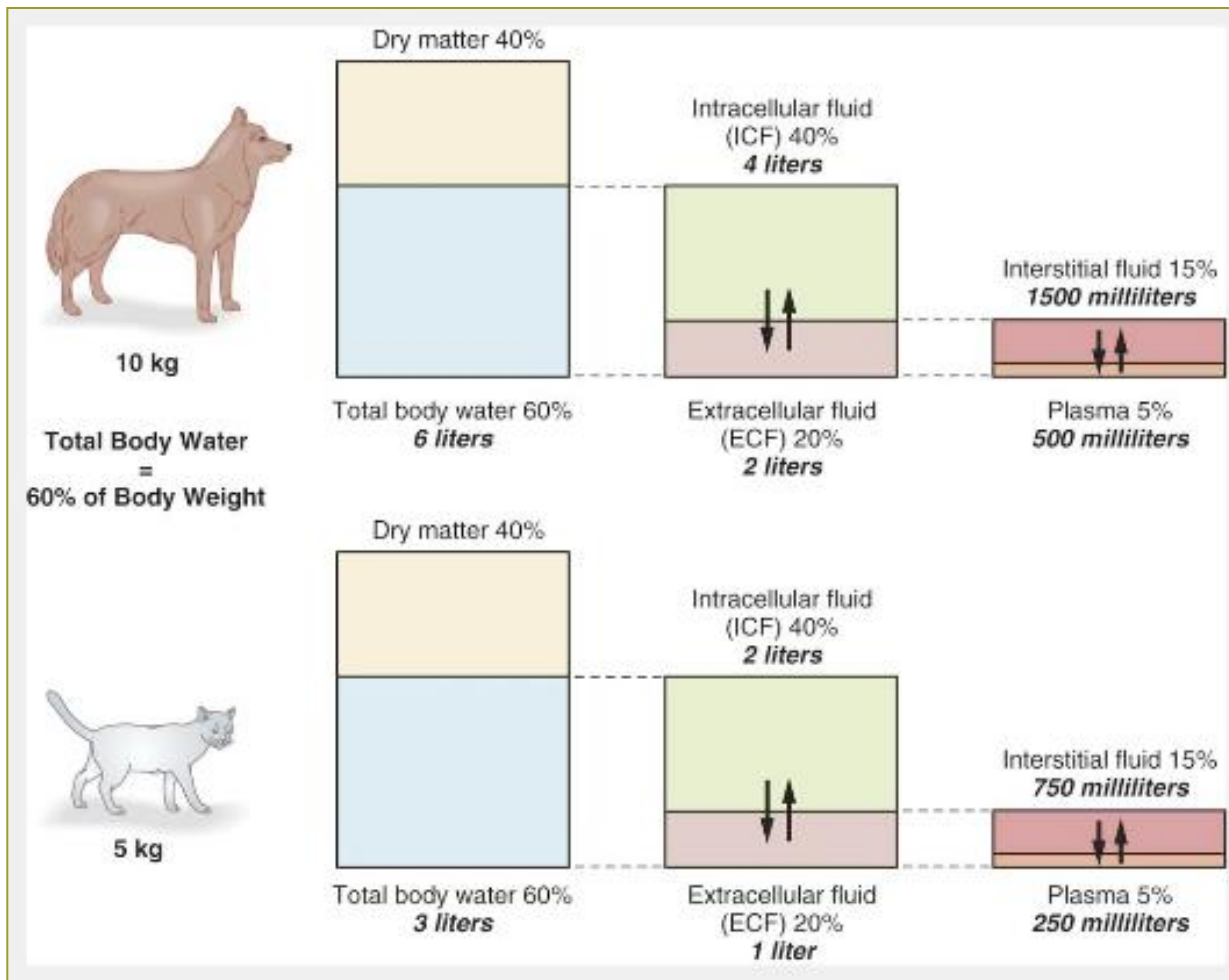
# Animal Body Fluid Compartments

## Figure 2-4 (Anesthesia and Analgesia for Veterinary Technicians – 4<sup>th</sup> edition)



# Animal Body Fluid Compartments

## Figure 15-1 (Applied Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians – 5<sup>th</sup> edition)





# Oxygen and Water

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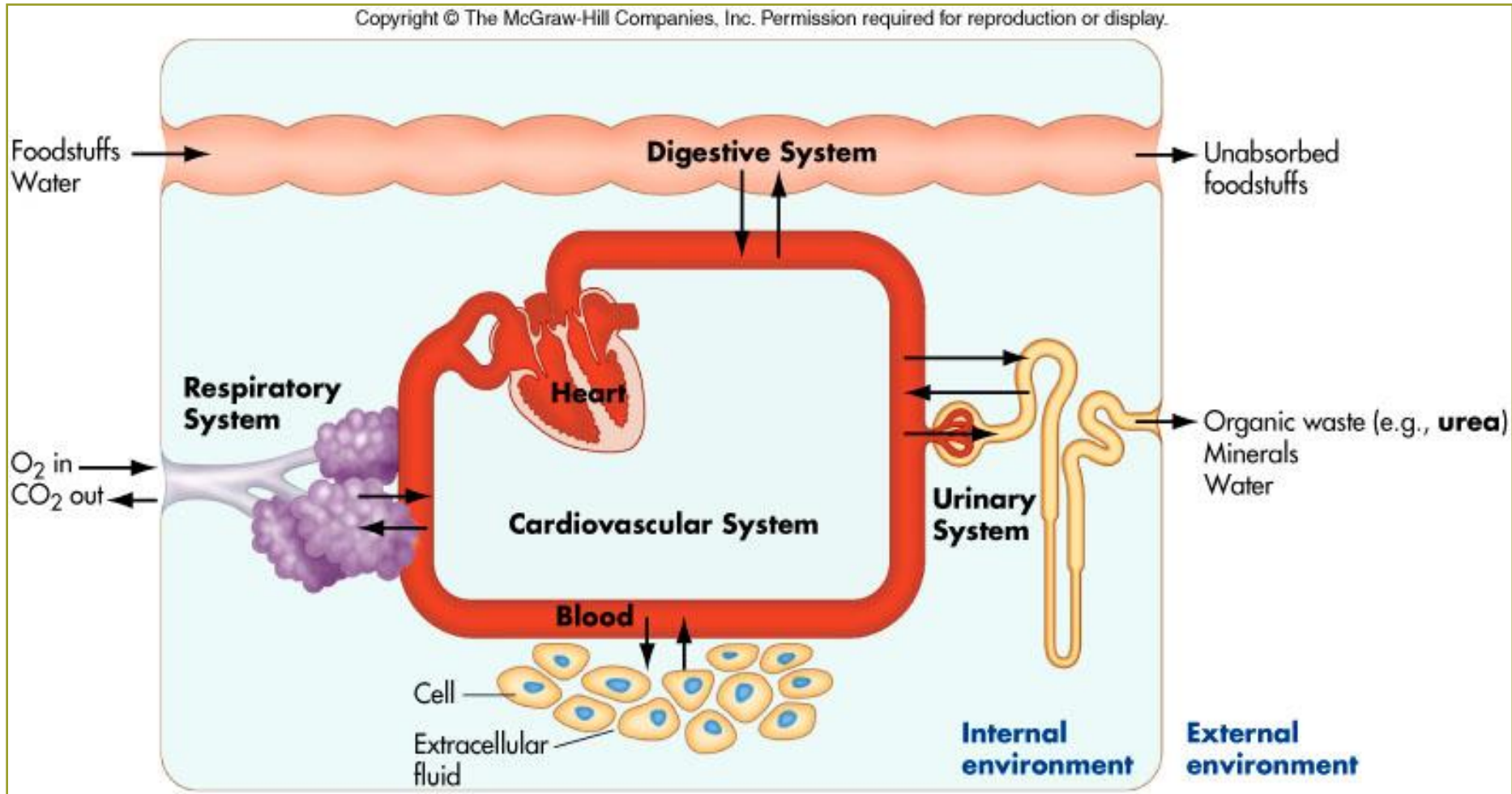
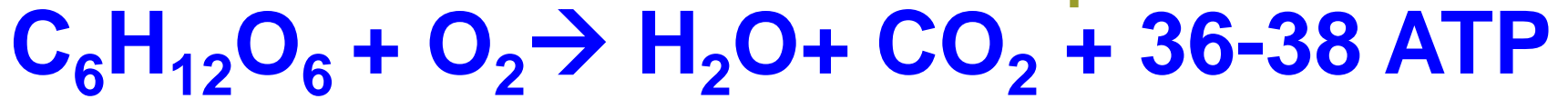
- Oxygen – most vital requirement
  - Aerobic cellular respiration
- Water – obtained by ingesting food and drink and by oxidizing protein, fat, and carbohydrates
- Mammals consist of about 60% water
  - Amount of water that is needed daily by an animal is equal to amount of its daily energy requirement

# Oxygen and Water

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- Oxygen – most vital requirement
- Water – obtained by ingesting food and drink and by oxidizing protein, fat, and carbohydrates
- Mammals consist of about 50%-70% water
  - Amount of water that is needed daily by an animal is equal to the amount of its daily energy requirement

# Aerobic Cellular Respiration



# Oxygen and Water

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- Almost all metabolic processes of the body involve water
- Water serves as a lubricant for body tissues, a circulatory and transport medium, and a chemical reactant in digestion
- Water is excreted as sweat and evaporated during panting to assist in temperature regulation

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# Metabolism

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# Remember the Krebs Cycle from Biology???

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# Cell Metabolism

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- **Metabolism** –the sum total of **all** chemical reactions in the animal's body
  - **Catabolism** – involves **breakdown of nutrients** into smaller molecules to produce energy
  - **Anabolism** – **use of stored energy** to assemble new molecules from the small components that are produced from catabolism

# Catabolism – 3 Stages

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- Stage 1 – digestion/absorption of glucose in lumen of the gastrointestinal tract
- Stage 2 – anaerobic cellular respiration in cytoplasm of cells → 2 Pyruvate
- Stage 3 – aerobic cellular respiration in mitochondria of cells → 36-38 ATP from each glucose molecule

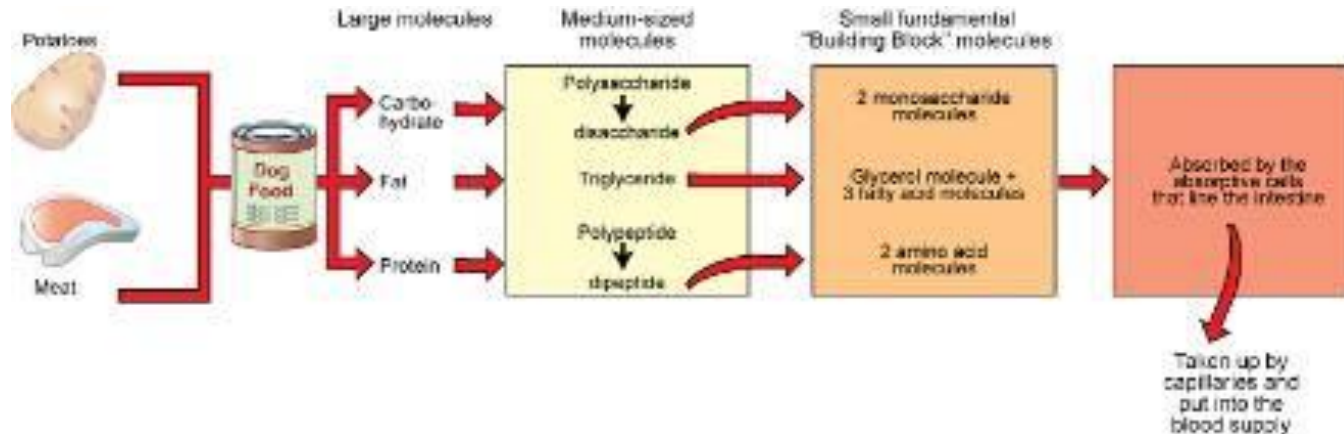


# Catabolism – Stage 1

Figure 12-7, Page 298

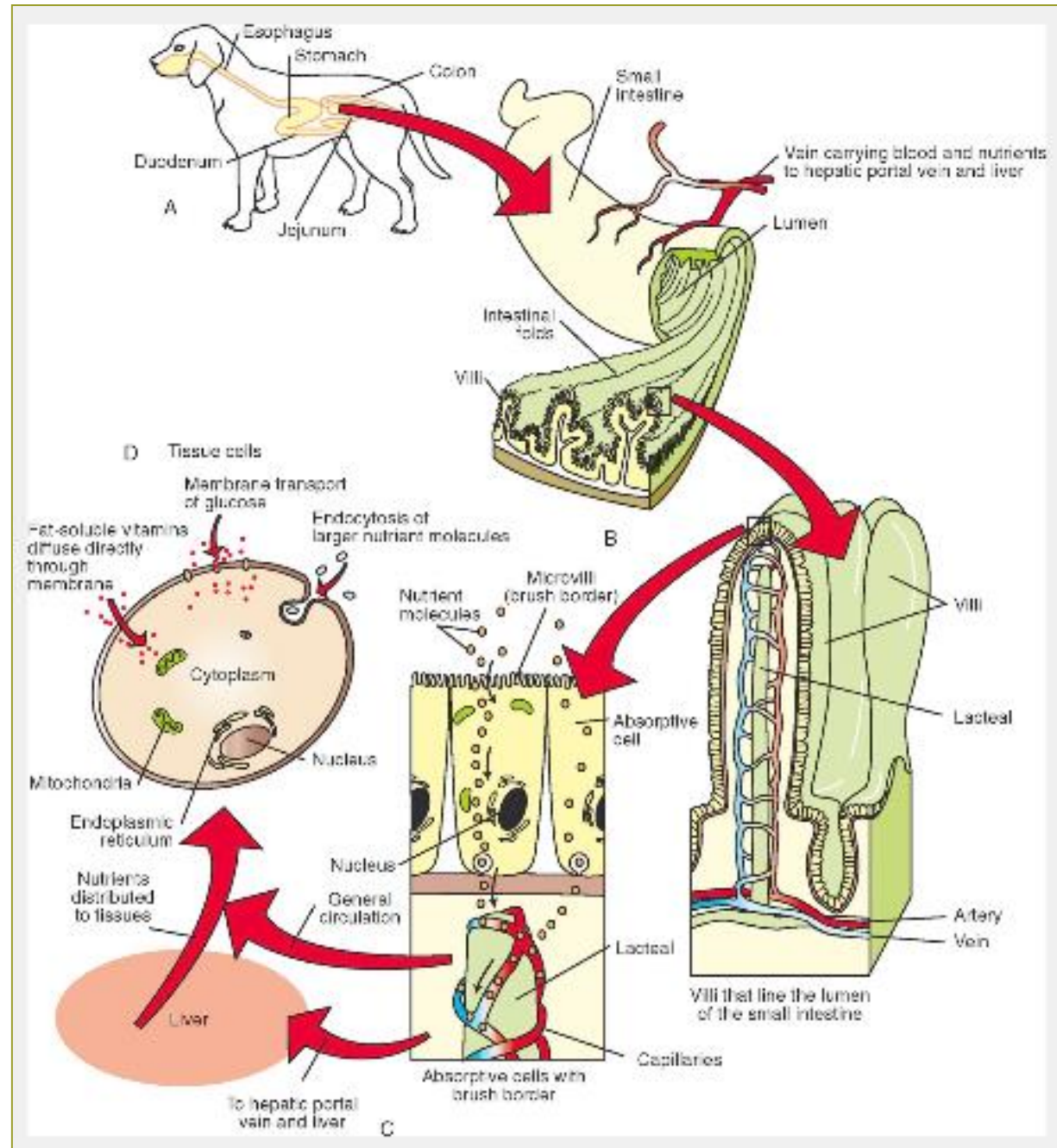
## Hydrolysis (digestion), then absorption:

- Carbohydrates broken down to monosaccharides
- Proteins broken down to amino acids
- Nucleic acids broken down to nucleotides
- Fat broken down to fatty acids and glycerol



# Summary of Stage 1

Figure 12-8,  
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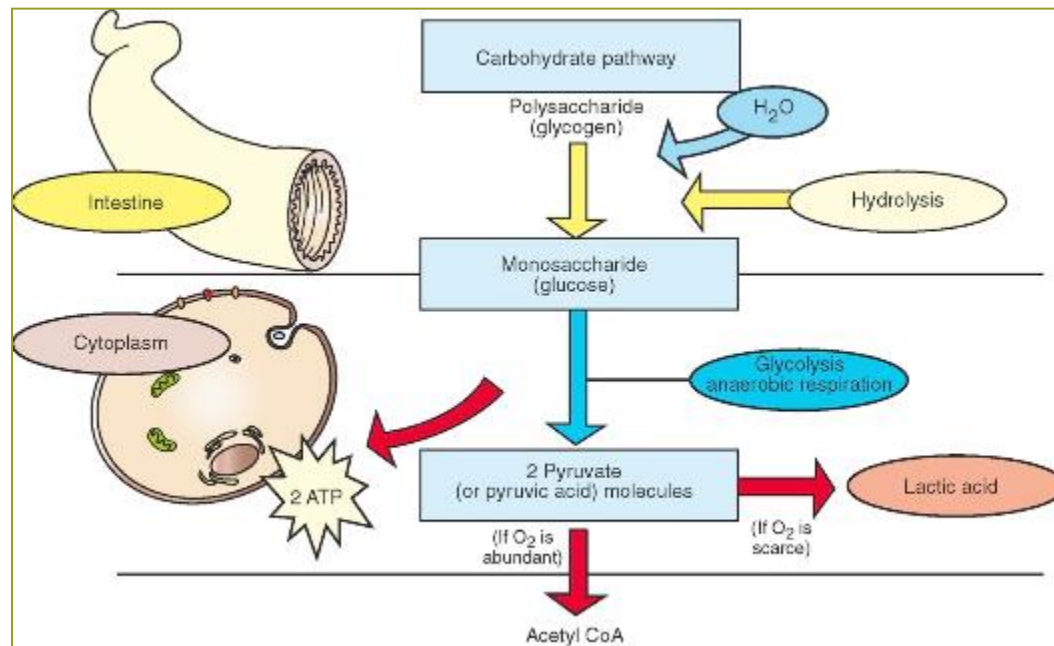


# Catabolism – Stage 2

Figure 12-13, Page 305

## Anaerobic respiration:

- Nutrients catabolized
- $C_6H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow 2 \text{ Pyruvate} + 2 \text{ ATP}$  (+ lactic acid if no  $O_2$ )



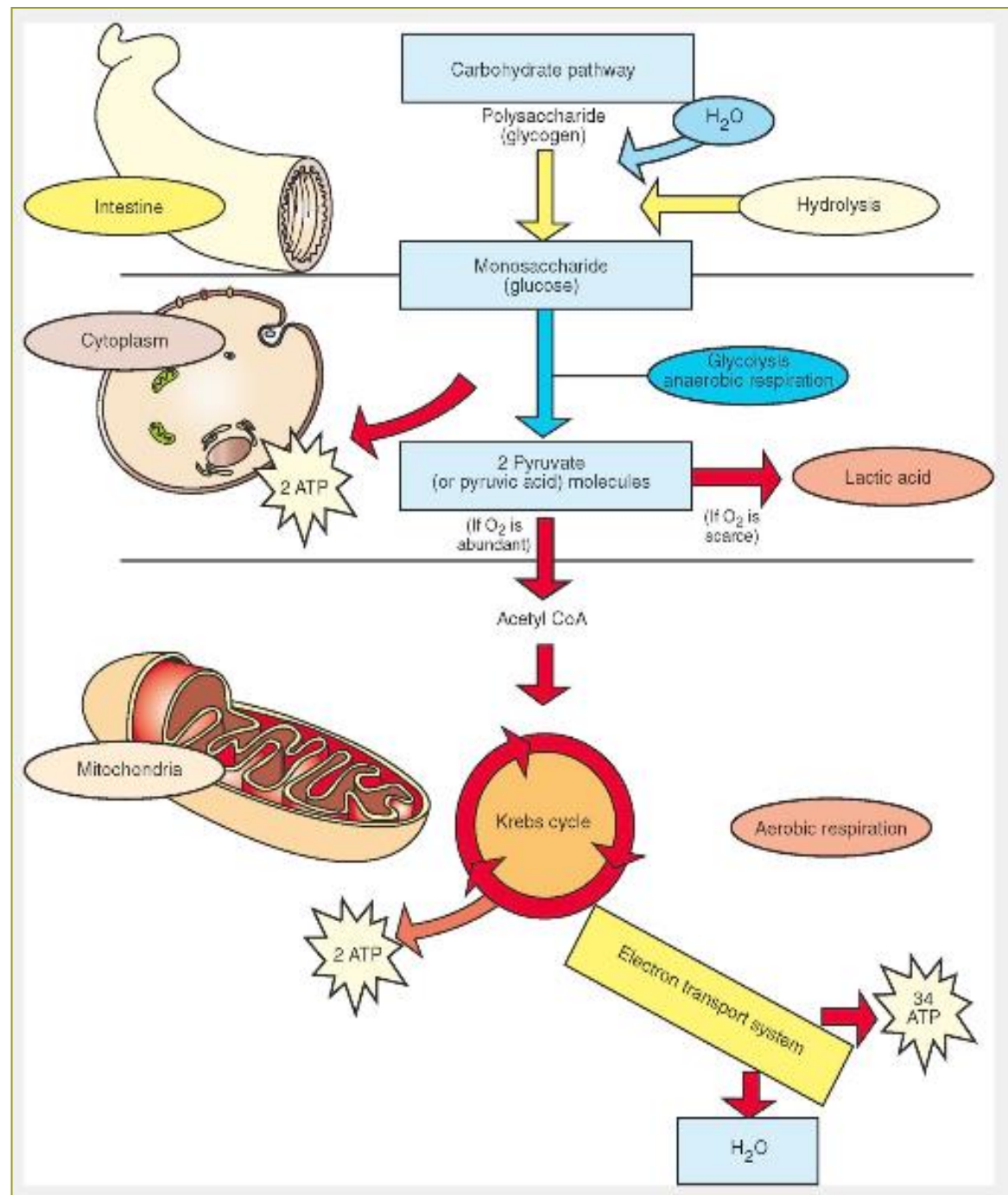
# Catabolism – Stage 3

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## Aerobic respiration:

- Involves attachment of an inorganic phosphate group ( $\text{PO}_4$ ) to a molecule of adenosine diphosphate (ADP) to a form of adenosine triphosphate (ATP)
- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 + 36\text{-}38 \text{ ATP}$

Stage 3 –  
The REST of  
the Story  
Figure 12-13,  
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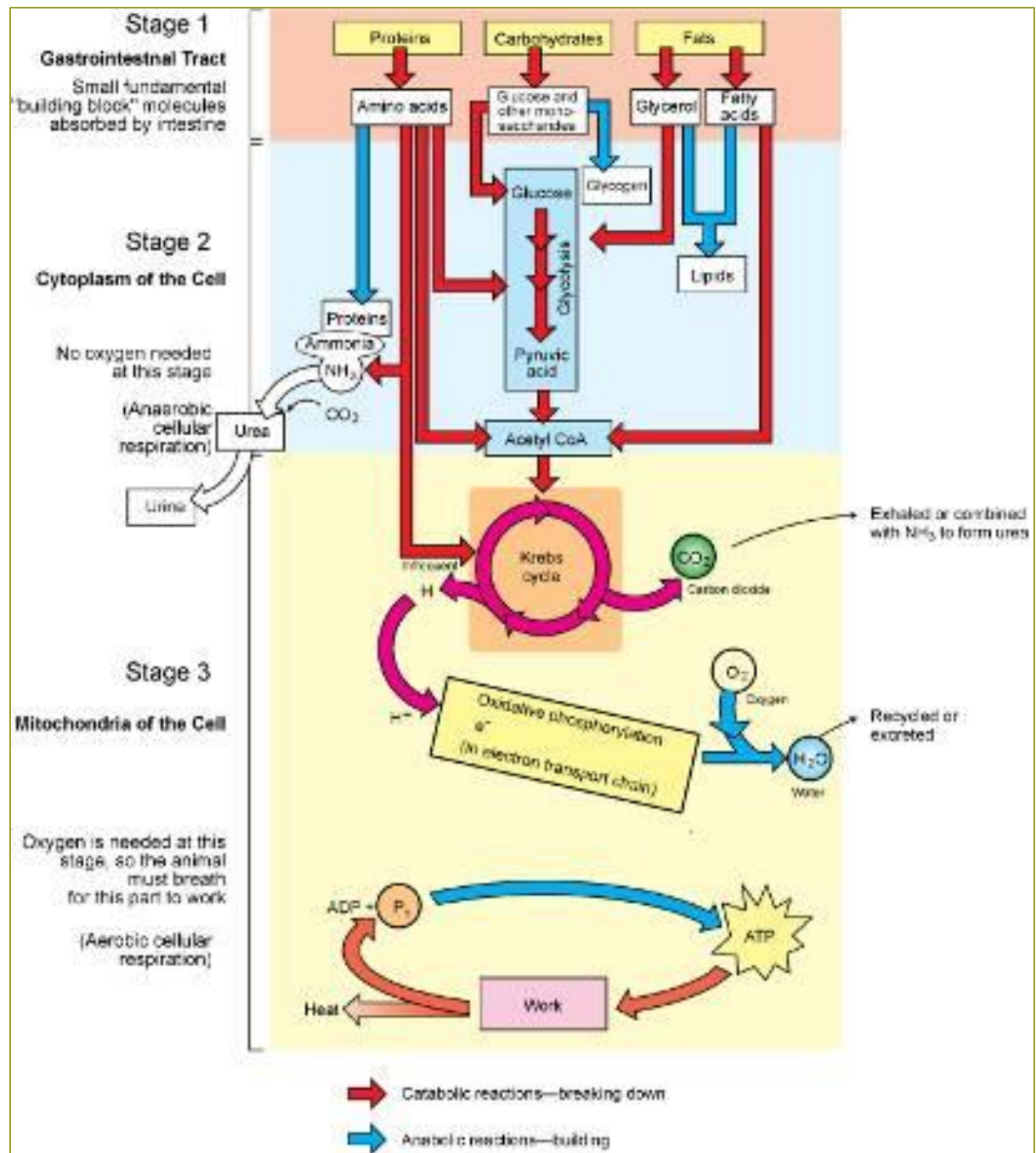
# Anabolism

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- Biosynthetic processes – building molecules for the animal's body
- Cells use ATP to manufacture substances and perform vital functions

# Summary of Metabolism

Figure 12-9,  
Page 301



# Control of Metabolic Reactions

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- Metabolism is a multi-enzyme sequence of events
- Activity depends on molecular shape of enzyme
- Enzymes – catalysts that speed up reactions
  - **Made of proteins**



# Control of Metabolic Reactions

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**Cofactors**: non-protein substances

- Examples: iron, zinc, copper
- Function with enzymes to complete the shape of a binding site

# Control of Metabolic Reactions

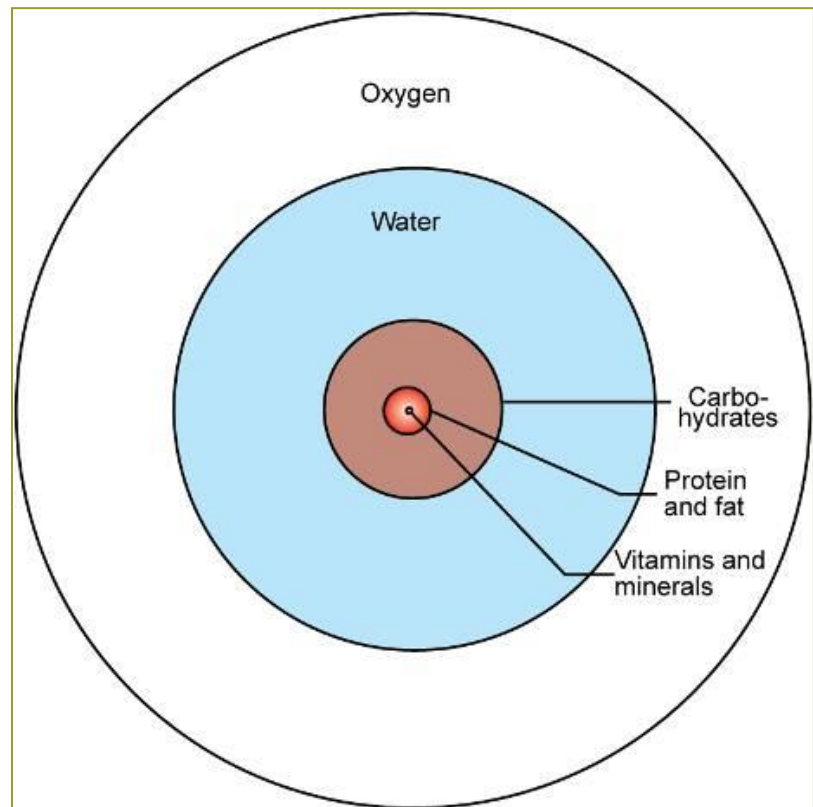
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Coenzymes: non-protein organic substances

- Vitamins or derived from vitamins
- May be bound temporarily or permanently to the enzyme

# Nutrient Review

- Substances derived from food; necessary for carrying out normal body functions
- Six categories:
  1. Water
  2. Carbohydrates
  3. Lipids
  4. Proteins
  5. Vitamins
  6. Minerals





# Dog & Cat Nutrition

## McCurnin 8<sup>th</sup> edition

### Chapter 9, Pages 291-336



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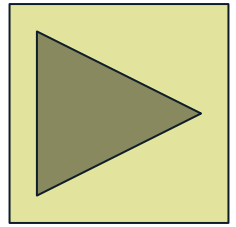
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  - **Partners for Healthy Pets**  
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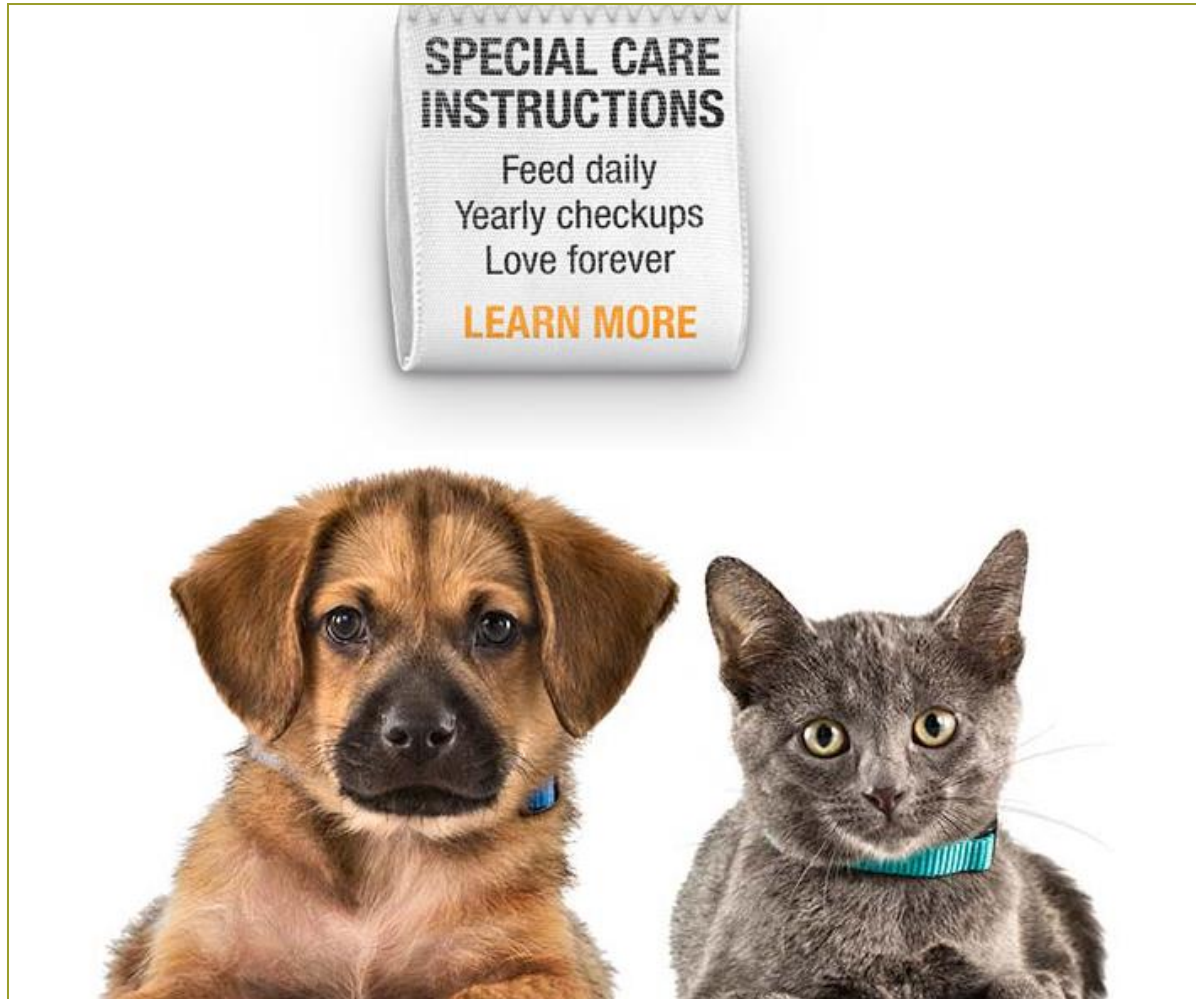
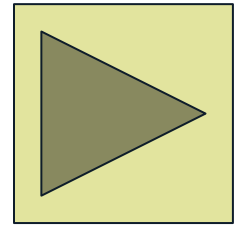
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Dr. Scott Delaney, Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital, Oakhurst, New Jersey*



# PHP Client Website

<http://www.healthypetcheckup.org/>



# Hills Veterinary Nutritional Advocate

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- Environment: We cannot do much for a pet's general environment, that is, we may not be influential enough to get the client to move for the pet's sake). We can though, suggest improvements to the pet's specific living conditions, (sanitation, exercise, social involvement, shelter...).
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## Nutrition 101



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- Personalized Certificate



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## Nutrition For GI Cases



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## Project: Pet Slim Down



### Module 5 / Project: Pet Slim Down

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# **Key Fundamentals!**

Science versus Marketing!  
“Complete & Balanced”!

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# Feeding Dogs & Cats

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- Dogs are omnivores—do well on animal-based or plant-based foods
- Cats are carnivores—diet must be animal-based, although some grains and starches are usable
- Find COMPLETE & BALANCED (or COMPLETE NUTRITION) for that life stage on the label

# Types of Commercial Pet Food

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- Which company to go with?
- Most dog and cat foods are complete and balanced and are available in dry and wet (canned) varieties
- Both dry and wet processed foods from reputable companies contain adequate nutrients
  - No added nutrients or vitamins are necessary

# Commercial Pet Food Markets

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- All-purpose: feed healthy animals of any age or lifestyle
- Specific-purpose: certain life stages
- Premium: claims more expensive ingredients and healthier
- “People food” products: food is designed to look like recognizable human food
- Special ingredients/nutrients
- “Natural” and organic; “holistic”
- Raw

# Pet Food Labels

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- Principal display panel
- Information panel
  - Guaranteed analysis
  - Ingredient statement
  - Feeding directions
  - Statement of nutritional adequacy
  - Feeding directions
- Product identity
- Net weight

# Evaluating Pet Food Labels

## EVALUATING PET FOOD LABELS

**Brand name** — GOOD PET

**Product designator\*** — DOG FOOD

**Nutrition claim** — COMPLETE AND BALANCED

**Net weight\*** — 15 oz. (425 g.)

**Ingredient statement\*** — **INGREDIENTS:** Water, liver, chicken, corn flour, casein, fish oil, calcium carbonate, sodium triphosphate, vegetable gum, potassium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, magnesium oxide, zinc oxide, manganous oxide, cobalt carbonate, calcium iodate, sodium selenite, D-activated animal sterol, Vitamin E supplement, thiamine, niacine, calcium pantothenate, pyridoxine hydrochloride, riboflavin, folic acid, biotin, Vitamin B12 supplement.

**Guaranteed analysis\***

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS	
*Crude protein	Min. 8.5%
*Crude fat	Min. 5.25%
*Crude fiber	Max. 0.5%
*Moisture	Max. 78.0%
Ash	Max. 2.0%
Calcium	Min. 0.18%
Phosphorus	Min. 0.17%
Taurine	Min. 0.06%
Magnesium	Min. 0.019%

**\*Feeding Guidelines** — Feed 1 can per 10 pounds of body weight

**AAFCO STATEMENT** — This product supplies complete and balanced nutrition for the maintenance of adult dogs.

**Name and address of manufacturer/distributor\*** — GOOD PET FOODS  
11 Main Street  
Bigtown, NC  
USA

**\*Required information that must be present on all pet foods**

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# Reading Food Labels

First ingredient is the biggest volume ingredient

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# Cat Food Ingredients – Carnivore

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- Chicken by-product meal, corn meal, animal fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid), corn gluten meal, brewers rice, chicken liver flavor, dried egg product, L-lysine, soybean mill run, DL-methionine, taurine, L-tryptophan, L-arginine, preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid, minerals (potassium chloride, salt, magnesium oxide, ferrous sulfate, zinc oxide, copper sulfate, manganous oxide, calcium iodate, sodium selenite), rosemary extract, beta carotene, vitamins (choline chloride, vitamin A supplement, vitamin D3 supplement, vitamin E supplement, niacin, L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate (a source of vitamin C), thiamine mononitrate, calcium pantothenate, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, biotin, vitamin B12 supplement).

# Dog Food Ingredients – Omnivore

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- Corn meal, chicken by-product meal, animal fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid), soybean mill run, flaxseed, corn gluten meal, dried egg product, chicken liver flavor, L-lysine, L-tryptophan, taurine, glucosamine hydrochloride, preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid, L-arginine, chondroitin sulfate, minerals (potassium chloride, calcium carbonate, salt, dicalcium phosphate, ferrous sulfate, zinc oxide, copper sulfate, manganous oxide, calcium iodate, sodium selenite), rosemary extract, beta-carotene, vitamins (choline chloride, vitamin A supplement, vitamin E supplement, vitamin D3 supplement, L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate (a source of vitamin C), niacin, thiamine mononitrate, calcium pantothenate, pyridoxine hydrochloride, riboflavin, folic acid, biotin, vitamin B12 supplement).

# Home-Prepared Pet Food

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- Including or avoiding specific ingredients
- Chemicals
- Preservatives
- Additives
- By-products
- Perceived low quality of pet foods

# Home-Prepared Pet Food

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- Avoiding contaminants and toxins
- Perceived health benefits
- Food allergy or intolerance
- Palatability
- Cost
- Human-animal bond

# Risks in Using Home-Prepared Diets

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- Most commercial pet foods are superior in nutrient content, convenience, cost, and overall quality
- Published home-cooked pet food recipes are generally imbalanced
- Energy and nutrient requirements are not linear; long-term use of home-cooked pet food will result in nutrient deficiencies or excesses
- Safety concerns (raw meat; toxic “natural” ingredients)
- Vague recipes mean imprecise measures

# Home-Prepared Diets

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- Possible to achieve the same nutrient balance with a home-cooked food as with a commercially prepared food
- Owners should consult with a veterinarian or preferably a board-certified veterinary nutritionist to obtain a balanced recipe
- Owner compliance should be well regulated
- Diets should be kept in conformity with animal's needs and life-stage changes



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## Feeding Dogs – Omnivores

Each Life Stage Has Different Nutritional Needs

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# Canine Nutrition





# Feeding of Dogs: Neonatal

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- Puppies nurse within a few hours
- Colostrum has lower milk sugar/lactose than milk
- At 24 hours postpartum, colostrum changes over to milk; protein content halves with lactose increases in week 1

# Hand Feeding Situations

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- Orphan puppies
- Puppies unable to nurse adequately
  - Assess for signs of inadequate intake
- Choose commercial milk replacer
  - Frequent feedings
  - Feed via syringe and rubber feeding tube or small animal nursing bottle

# Hand Feeding Guidelines

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- Stomach is full when belly is distended or animal turns its head away from bottle
- New formula made at each feeding
- Formula at room temperature before administration

# Weaning of Puppies

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- 3 weeks of age
  - Puppies introduced to semisolid gruel
- 4 weeks of age
- 5 to 6 weeks of age
  - Intake of mother's milk reduced
  - When adequate amounts of solid food is consumed, remove puppies completely to hasten weaning
  - Temporarily reduce mother's intake for 2 to 3 days
  - Larger amounts of semisolid to solid food eaten

# Feeding Growing Dogs

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- Weaning to adulthood = 10 to 18 months
- Puppies need two to three times as much energy as adults until 50% of adult weight is reached
- Growing dogs need 1.5 times adult energy until 80% to 100% of adult weight
- Needs: energy, protein, fat, calcium, phosphorus
- Avoid unnecessary calcium supplements
- Teach owners body condition score (BCS)

# Feeding of Adult Dogs

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- **Primary objective**: find the maintenance energy requirement and **proper food dose to maintain ideal body composition**
- Monitor for overweight conditions and overfeeding



# Feeding During Pregnancy

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- Weeks 1 to 5: Fetal growth is minimal; no nutrition changes
- Week 5: Increase mother's intake by 30% to 60%
- Last 4 to 5 weeks: Increase protein and fat intake
- Parturition: Most dogs stop or reduce eating approximately 24 hours before whelping
- Lactation: Free-choice feeding is best in most cases; by week 4 or 5, energy needs may be 100% to 200% higher

# Diets for Working Dogs

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- Specific nutrient composition varies and depends on type of activity performed
- Staples include carbohydrates and fats for intense muscular exercise
- Adequate water intake throughout work period is crucial



# Ages of Geriatric Dogs

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- Toy and small-sized breeds
  - 10 to 12 years
- Medium-sized dogs
  - 8 to 10 years
- Large and giant breeds
  - 6 to 8 years

# Age-Associated Changes in Dogs

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- Reduced energy means reduction in energy intake
- Fat can be important in poor appetites or reduced food intake, unless dog is overweight
- Adjust fiber to fit needs

# Geriatric Nutrition for Dogs

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- Influenced by individual body condition
- Influenced by individual health history
- **Maintenance of optimal weight is ideal goal**
- Healthy older animals can continue to eat the same diet unless medical conditions develop
- Make any modifications slowly over 1 to 4 weeks to allow for adaptation



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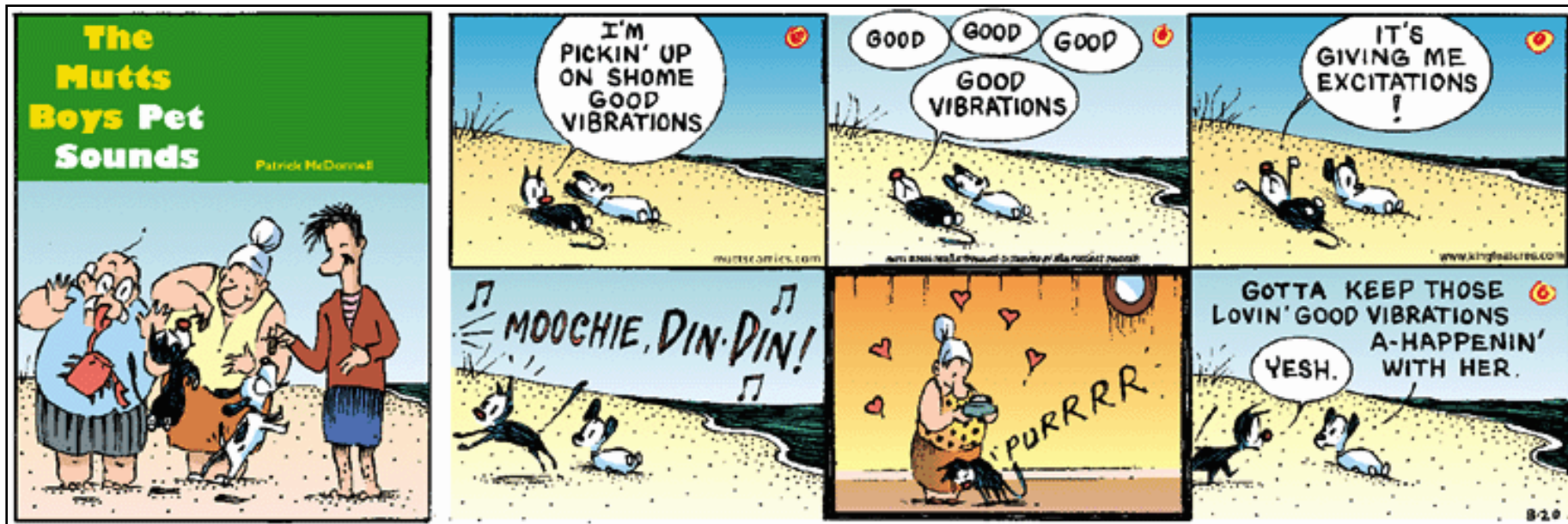
## Feeding Cats – Carnivores

Each Life Stage Has Different Nutritional Needs

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# Feline Nutrition – or..... Cats are NOT Small Dogs! 😊





The BIG Question –  
What Should I Feed My Cat?

# Cats—Neonatal and Growing Period

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- Nursing needs
  - Kittens suckle within a few hours of birth
  - Queens produce colostrum in first 24 hours
  - Switch-over to milk by 72 hours
  - Kittens nurse 6 to 8 weeks
- Weaning and growth
  - Weaning at 3 to 4 weeks; complete by 6 to 9 weeks
  - Adulthood: 10 to 12 months
  - Energy requirements: two to three times adult needs; protein needs highest at weaning; kits need linoleic acid

# Kittens Who Cannot Nurse

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- Kittens can have trouble nursing and require supplemental feeding
- **Commercial milk replacers**
  - Supplemental for some kittens
  - Orphans – complete replacement
  - Frequent feedings



# Feeding of Orphaned Kittens

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# Feeding Adult Cats

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- Adults: 1 to 10 years
- Consistent one to two times/day feeding schedule
  - Eliminates overeating, finicky behavior, and food aversion
  - Avoid free-choice feeding
- Indoor, sedentary cats
  - Fiber for hairballs and help with weight
- Hydration strategies: habituate cats to wet food (will often be needed in old age)

# Feline Pregnancy and Lactation

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- Pregnancy
  - Intake increases at 6th to 7th week of gestation
  - Gradual increase of 25% to 50% higher energy recommended in last 3 weeks of gestation
  - Free-choice feeding: growth or all-stage diets (not maintenance diet)
- Lactation
  - Most demanding stage in cats
  - Peak energy needs at 6 to 7 weeks postpartum
  - Free-choice feeding; offer kittens moist food at 3 to 4 weeks

# Feeding Geriatric Cats

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- Not geriatric until at least 10 years of age
- **Consider overall health before diet selection**
- Monitor food intake in association with weight changes
- For decreased appetite, offer both dry and wet foods to encourage adequate intake

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# Client Education – The BIG Question! 😊

## What should I feed my pet?

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# What Should I Feed My Pet?

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- **Hospital Protocol!**
- Help them set up a **Feeding Plan**
  - **Assessment** of pet needs
  - **Feeding plan** to meet those needs
- Teach them to **read food labels**
  - Ingredients, feeding instructions
  - **“Complete & Balanced”** on the label
- Canned versus dry foods
- How often?
- Free choice vs. timed, portioned meals

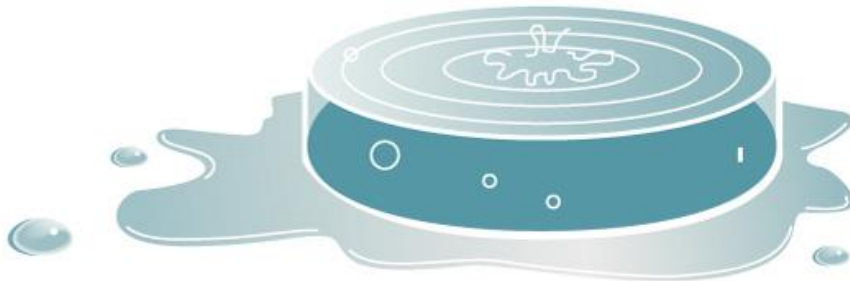
# Dry? Canned? Free Choice?





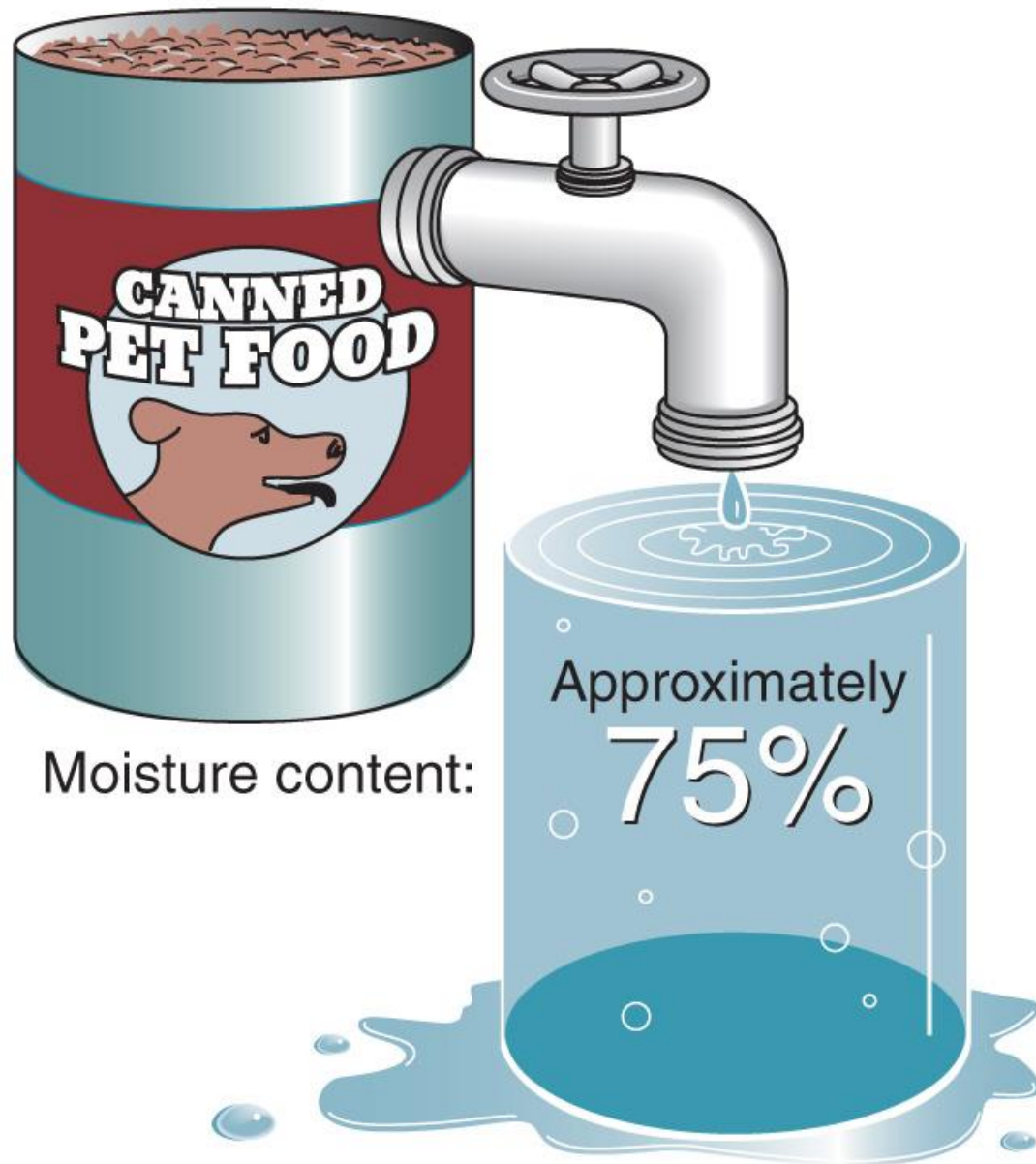
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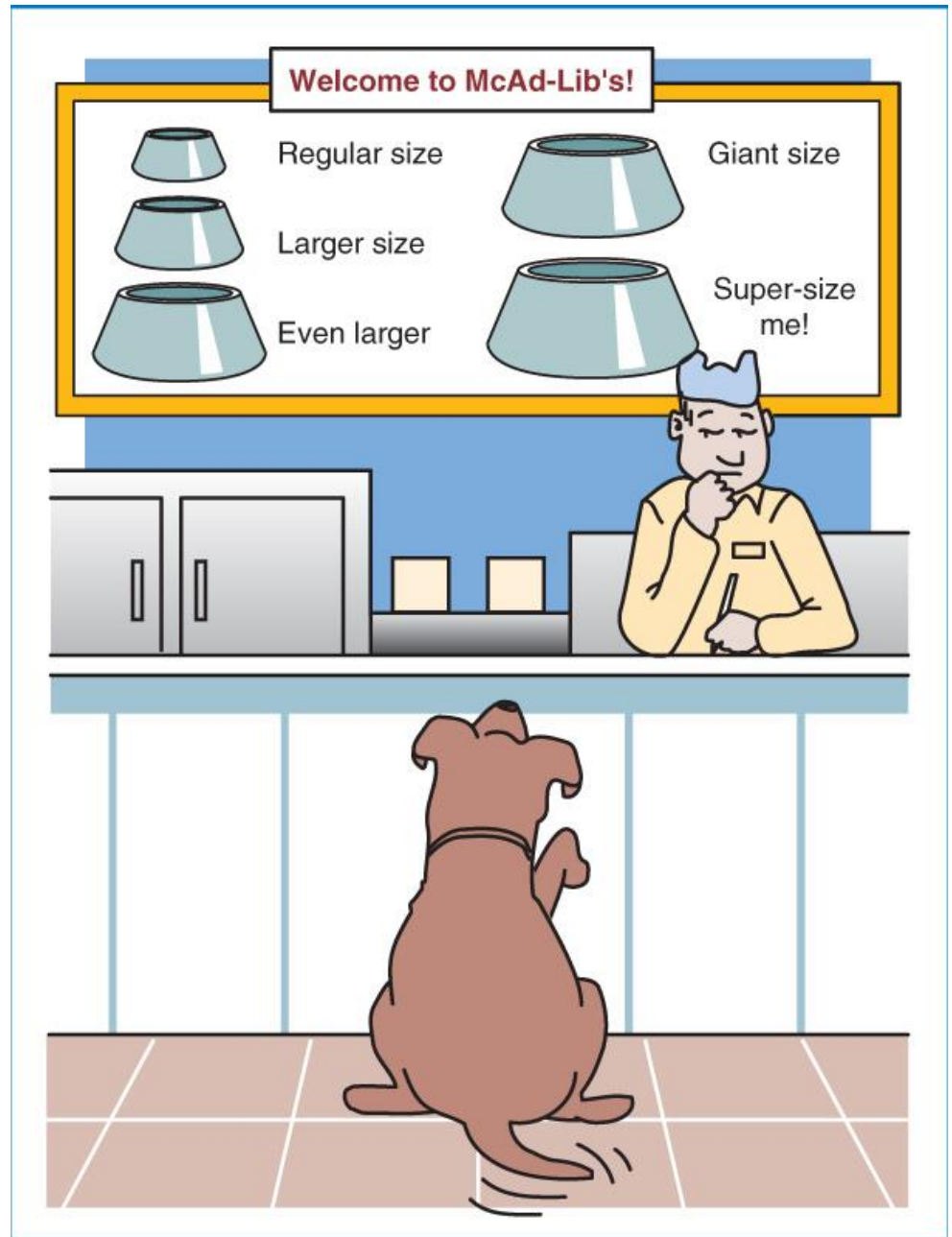
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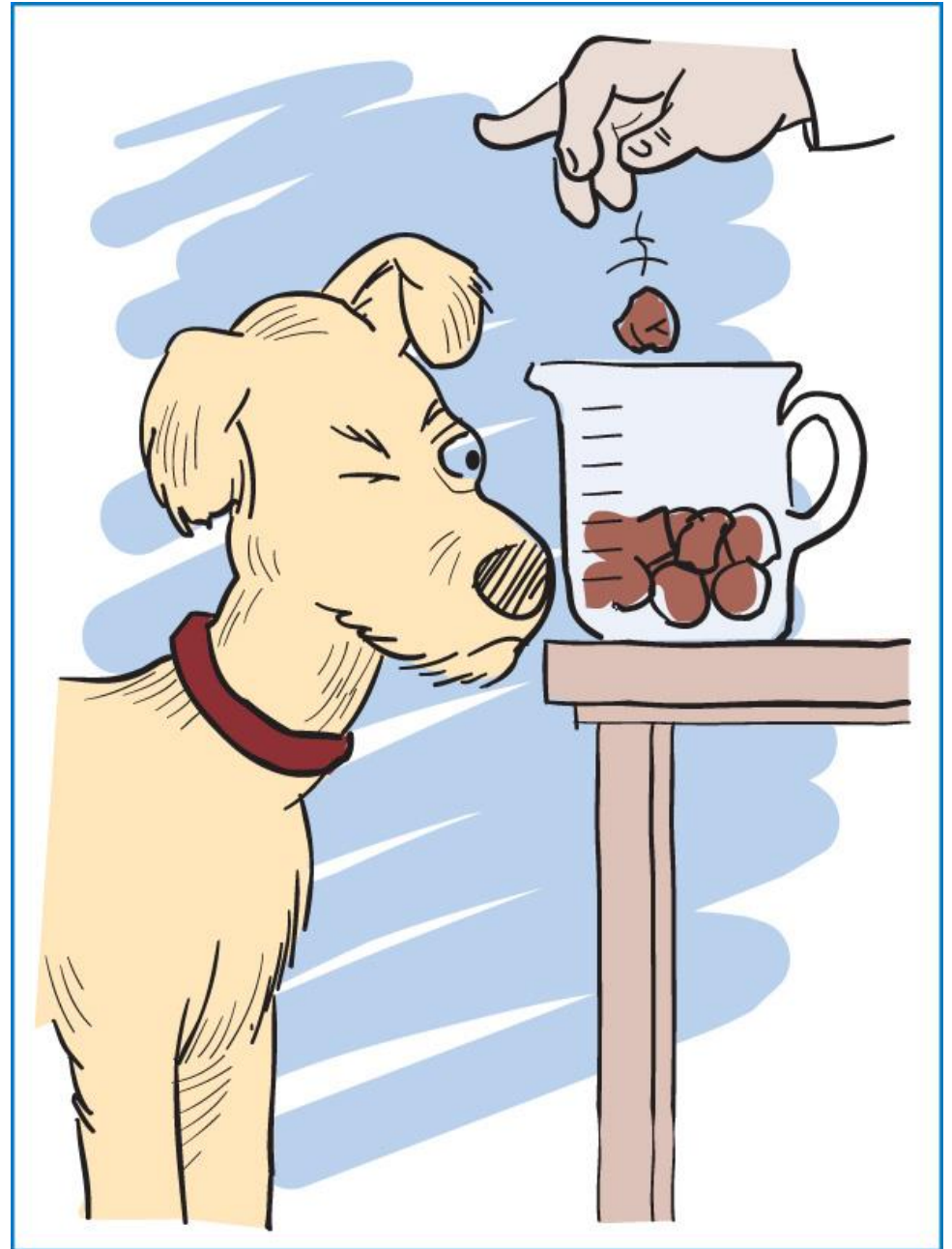
# Free Choice ("Ad Lib")



# Timed Feedings



# Portion Control



# Client Education

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- Is my pet fat?
- How often should I feed my pet?
- Table snacks/people food







# Estimating Fatness/Obesity

## PURINA® BODY CONDITION SYSTEM



- 1 EMACIATED** Ribs visible on shorthaired cats; no palpable fat; severe abdominal tuck; lumbar vertebrae and wing of ilia easily palpated.
- 2 VERY THIN** Shared characteristics of BCS 1 and 3.
- 3 THIN** Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering; lumbar vertebrae obvious; obvious waist behind ribs; minimal abdominal fat.
- 4 UNDERWEIGHT** Shared characteristics of BCS 3 and 5.
- 5 IDEAL** Well proportioned; observe waist behind ribs; ribs palpable with slight fat covering; abdominal fat pad minimal.
- 6 OVERWEIGHT** Shared characteristics of BCS 5 and 7.
- 7 HEAVY** Ribs not easily palpated with moderate fat covering; waist poorly discernable; obvious rounding of abdomen; moderate abdominal fat pad.
- 8 OBESE** Shared characteristics of BCS 7 and 9.
- 9 GROSSLY OBESE** Ribs not palpable under heavy fat cover; heavy fat deposits over lumbar area, face and limbs; distention of abdomen with no waist; extensive abdominal fat deposits.



This Body Condition System was developed and tested at the Purina Pet Care Center, and has been documented in the following publications:  
Lafamme DP. Body Condition Scoring and Weight Maintenance. Proc N Am Vet Conf, Jan 10-21, 1993, Orlando, FL, pp 290-291.  
Lafamme DP, Kealy RD, Schmidt DA. Estimation of Body Fat by Body Condition Score. J Vet Int Med 1994;8:154.  
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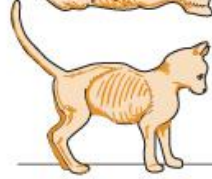
## BODY CONDITION SCORING SYSTEM

Body condition assessment will assist the veterinary technician in determining if the puppy or kitten is growing appropriately and if the correct amount of food is being offered. Proper growth can reduce risk for obesity and growth related skeletal disease.



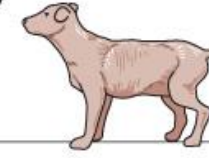
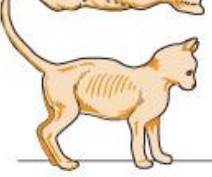
### 1. VERY THIN

The ribs are easily palpable with no fat cover. The tailbase\* has a prominent raised bony structure with no tissue between the skin and bone. The bony prominences are easily felt with no overlying fat. In animals over six months, there is a severe abdominal tuck when viewed from the side and an accentuated hourglass shape when viewed from above.



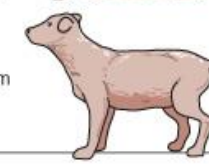
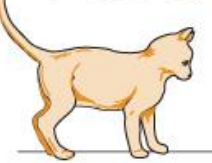
### 2. UNDERWEIGHT

The ribs are easily palpable with minimal fat cover. The tailbase\* has a raised bony structure with little tissue between the skin and bone. The bony prominences are easily felt with minimal overlying fat. In animals over six months, there is an abdominal tuck when viewed from the side and a marked hourglass shape when viewed from above.



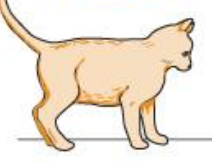
### 3. IDEAL

The ribs are palpable with a slight fat cover. The tailbase\* has a smooth contour or some thickening and the bony structures are palpable under a thin layer of fat between the skin and the bone. The bony prominences are easily felt with a slight amount of overlying fat. In animals over six months, there is an abdominal tuck when viewed from the side and a well proportioned lumbar waist when viewed from above.



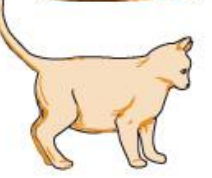
### 4. OVERWEIGHT

The ribs are difficult to feel with moderate fat cover. The tailbase\* has some thickening with moderate amounts of tissue between the skin and bone. The bony structures can still be felt. The bony prominences are covered by a moderate layer of fat. In animals over six months, there is little or no abdominal tuck or waist when viewed from above. Abdominal fat apron present in cats.



### 5. OBESE

The ribs are very difficult to feel under a thick fat cover. The tailbase\* appears thickened and is difficult to feel under a prominent layer of fat. The bony prominences are covered by a moderate to thick layer of fat. In animals over six months, there is a pendulous ventral bulge and no waist when viewed from the side. The back is markedly broadened when viewed from above. Marked abdominal fat apron present in cats.



\*Tailbase evaluation is done only in dogs.

No Snacks??? 😊

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# Client Education

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- Can I give my pet milk?
  - Lactase
- Vitamins?
- Bones?
  - **No! Or else!!!!**



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# Test Yourself

## **KNOW THESE IN EVERY CHAPTER!**

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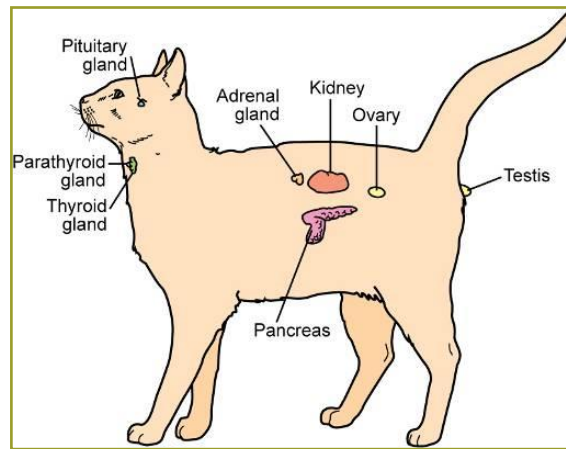
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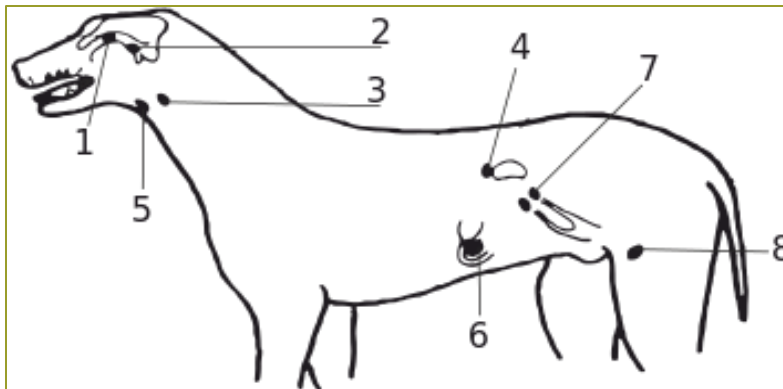
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# The Endocrine System

## Chapter 15



Pages 358-373

# Textbook Learning Objectives

## Chapter 15 – Page 358

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- Describe the negative feedback system that controls production of hormones.
- List the major endocrine glands and the hormones they produce.
- Describe the structure and functions of the pituitary gland.
- Describe the effect(s) of growth hormone, prolactin, thyroid-stimulating hormone, adrenocorticotrophic hormone, follicle-stimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone, melanocyte-stimulating hormone, antidiuretic hormone, and oxytocin.

# Learning Objectives

Page 358

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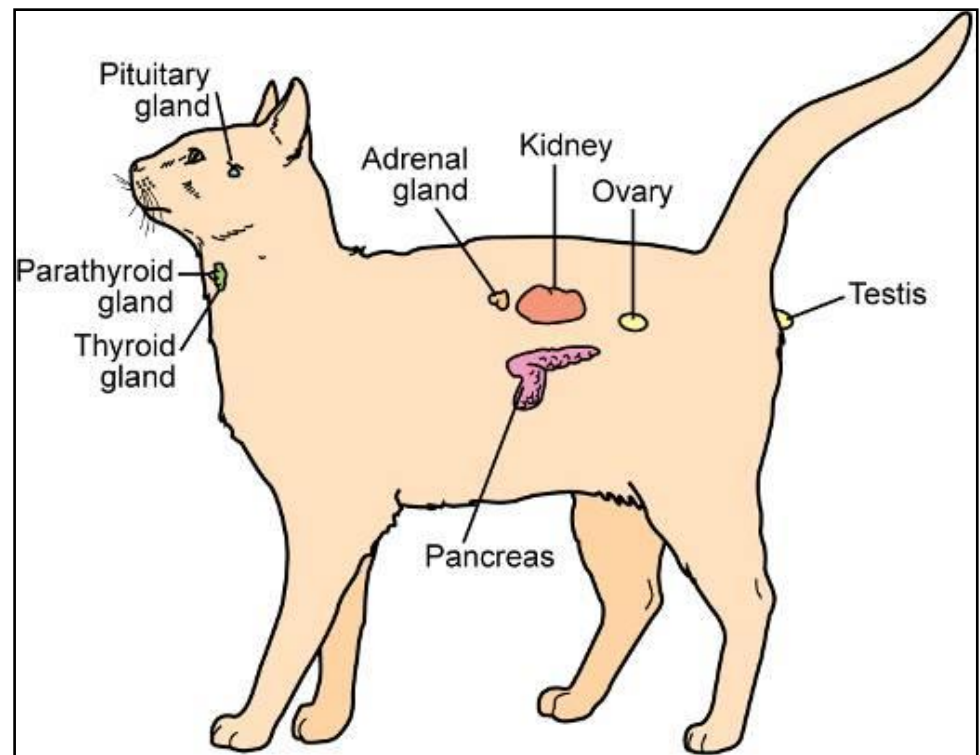
- Describe the structure of the thyroid gland.
- Describe the effects of thyroid hormone, calcitonin, and parathormone.
- Differentiate between  $T_3$  and  $T_4$ .
- List the three categories of hormones produced by the adrenal cortex.
- List the hormones produced by the pancreatic islet cells and describe the effect(s) of each.
- Describe the effect(s) of androgens, estrogens, and progestins.
- List the hormones produced by the kidneys, stomach, small intestine, placenta, thymus, and pineal body.



# Endocrine System

Figure 15-1, Page 359

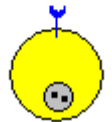
- Works together with nervous system to maintain homeostasis
- Primary function: produces hormones
- Hormones act on specific target cells to produce specific effects

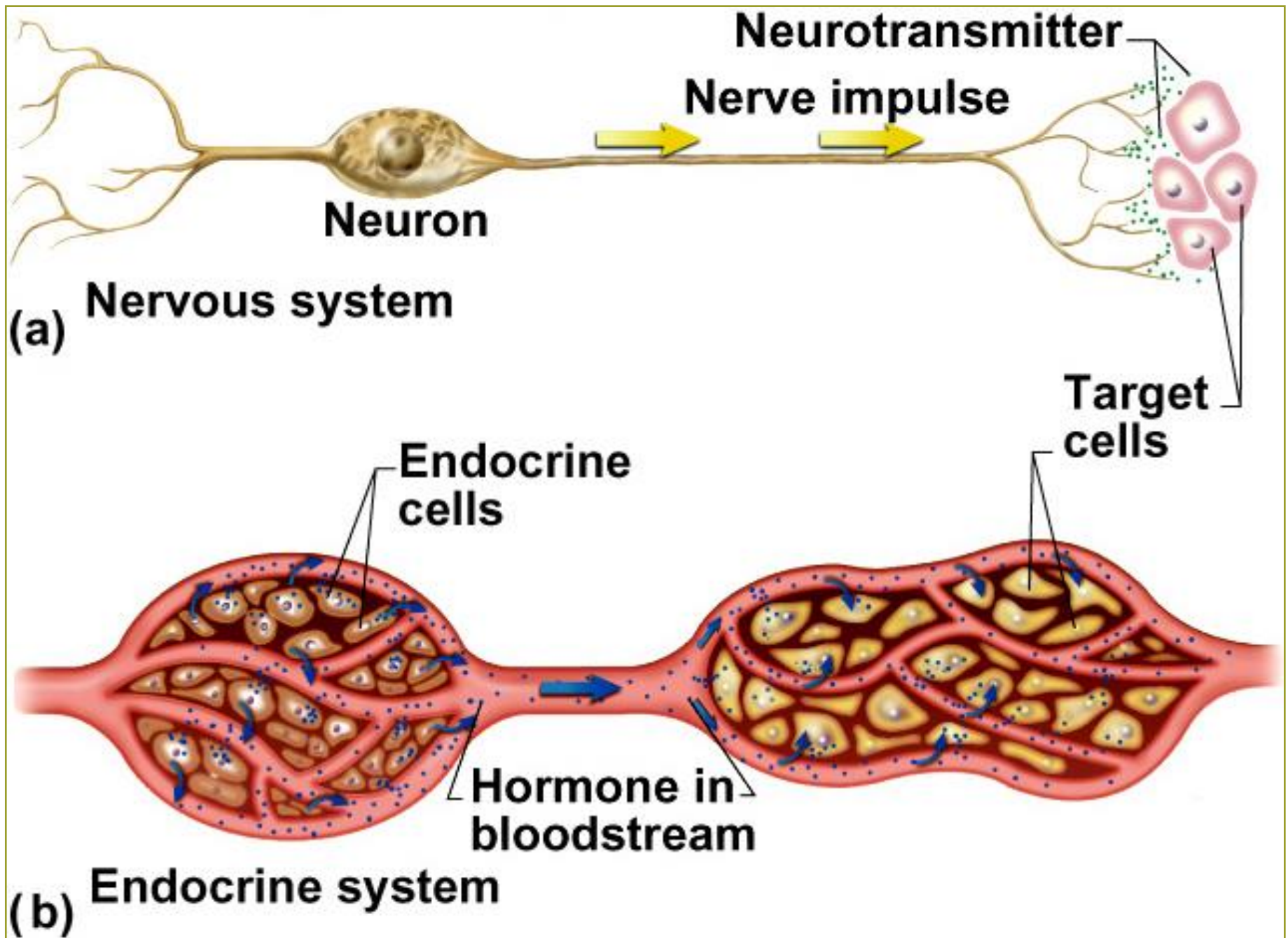


# Endocrine System & Nervous System

Table 15-1, Page 359

- Endocrine system – chemical response
  - Hormones released into the bloodstream travel throughout the body
  - Results may take hours, but last longer
- Nervous system – electrical response
  - Certain parts release hormones into blood
  - Rest releases neurotransmitters excite or inhibit nerve, muscle & gland cells
  - Results in milliseconds, brief duration of effects





# Exocrine & Endocrine Glands

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- Exocrine glands

- Secrete products into ducts which empty into body cavities or body surface
- Sweat, oil, mucous, & salivary glands;  
pancreas

- Endocrine glands

- Secrete products (hormones) into bloodstream
- Pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal;  
pancreas

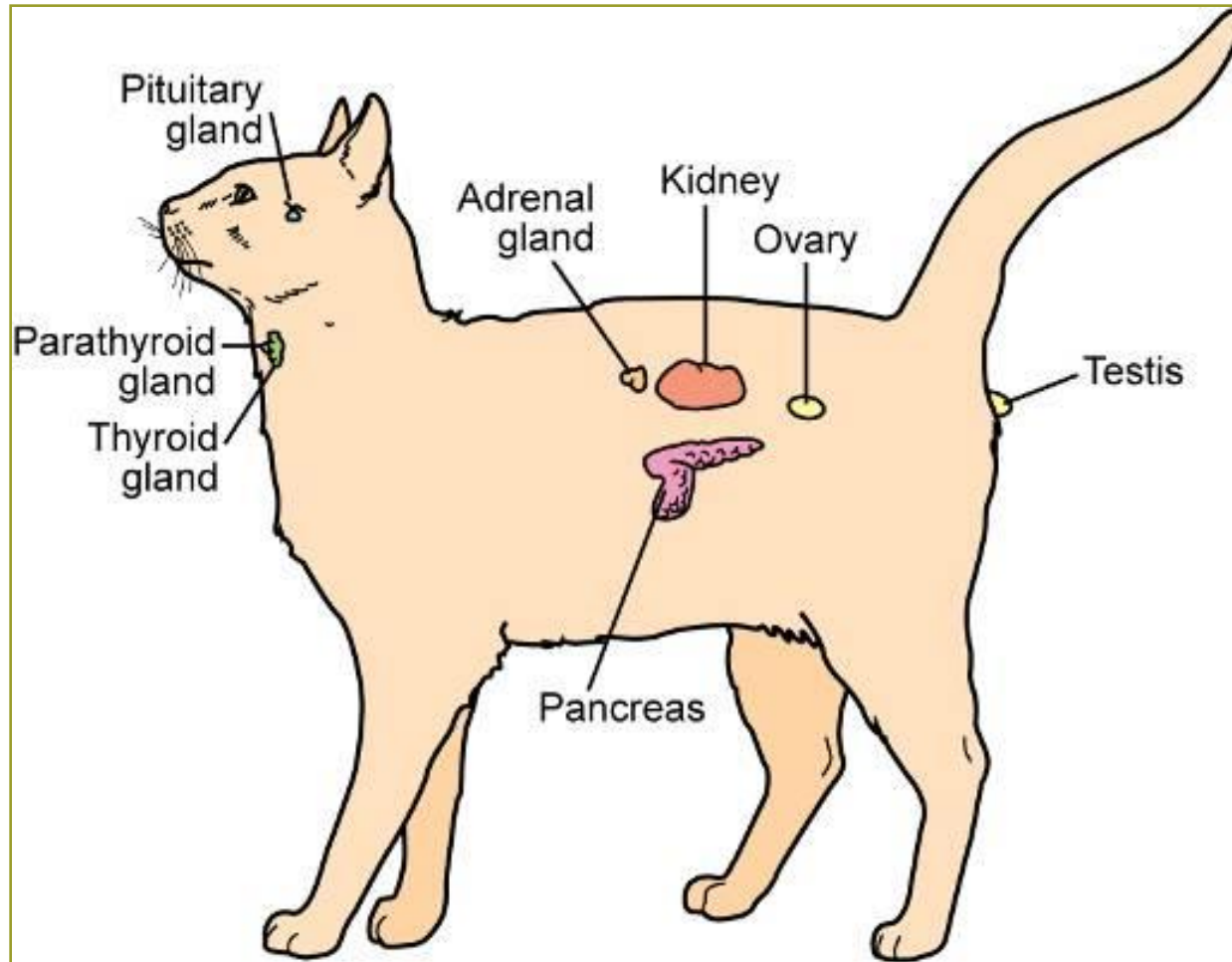
# Major Endocrine Glands

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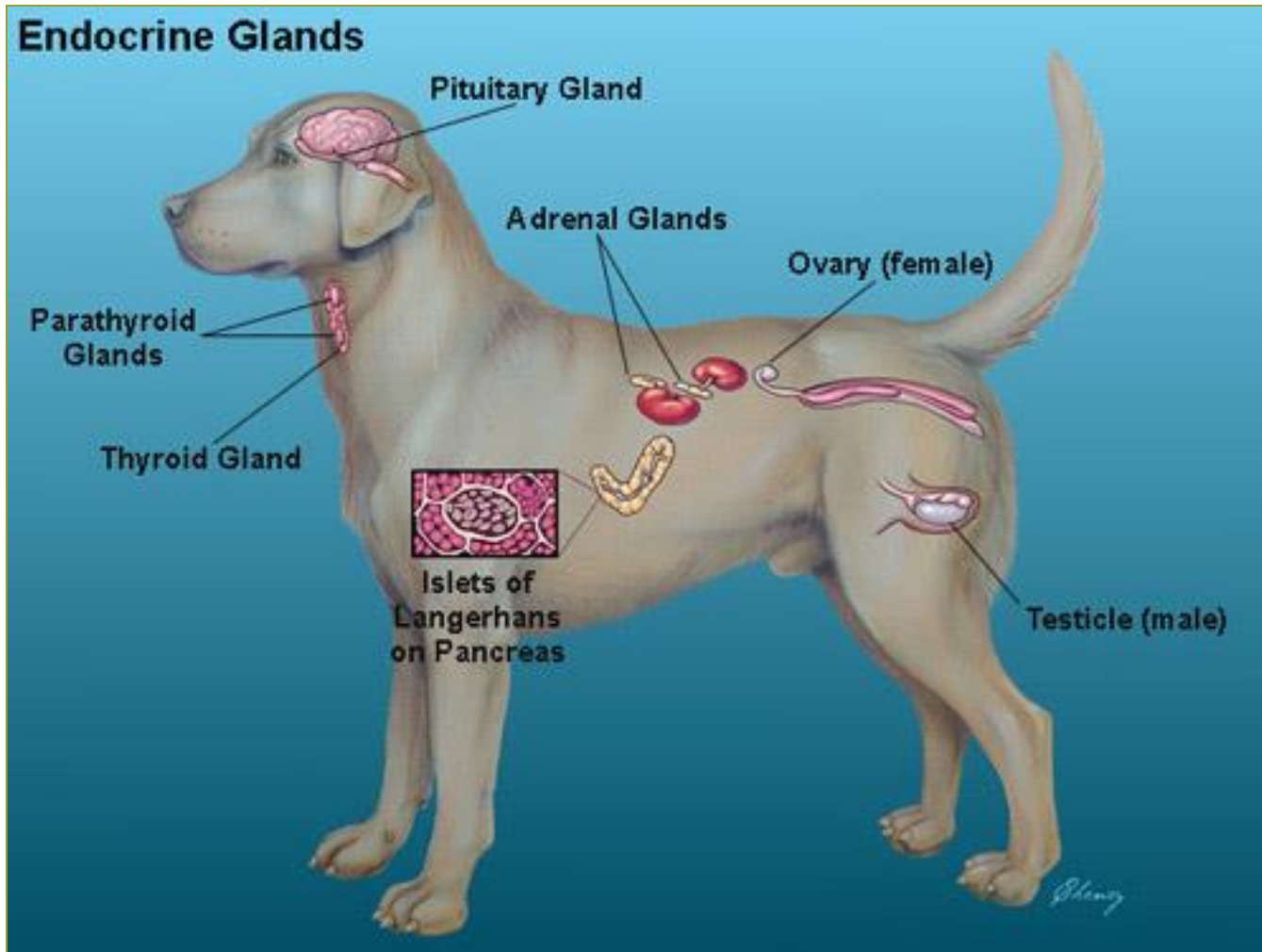
- Anterior pituitary
- Posterior pituitary
- Thyroid
- Parathyroid
- Adrenal cortex
- Adrenal medulla
- Pancreas (islets)
- Testis
- Ovary

# Feline Endocrine System

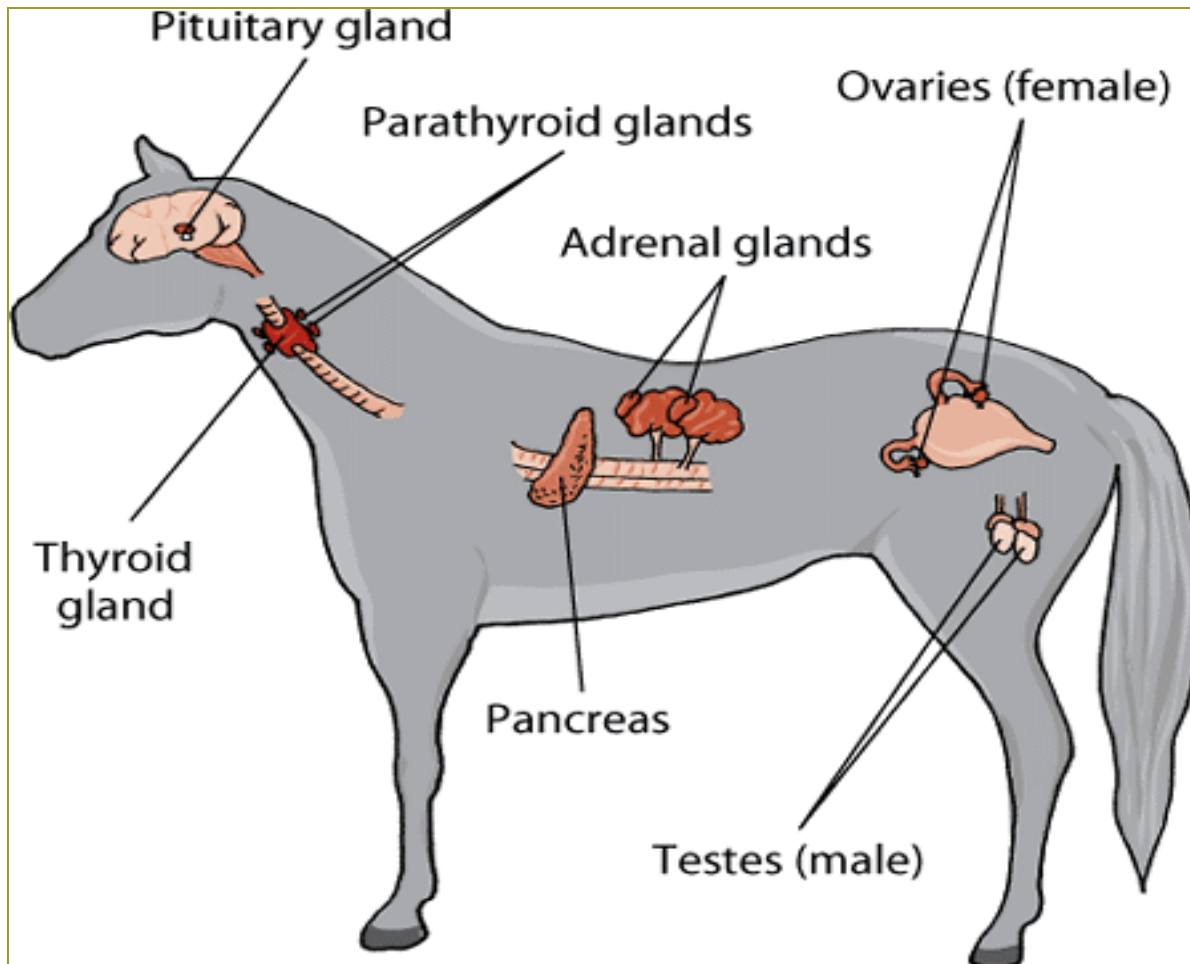
Figure 15-1, Page 359



# Canine Endocrine System



# Equine Endocrine System





# Overview

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- Endocrinology
- Homeostasis – balance
  - Narrow range of “normal”
  - “Health” within normal
  - “Disease” outside of the normal
- Negative Feedback Systems

# Hormones

(Table 15-2, Page 360)  
\*\*\*\*\* Good to Know! 😊

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- Chemical messengers produced by endocrine glands
- Travel via bloodstream
- Impact “target organs” (effectors)
  - Have receptors for hormone
- Controlled by negative feedback systems → homeostasis

# Control of Hormone Secretion

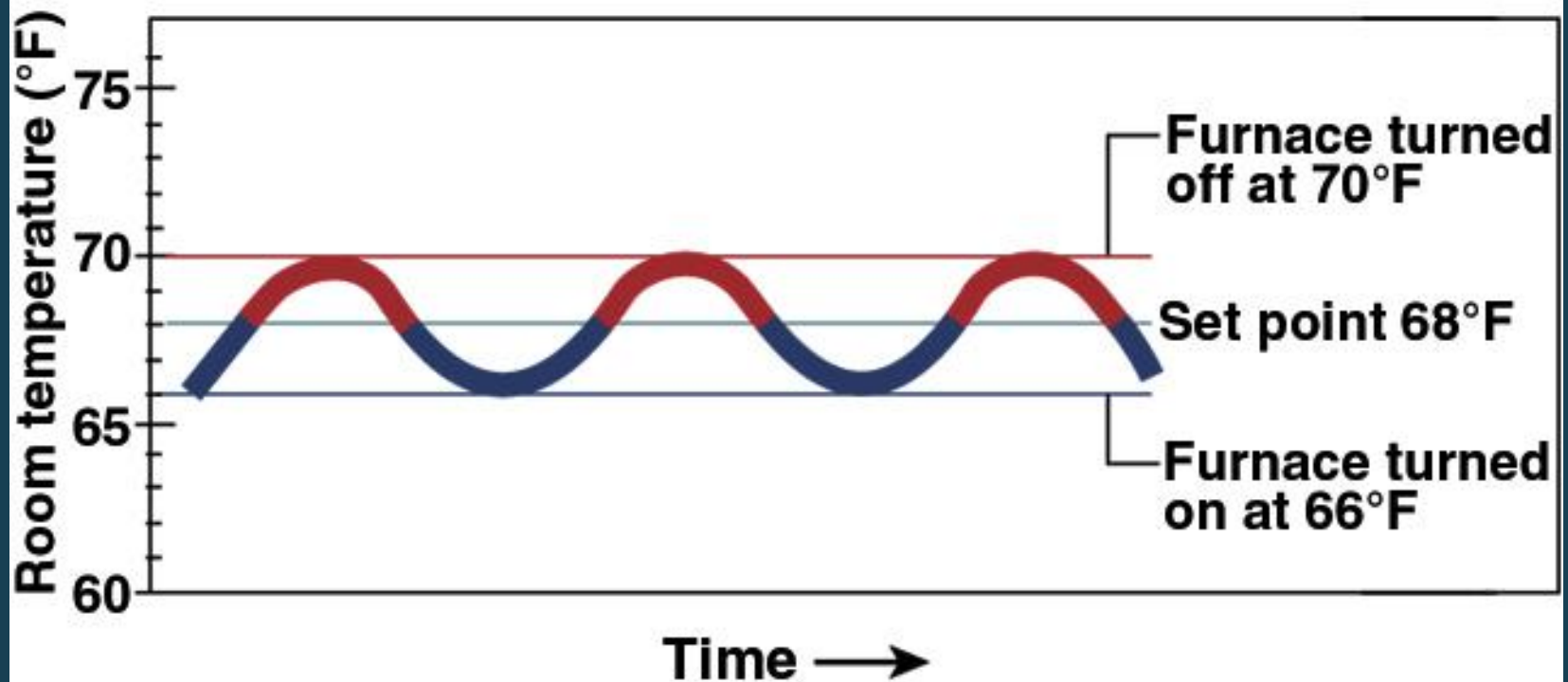
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## Negative Feedback Systems

- When the level of a specific hormone drops below needed levels, the appropriate endocrine gland is stimulated to produce more hormone.
- Once the proper hormone level is present in the bloodstream, stimulation of that endocrine gland is reduced and production of that hormone is reduced.

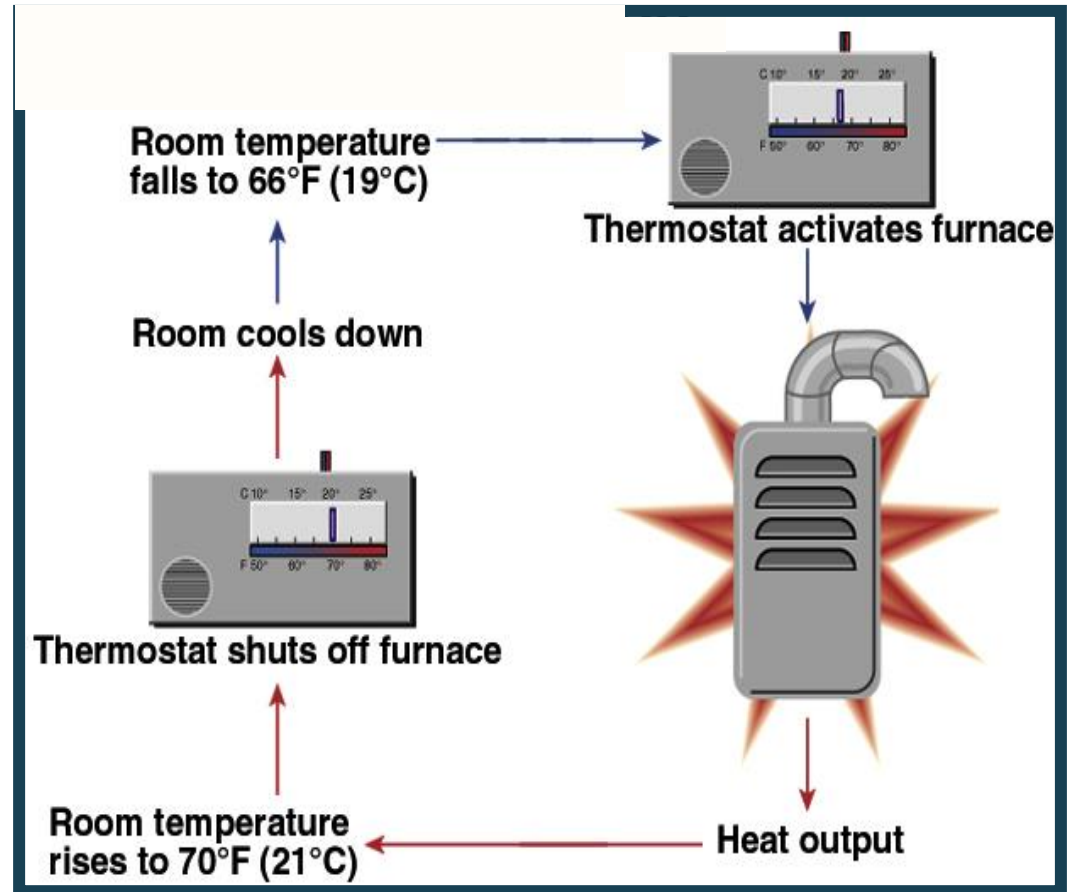
# A Negative Feedback System

- Thermostat/Air Conditioner/Furnace
  - Receptor/Control Center/Effector

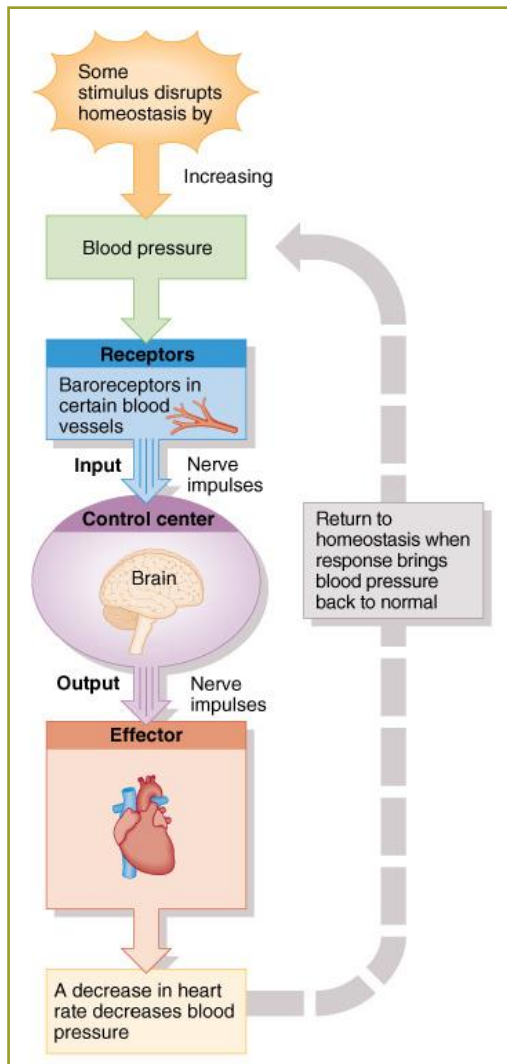


# Homeostasis Examples

- Body
- Heart rate
- Blood pH
- Levels of hormones
- Blood pressure



# Homeostasis of Blood Pressure

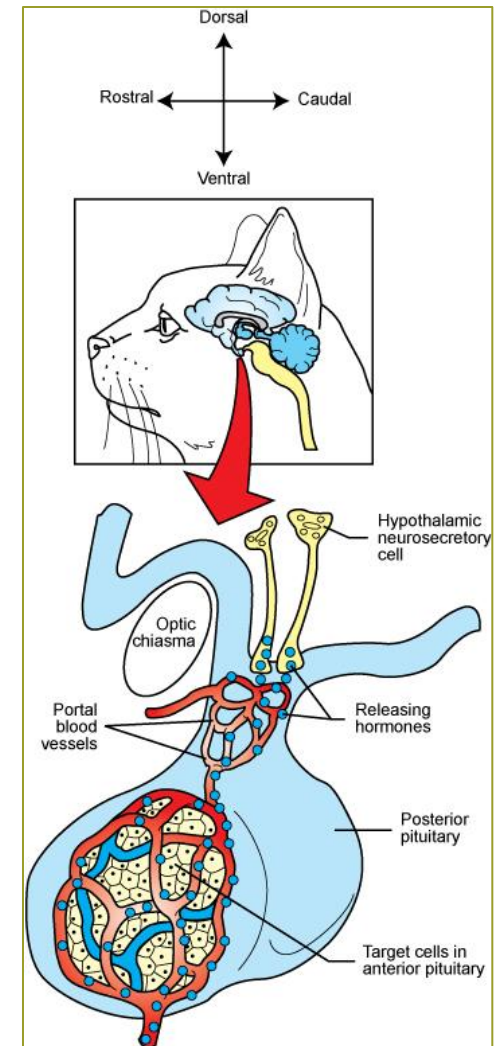


- Pressure **Receptors** in walls of certain arteries detect an increase in BP
  - Blood Pressure = force of blood on walls of vessels
- Brain (**Control Center**) receives input and signals heart and blood vessels
- **Effector** – Heart rate slows and arterioles dilate (increase in diameter)
- BP returns to normal

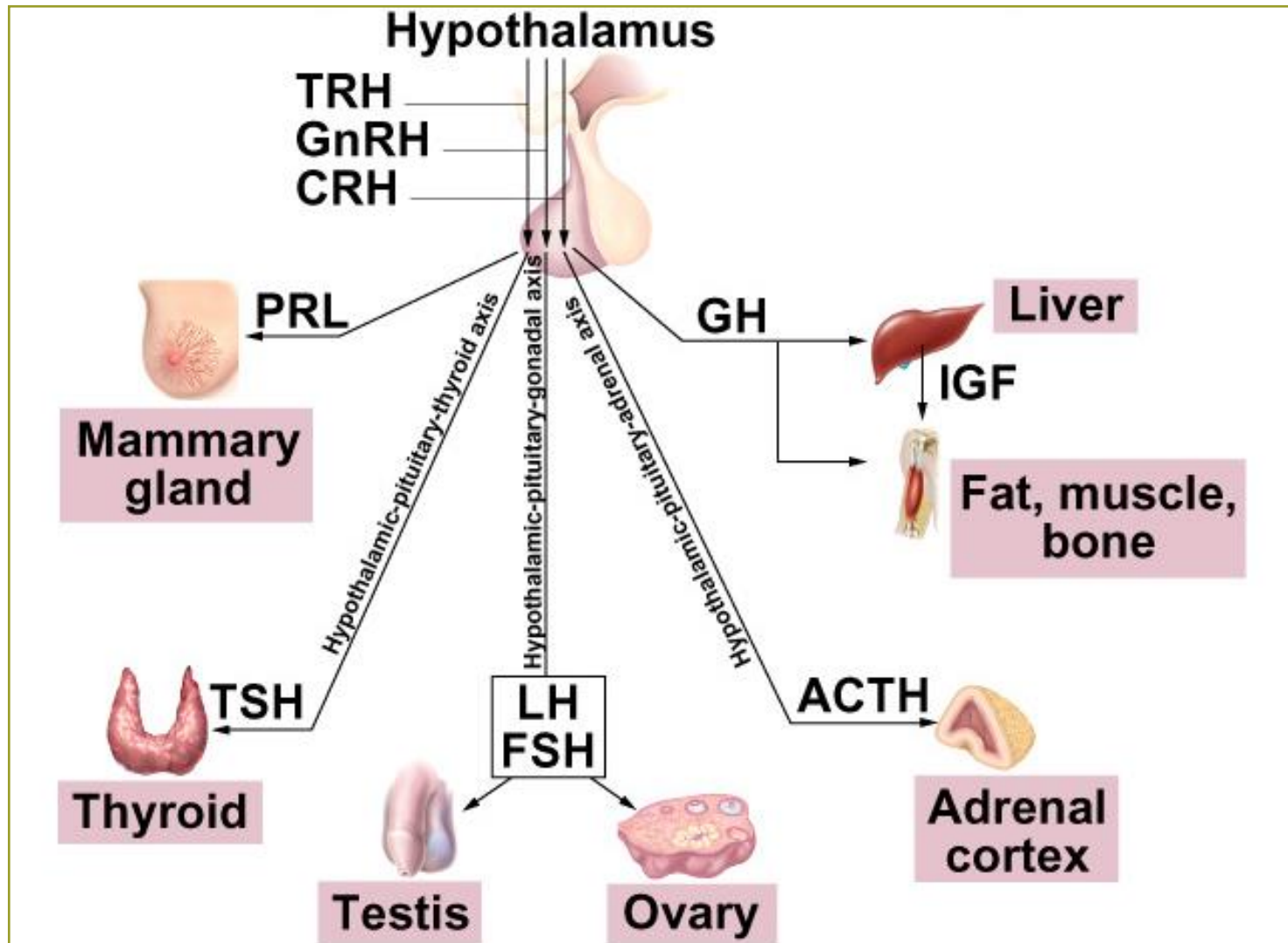
# Hypothalamus

## Figure 15-2, Page 361

- Part of diencephalon section of brain
- Controls activities of pituitary gland
- Portal system of blood vessels links hypothalamus with **anterior** lobe of pituitary gland



# Nervous/Endocrine System Connection

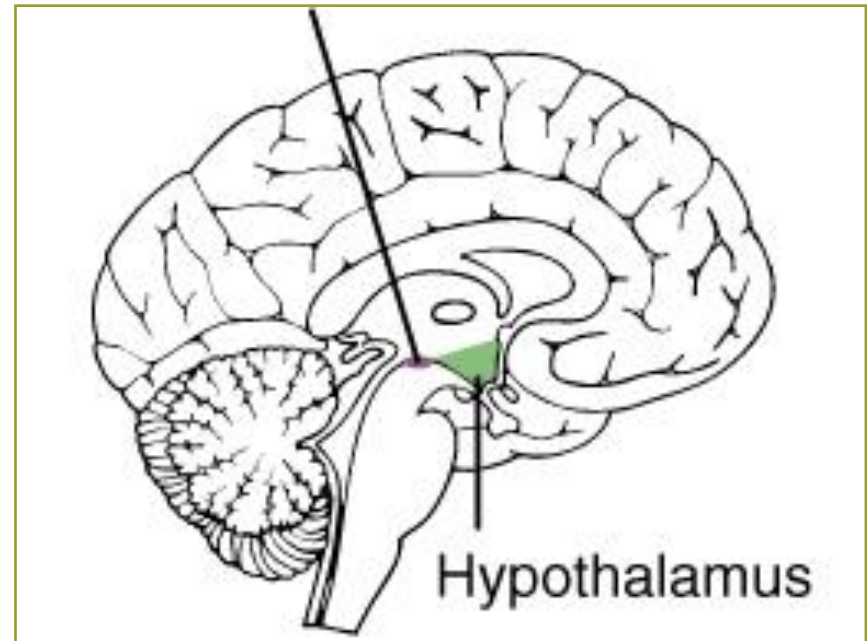


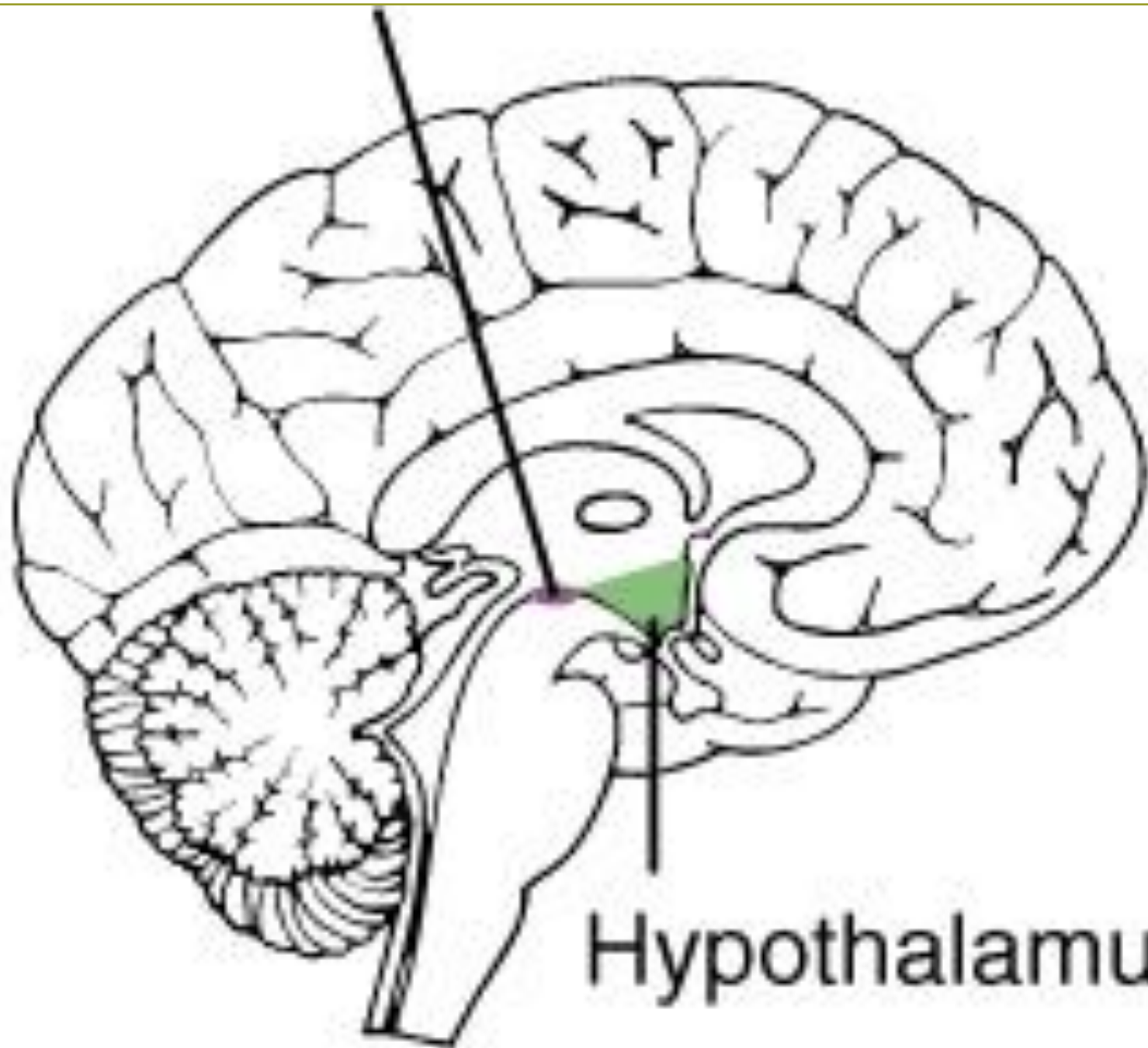


# Hypothalamus

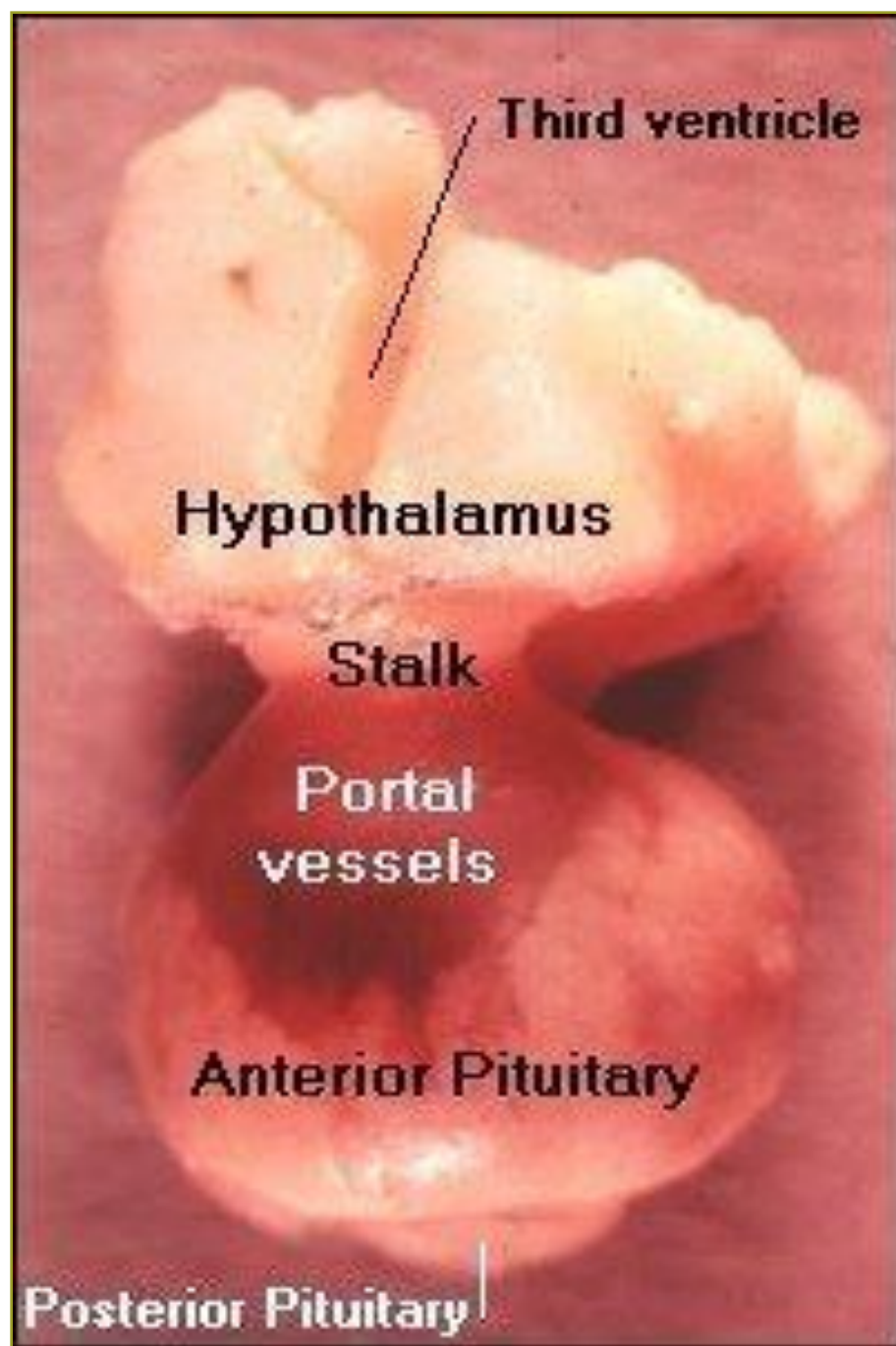
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- Part of brain
- Links conscious mind with rest of body
- Links cerebrum with endocrine system by [regulating pituitary gland](#)
- **SECRET OF LIFE!!!!**





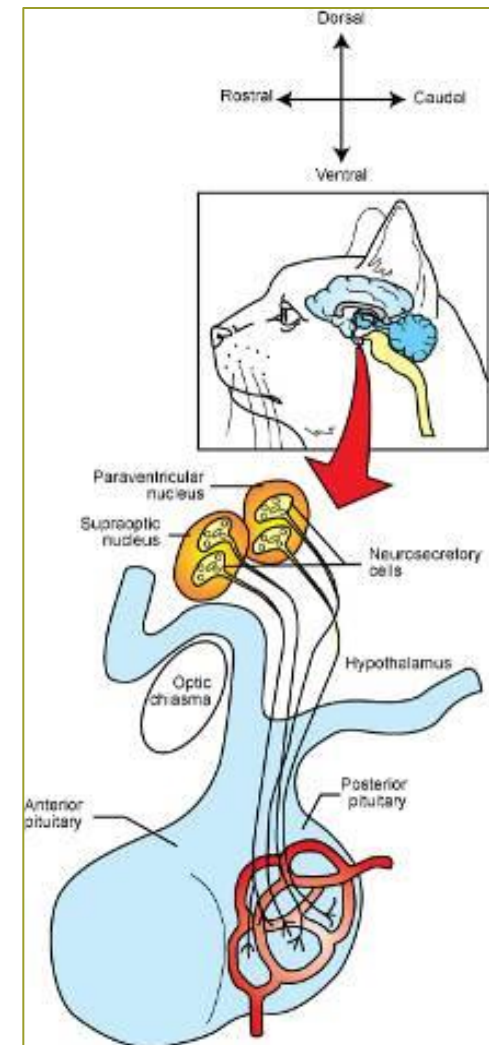
Hypothalamus



# Hypothalamus → Pituitary Gland

Figure 15-3, Page 362

- Modified neurons in hypothalamus also secrete antidiuretic hormone (ADH) and oxytocin
  - Transported to posterior pituitary for storage
- Released into the bloodstream by nerve impulses from the hypothalamus



# Pituitary Gland (Hypophysis)

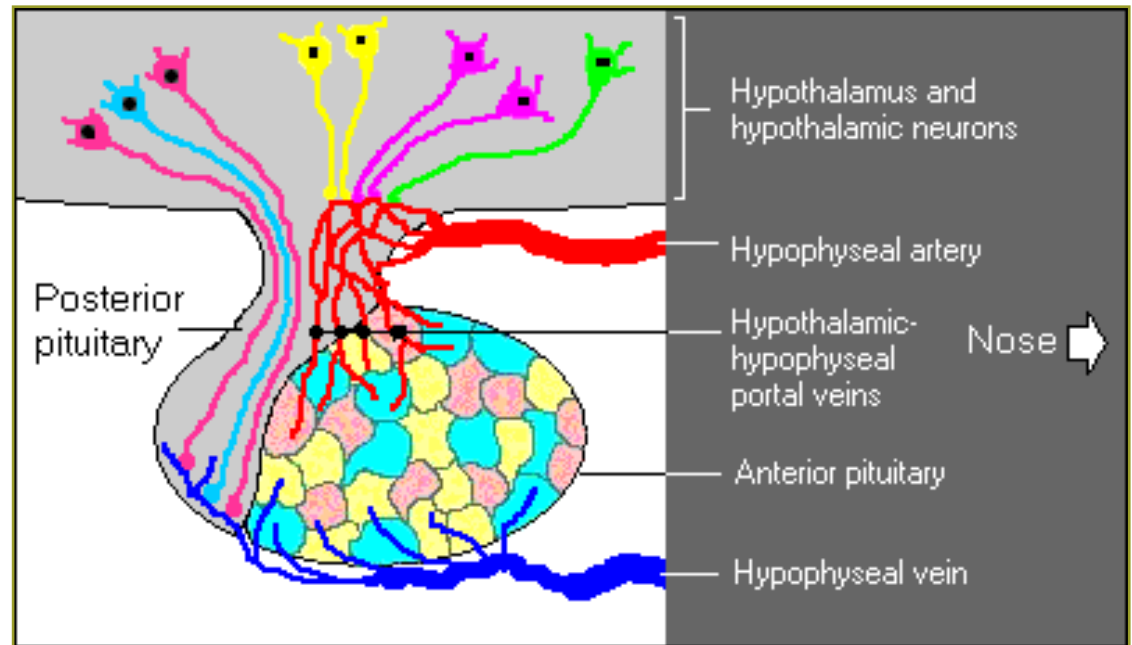
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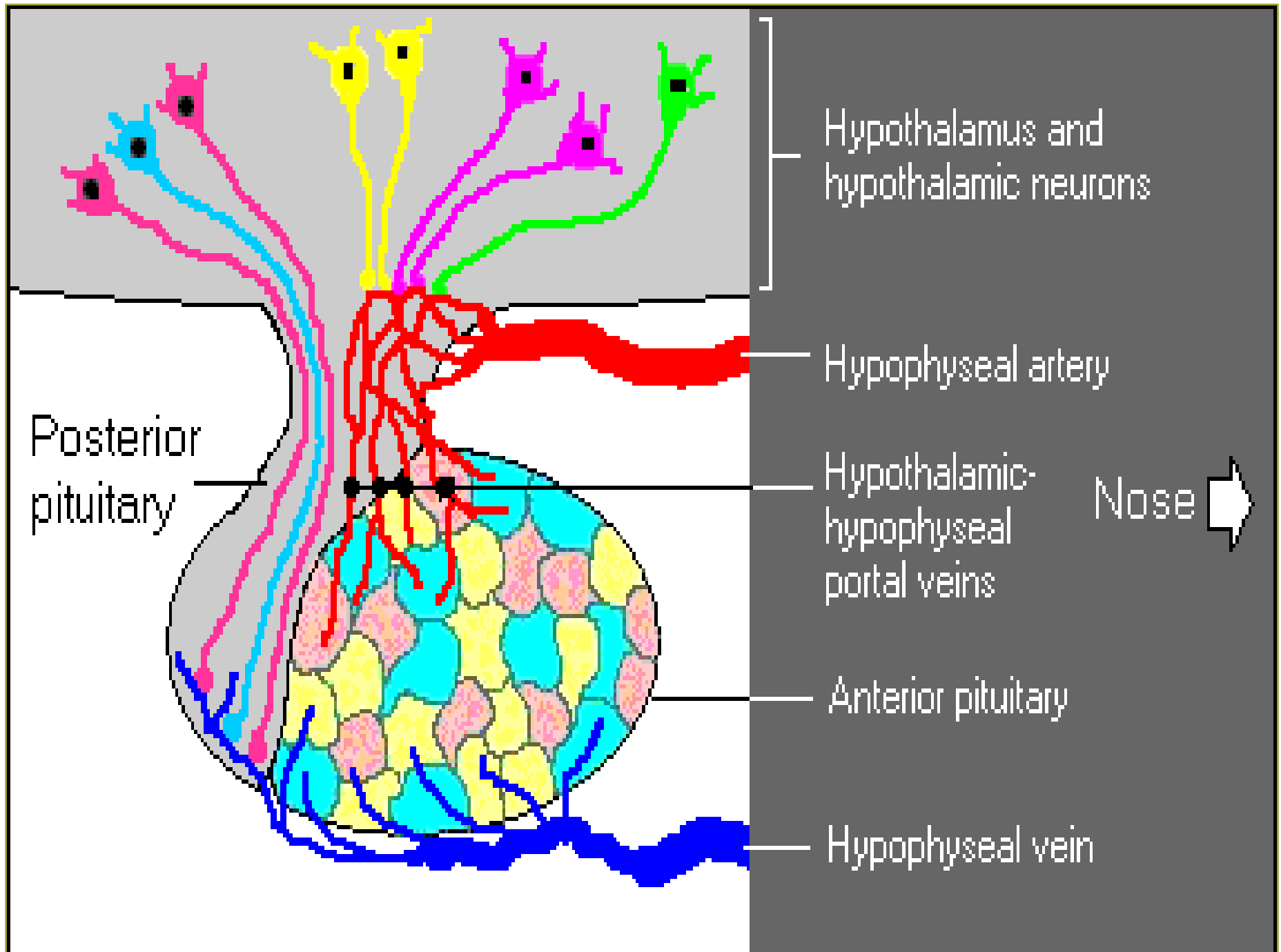
- Two separate glands with different structures, functions, and embryological origins
- Anterior pituitary – adenohypophysis; rostral portion
  - Stimulated by hypothalamus and direct feedback from target organs and tissues to produce its hormones
- Posterior pituitary – neurohypophysis; caudal portion
  - Stores and releases hormones produced in hypothalamus – ADH, oxytocin

# Pituitary Gland (Hypophysis)

Figures 15-2 & 15-3, Pages 361 & 362

- Master endocrine gland
  - Regulated by hypothalamus
- Impacts other endocrine glands
- Anterior lobe
  - Stimulating
  - “Trophic hormones”
  - “Tropins”
- Posterior lobe

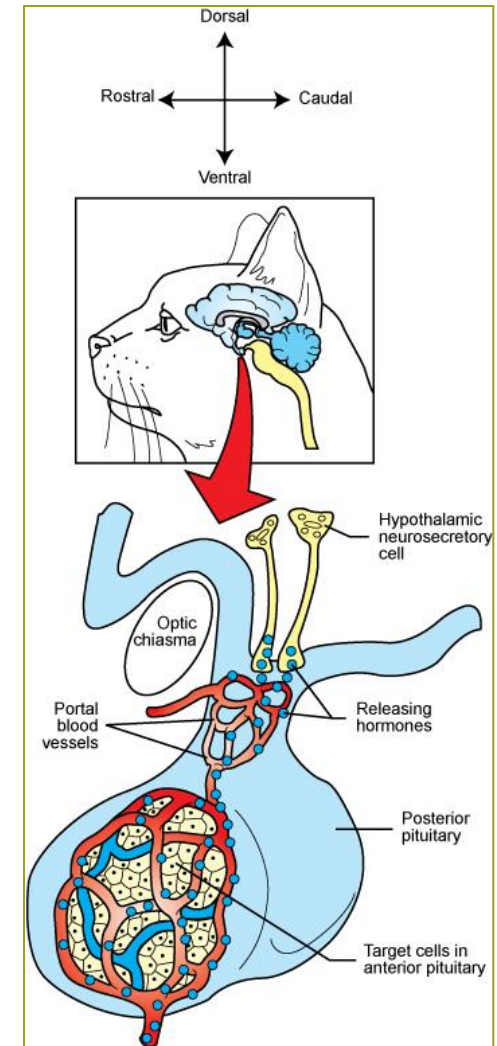




# Anterior Pituitary (Adenohypophysis)

Figure 15-2, Page 361, Table 15-2, Page 360

- Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)
- Luteinizing hormone (LH)
- Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
- Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)
- Growth Hormone (Somatotropin) (GH)
- Prolactin (PRL)
- Melanocyte stimulating hormone





# Hypothalamus

TRH  
GnRH  
CRH

PRL

GH

Liver

IGF

Fat, muscle, bone

ACTH

Adrenal cortex

LH  
FSH

Testis

Ovary

TSH

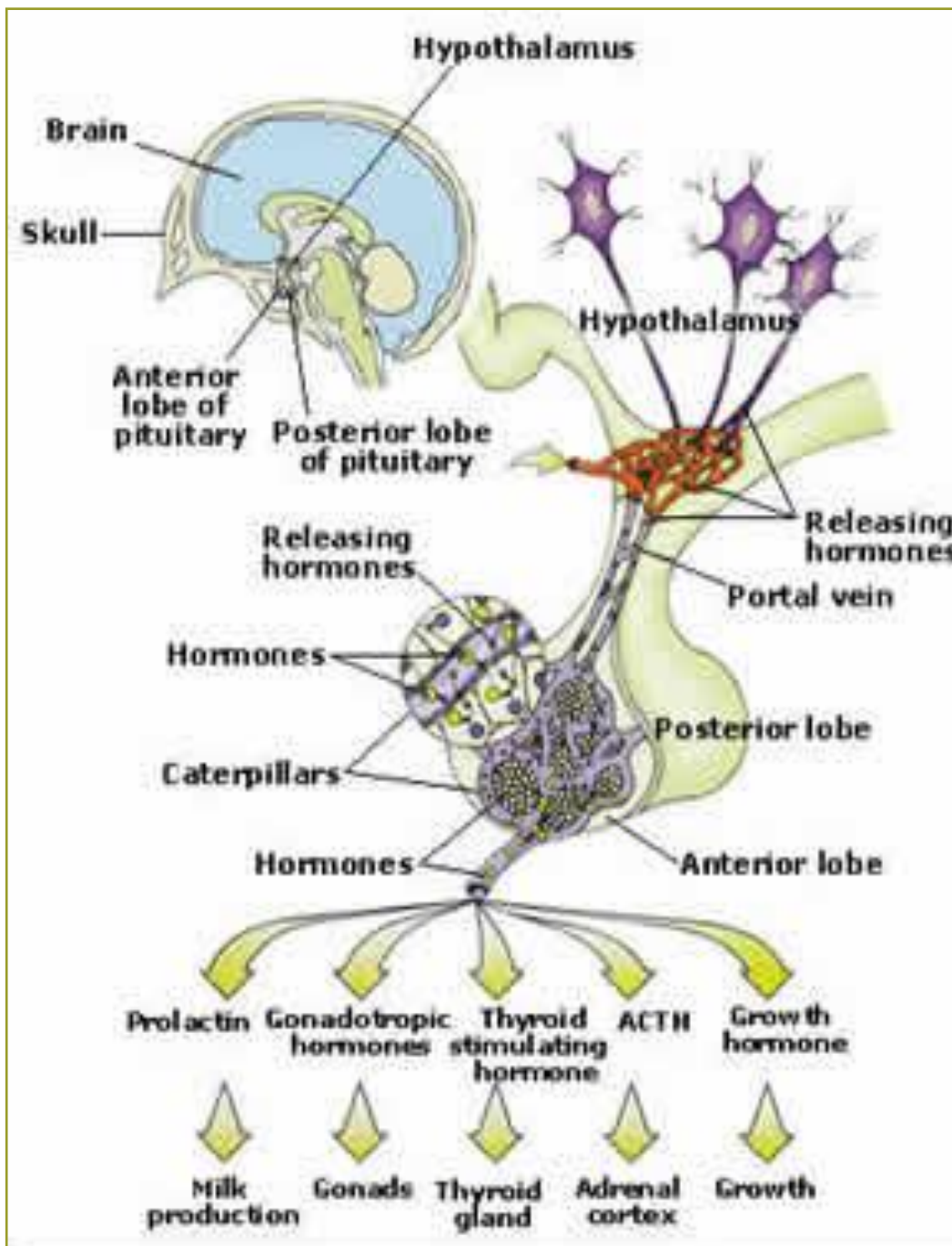
Thyroid

Mammary gland

Hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis

Hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis

Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis



Hypothalamus

Brain

Skull

Anterior lobe of pituitary

Posterior lobe of pituitary

Hypothalamus

Releasing hormones

Releasing hormones

Portal vein

Hormones

Posterior lobe

Caterpillars

Anterior lobe

Hormones

Prolactin

Gonadotropic hormones

Thyroid stimulating hormone

ACTH

Growth hormone

Milk production

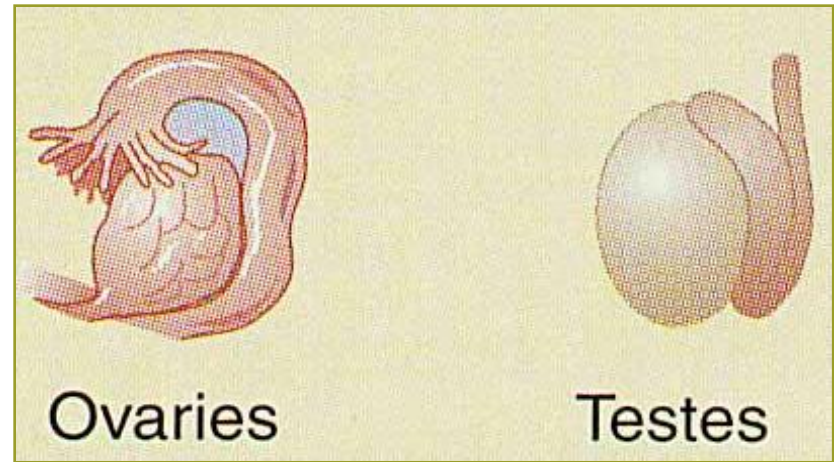
Gonads

Thyroid gland

Adrenal cortex

Growth

# Anterior Lobe Hormones



- FSH

- Ovaries, stimulates development of eggs and follicles → oogenesis
- Testes, stimulates production of sperm → spermatogenesis

- LH

- Female → stimulates ovulation and corpus luteum to secrete progesterone
- Male → stimulates production of testosterone

# Prolactin

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- Female → trigger & maintain lactation
  - Continues as long as teat or nipple is stimulated by nursing or milking (cows)
  - When prolactin stimulation stops, milk production stops, and the mammary gland shrinks back to its non-lactating size
- Male → no known effect

# TSH (Thyroid-Stimulating Hormone)

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- Also known as thyrotrophic hormone
- Stimulates growth of thyroid gland and secretion of thyroid hormone
- Secretion is regulated by feedback from the thyroid gland

# ACTH (Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone)

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- Regulates response to **STRESS!!!**
- Stimulates **adrenal cortex**
- Regulated by feedback from hormones of adrenal cortex
- ACTH can also be released quickly as a result of stimulation of hypothalamus by other parts of brain
  - **Thoughts are things!** 😊

# Growth Hormone (GH)

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- Also known as somatotropin and somatotrophic hormone
- Promotes body growth in young animals
- Helps regulate metabolism of proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids in animal's cells
  - Anabolism – proteins
  - Catabolism – fats, carbohydrates

# Melanocyte-Stimulating Hormone (MSH)

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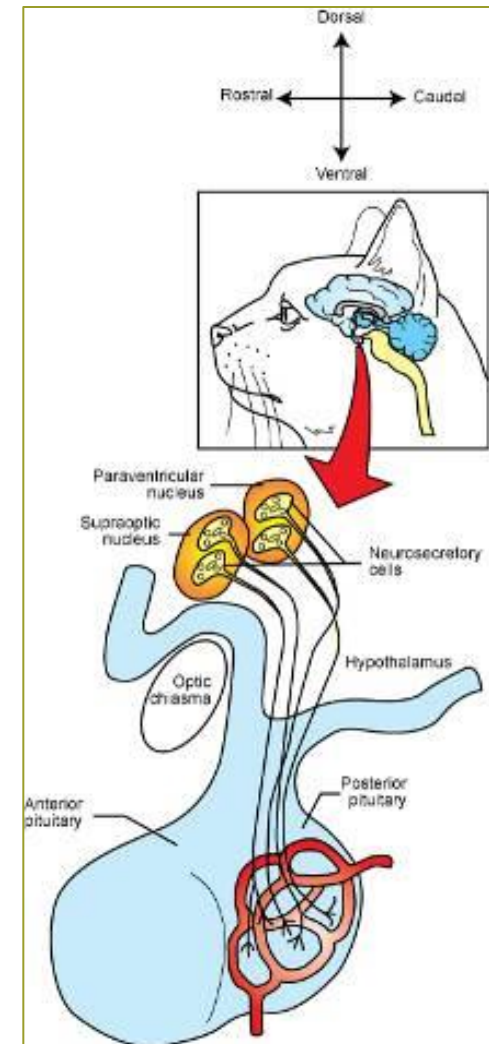
- Associated with control of color changes in the pigment cells (melanocytes) of reptiles, fish, and amphibians
- Administration of artificially large amounts of MSH to higher mammals can cause darkening of the skin from melanocyte stimulation



# Posterior Pituitary (Neurohypophysis)

Figure 15-3, Page 362, Table 15-2, Page 360

- Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)
- Oxytocin

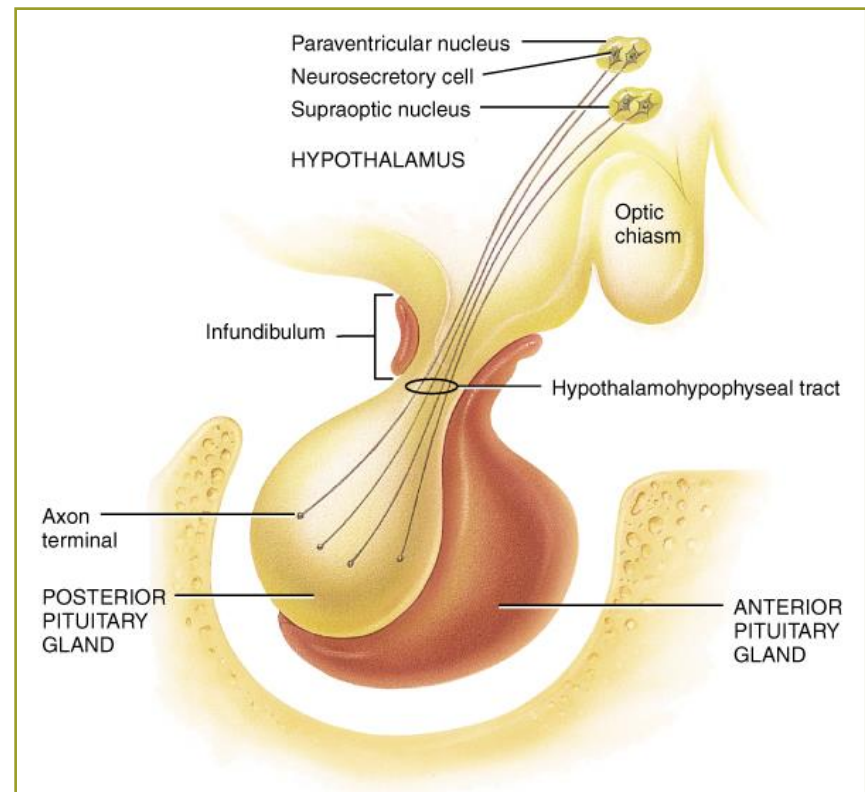
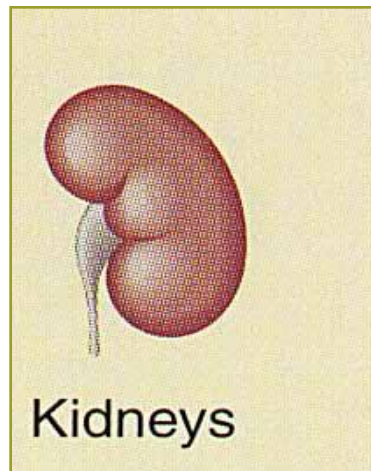
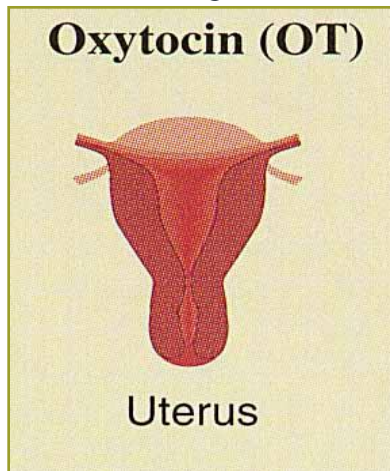


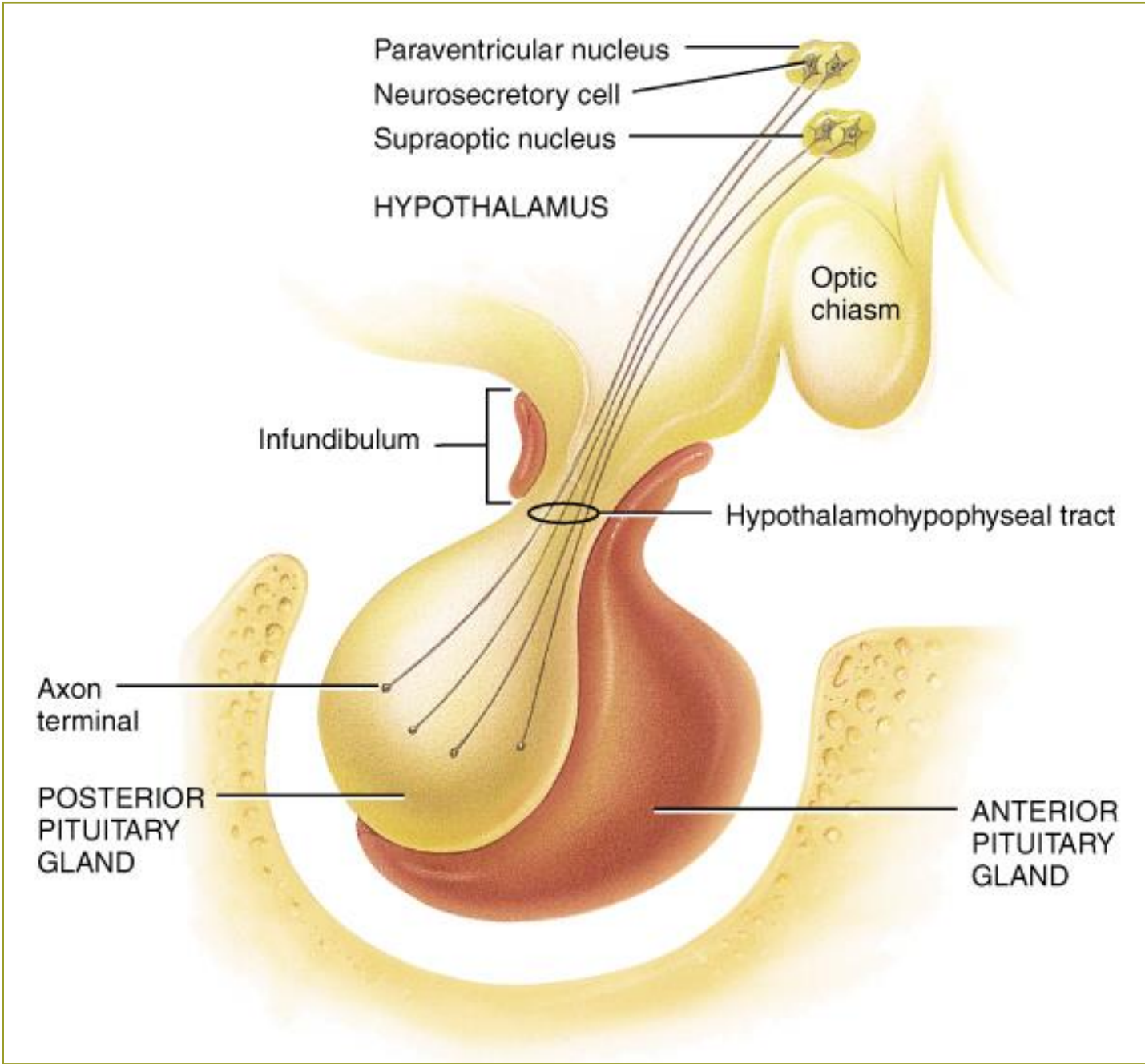
# Posterior Pituitary (Neurohypophysis)

Figure 15-3, Page 362

- 2 hormones produced in hypothalamus, transported down nerve fibers, and are stored here

- Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)
- Oxytocin





# ADH (Antidiuretic Hormone)

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- Targets kidneys (what part of nephron?) to ↑ water retention, reduce urine volume



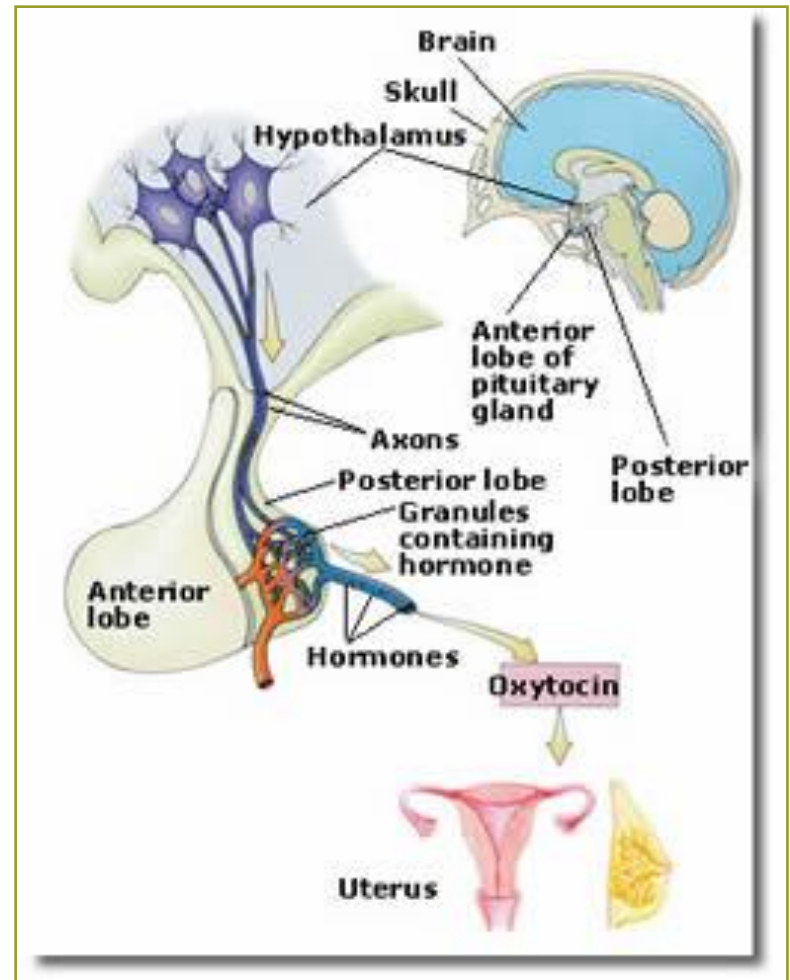
# ADH (Antidiuretic Hormone)

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- Helps prevent diuresis
- Receptors in hypothalamus detect changes in dehydration/hemoconcentration
- ADH travels to the kidney – causes kidneys to reabsorb more water (**WHERE?**) from the urine and return it to the bloodstream
- ADH deficiency causes diabetes insipidus

# Oxytocin

- Uterine contractions
- Milk letdown



# Oxytocin

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- Effects on uterus – causes contraction of the myometrium at the time of breeding and at parturition
  - Aid transport of spermatozoa to oviducts
  - Aid in delivery of the fetus and placenta
- Effect on active mammary glands – (milk letdown)
  - Stimulation of teat or nipple by nursing or milking causes oxytocin to be released into bloodstream





# Oxytocin As a Drug



# Effects of Oxytocin

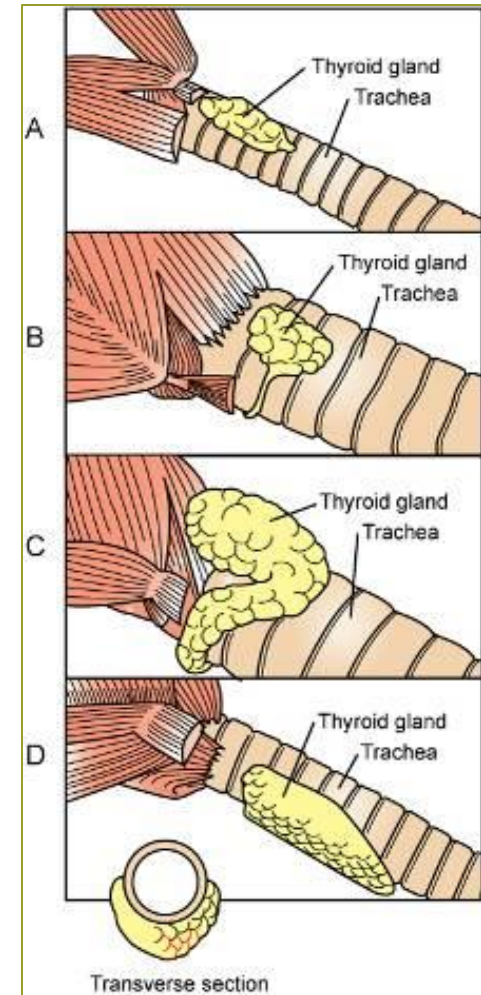
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# Thyroid Gland

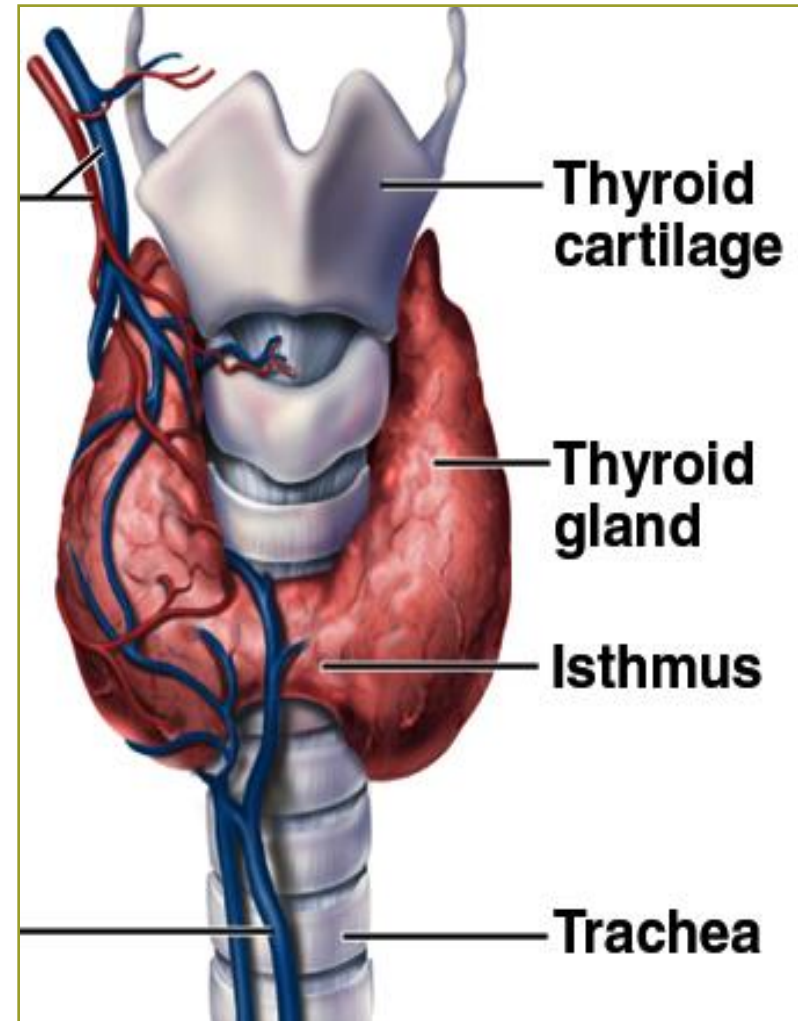
## Figure 15-4, Page 365

- Consists of two lobes on either side of larynx
  - Lobes may be connected by isthmus
- Comparative anatomy in figure at right
- Thyroid hormone is produced in follicles
  - Simple cuboidal glandular cells surrounding globule of thyroid hormone precursor

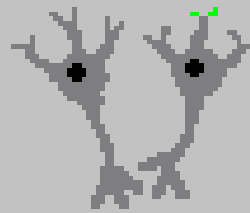


# Thyroid Gland

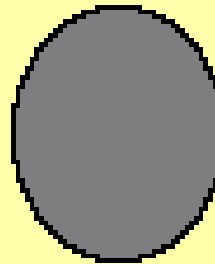
- In neck region
- Hormones
  - $T_3$  – triiodothyronine
  - $T_4$  – thyroxin
    - Metabolism homeostasis
    - Body's temperature setting
  - Calcitonin
    - Prevents hypercalcemia



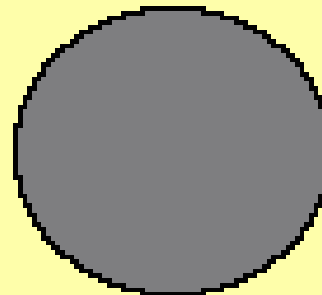
**Hypothalamus  
(TRH)**



**Anterior  
Pituitary  
(TSH)**



**Thyroid  
Gland  
(T3 and T4)**



# Hypothyroidism in Dogs

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- Relatively common in dogs
- Rare in cats
- Treatment – thyroxine ( $T_4$ )





# Clinical Signs of Hypothyroidism

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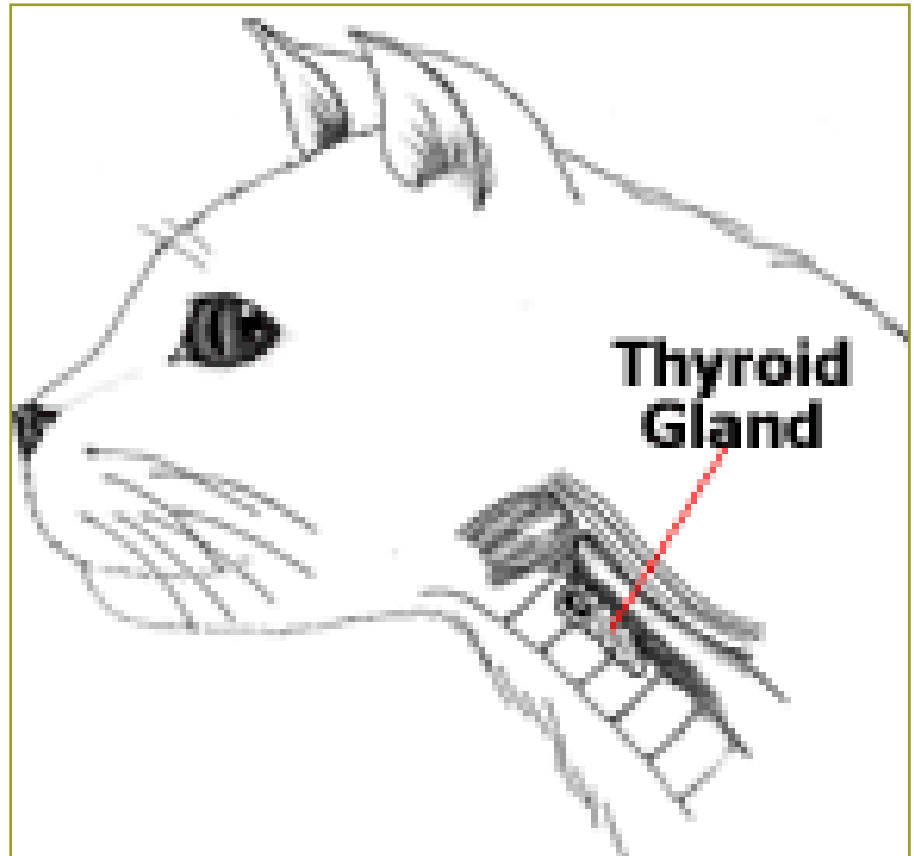
- Lethargy (very little activity)
- Excessive sleeping
- Appears to be cold all the time
- Gaining weight, very little appetite, etc.
- Hair thinning on body
- Allergies
- Infertile???



# Hyperthyroidism in Cats

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- Most common endocrine disease of cats
- Rare in dogs
- Treatment
  - Radioactive iodine?
  - Surgery?



# Clinical Signs

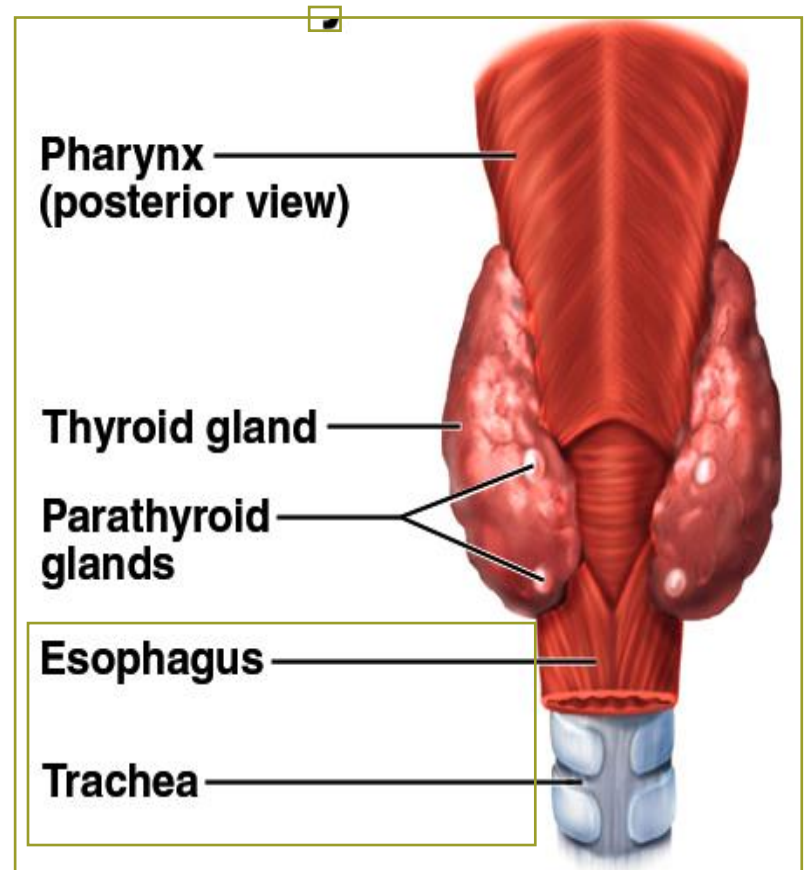
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- Weight loss
- Hyperactive
- Ravenous appetite
- Ages 7-12



# Parathyroid Glands

- 4 small glands posterior to thyroid gland
- Parathyroid hormone (parathormone)
  - Opposite effect of calcitonin
  - Prevents hypocalcemia



# Parathyroid Hormone (PTH)

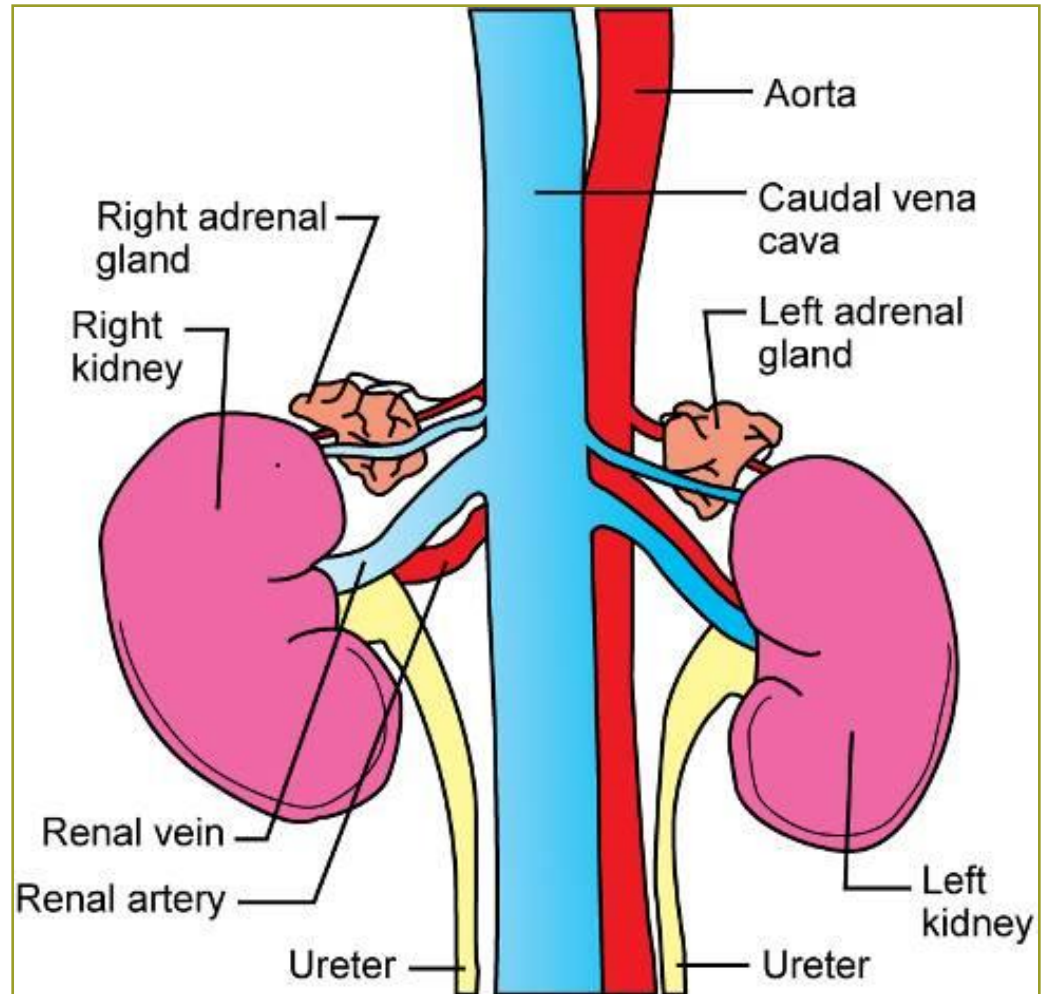
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- Also called parathormone
- Produced by the parathyroid glands
  - Small, pale nodules in, on, or near the thyroid glands
- Helps maintain blood calcium levels
- Prevents hypocalcemia
  - Causes kidneys to retain calcium and intestine to absorb calcium from food; withdraws calcium from bones

# Adrenal Glands

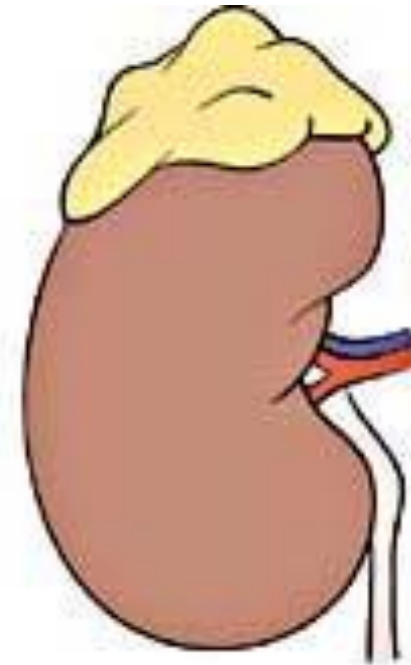
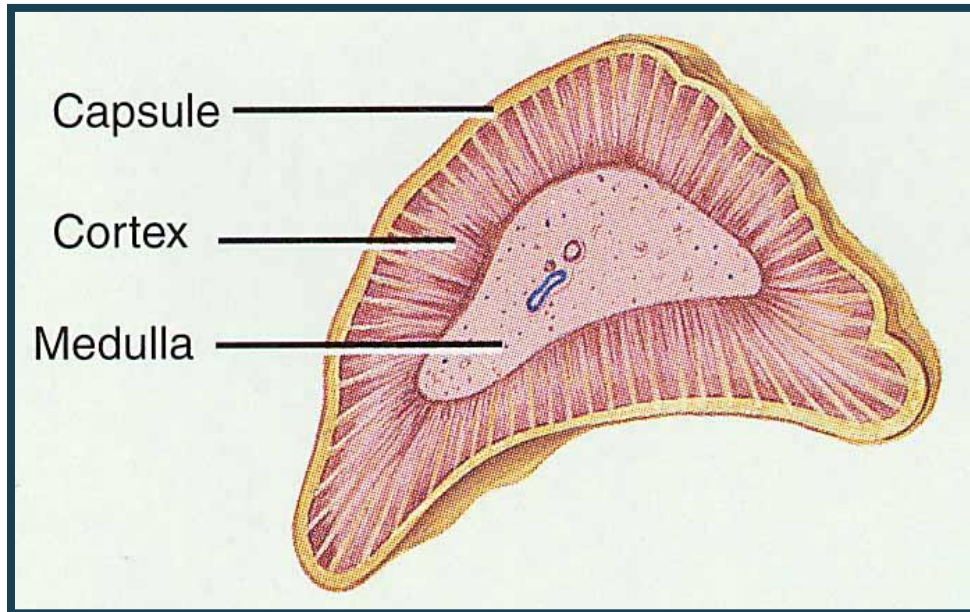
Figure 15-5, Page 367

- Located near the cranial ends of the kidneys
- Consist of two glands:
  - Adrenal cortex
  - Adrenal medulla



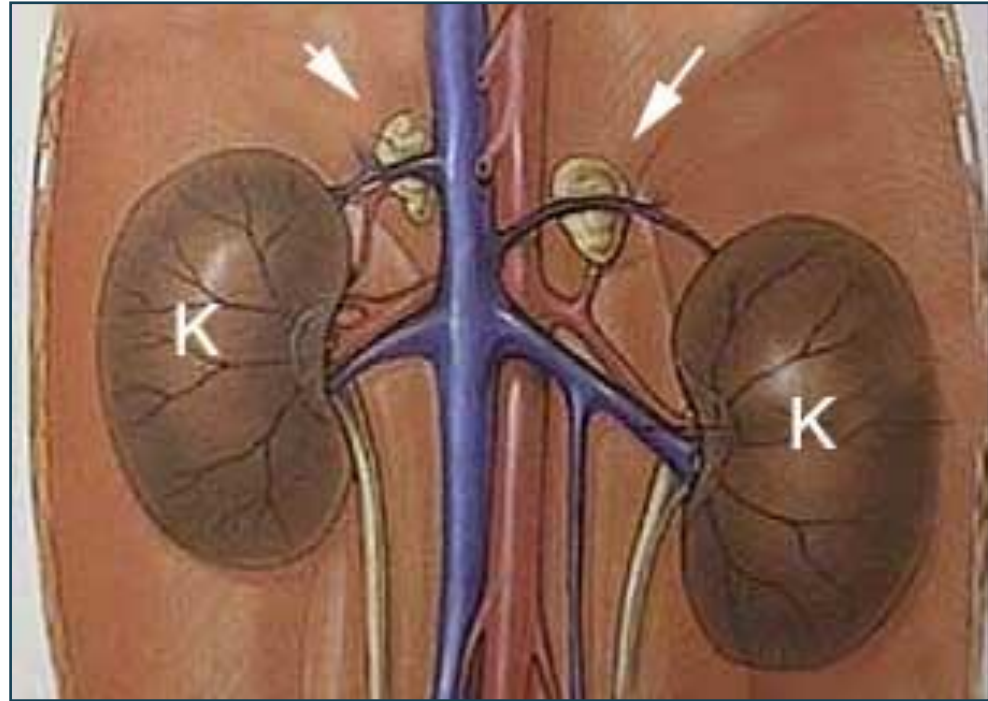
# Adrenal Glands

- Close to kidneys



The **adrenal glands** are triangular in shape and are located on top of the kidneys. They are responsible for making cortisol, adrenaline, sex hormones and hormones necessary for fluid and electrolyte balance.

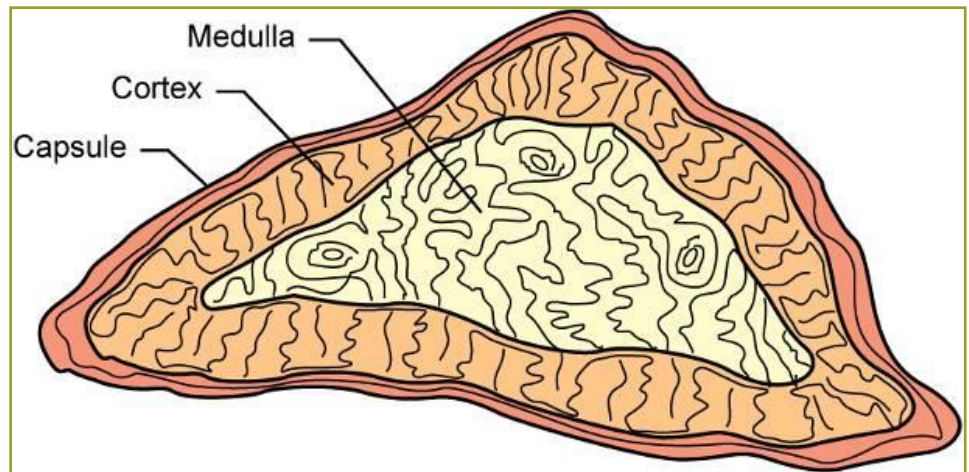
# Adrenal Gland Location



# Adrenal Cortex

Figure 15-6, Page 367

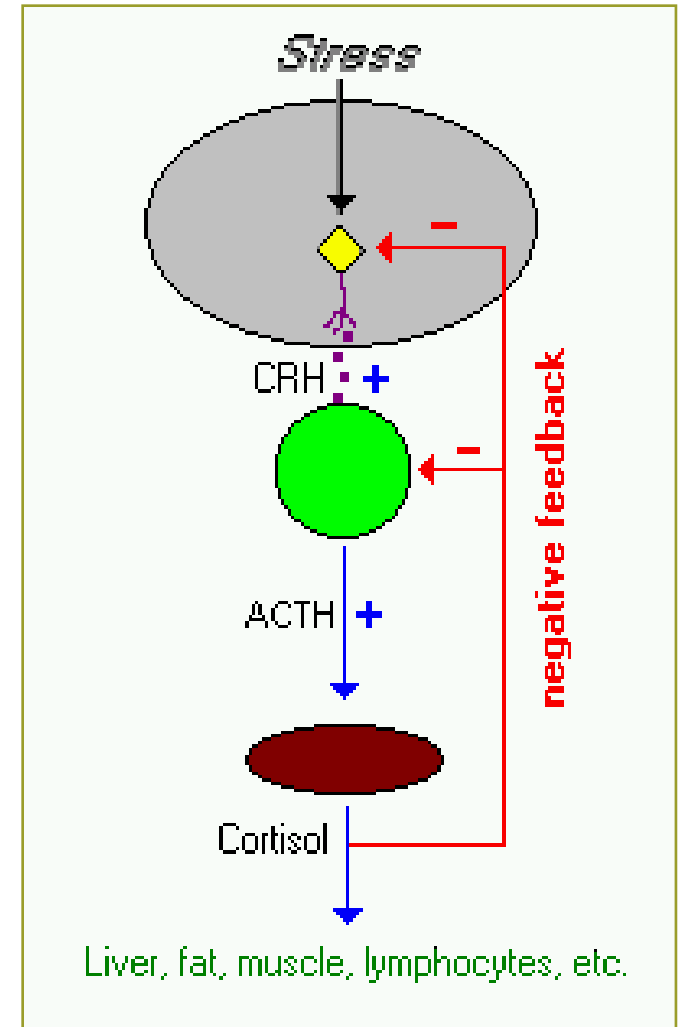
- Produces numerous steroid hormones classified into three main groups:
  - Glucocorticoids
  - Mineralocorticoid
  - Sex hormones (very small amounts of both in both sexes)





# Glucocorticoids

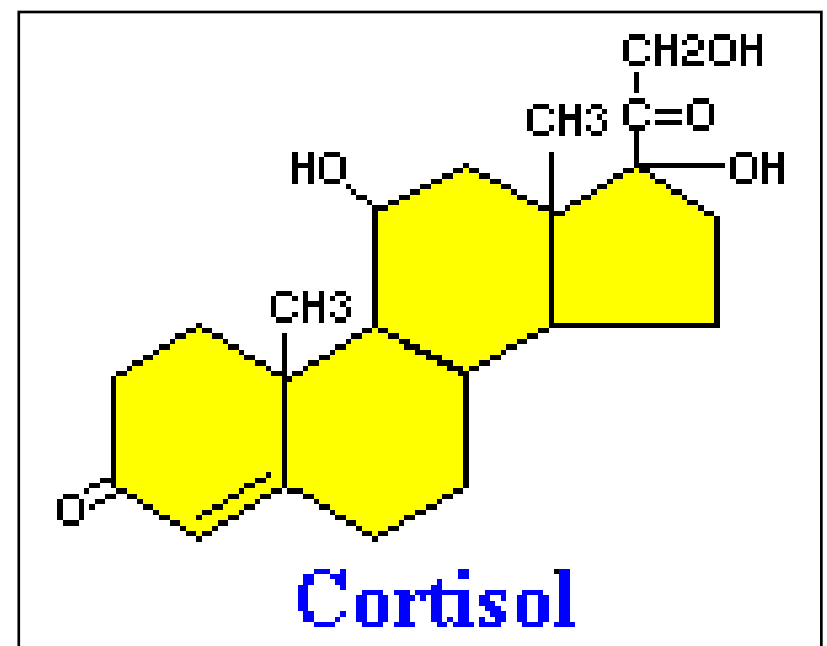
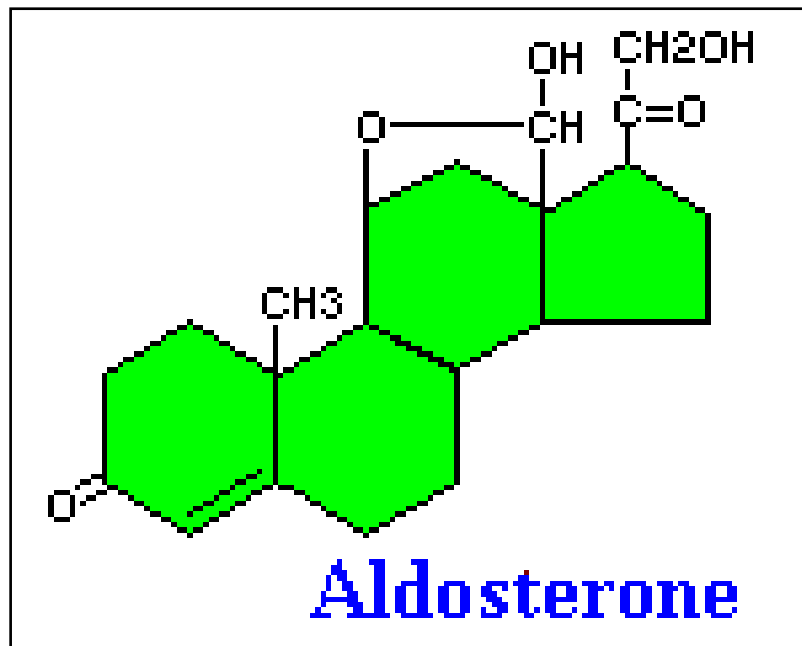
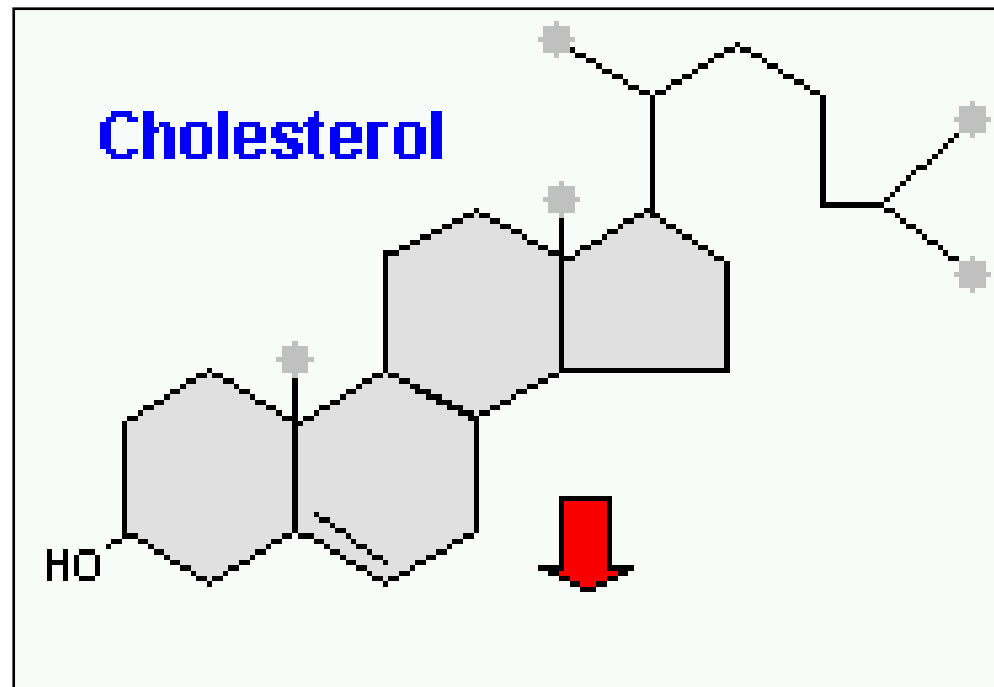
- Cortisone, cortisol
- Gluconeogenesis
  - **Hyperglycemic effect**
- Helps maintain blood pressure
- Helps animal's body resist effects of stress



# Mineralocorticoids

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- Aldosterone
  - Works with ADH
- Electrolyte homeostasis
  - Regulate levels of important electrolytes (mineral salts) in animal's body
- Targets kidneys to ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> retention, reduce urine volume



# Adrenal Cortex Pathology

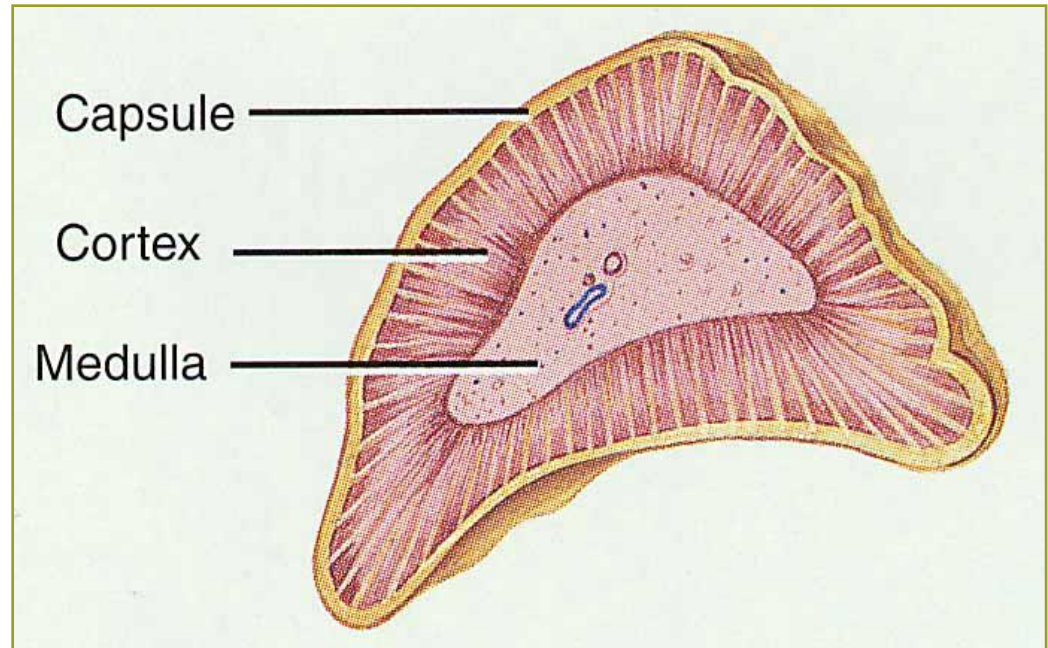
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- Cushing's Syndrome
  - Hyperadrenocorticism
  - Excessive cortisone production
  - **Iatrogenic???**
- Addison's Disease
  - Hypoadrenocorticism
  - Decreased cortisone production



# Adrenal Medulla Hormones

- Epinephrine
- Norepinephrine
- “Fight or Flight” response
- 2 places in animal body where epinephrine is found???



# Adrenal Medulla Functions

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- Secretion is controlled by sympathetic portion of autonomic nervous system
  - **“Fight or flight” response**
- Increases heart rate and output, increases blood pressure, dilates air passageways in lungs, and decreases GI function





Stimulus (input)

Response (output)

Skeletal muscle

Cardiac muscle,  
smooth muscle,  
and glands

Somatic  
nervous system

Autonomic nervous  
system

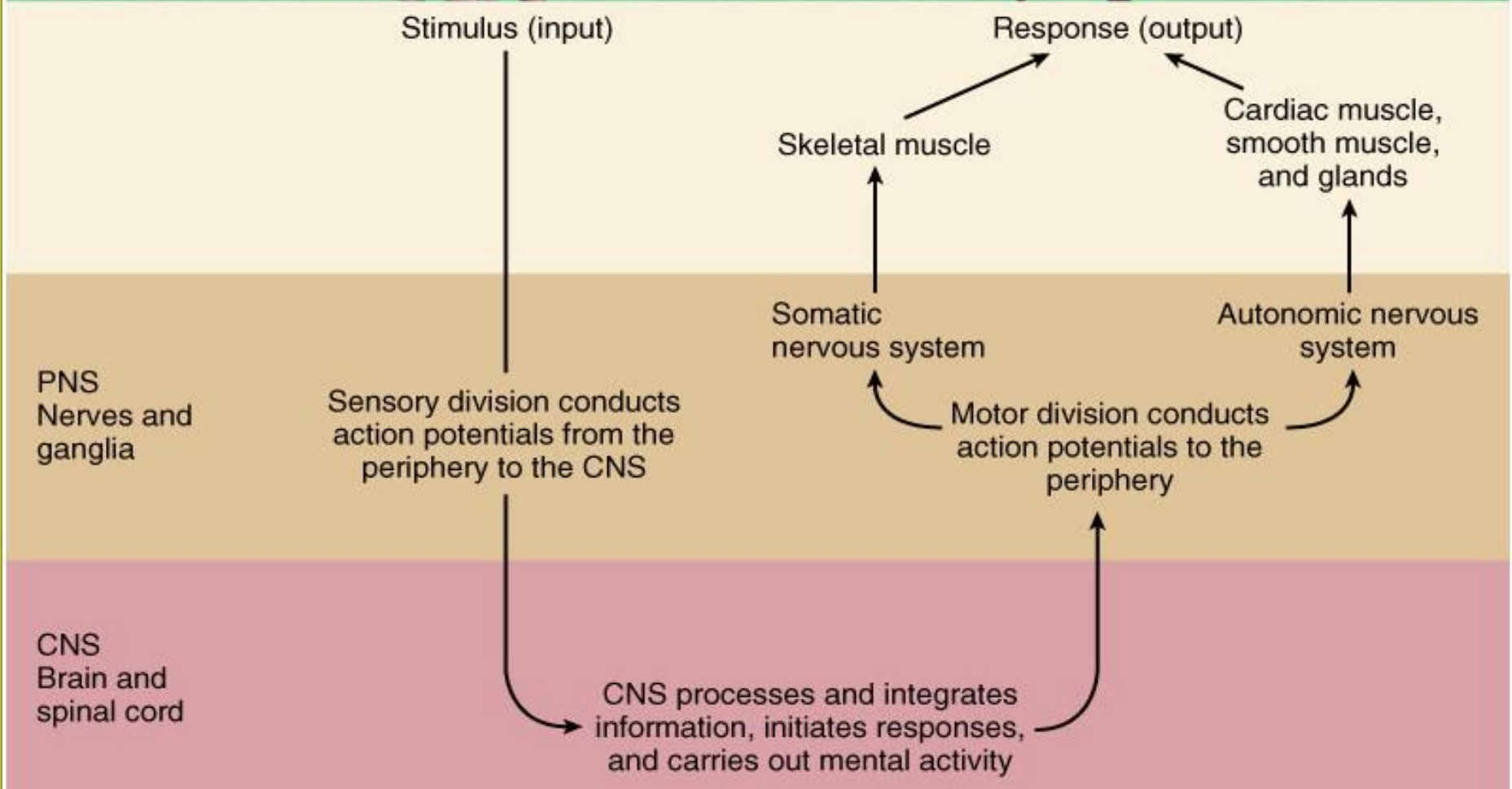
PNS  
Nerves and  
ganglia

Sensory division conducts  
action potentials from the  
periphery to the CNS

Motor division conducts  
action potentials to the  
periphery

CNS  
Brain and  
spinal cord

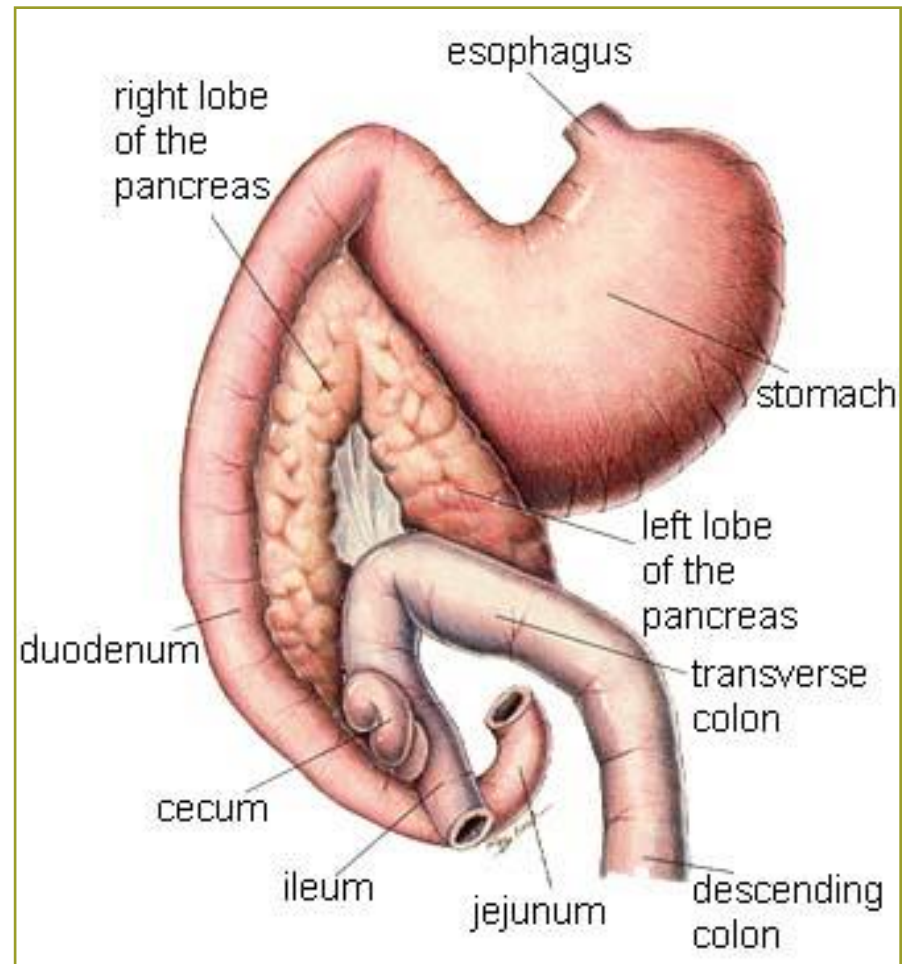
CNS processes and integrates  
information, initiates responses,  
and carries out mental activity

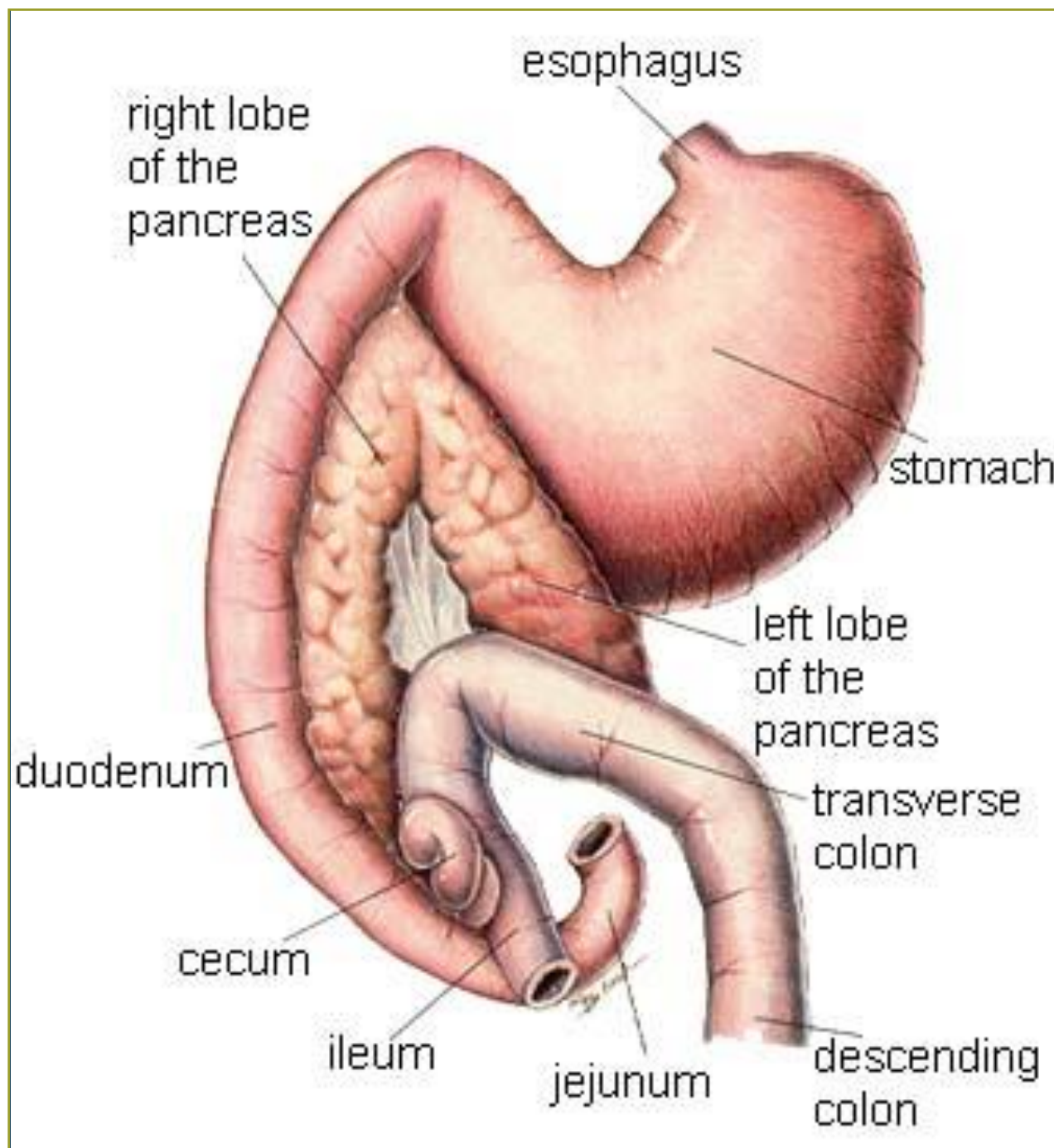




# Pancreas

- Only gland in body with **exocrine** and **endocrine** function
- Exocrine – digestive enzymes
- Endocrine – small % of pancreas
  - Hormones **regulating glucose**
  - Islets of Langerhans





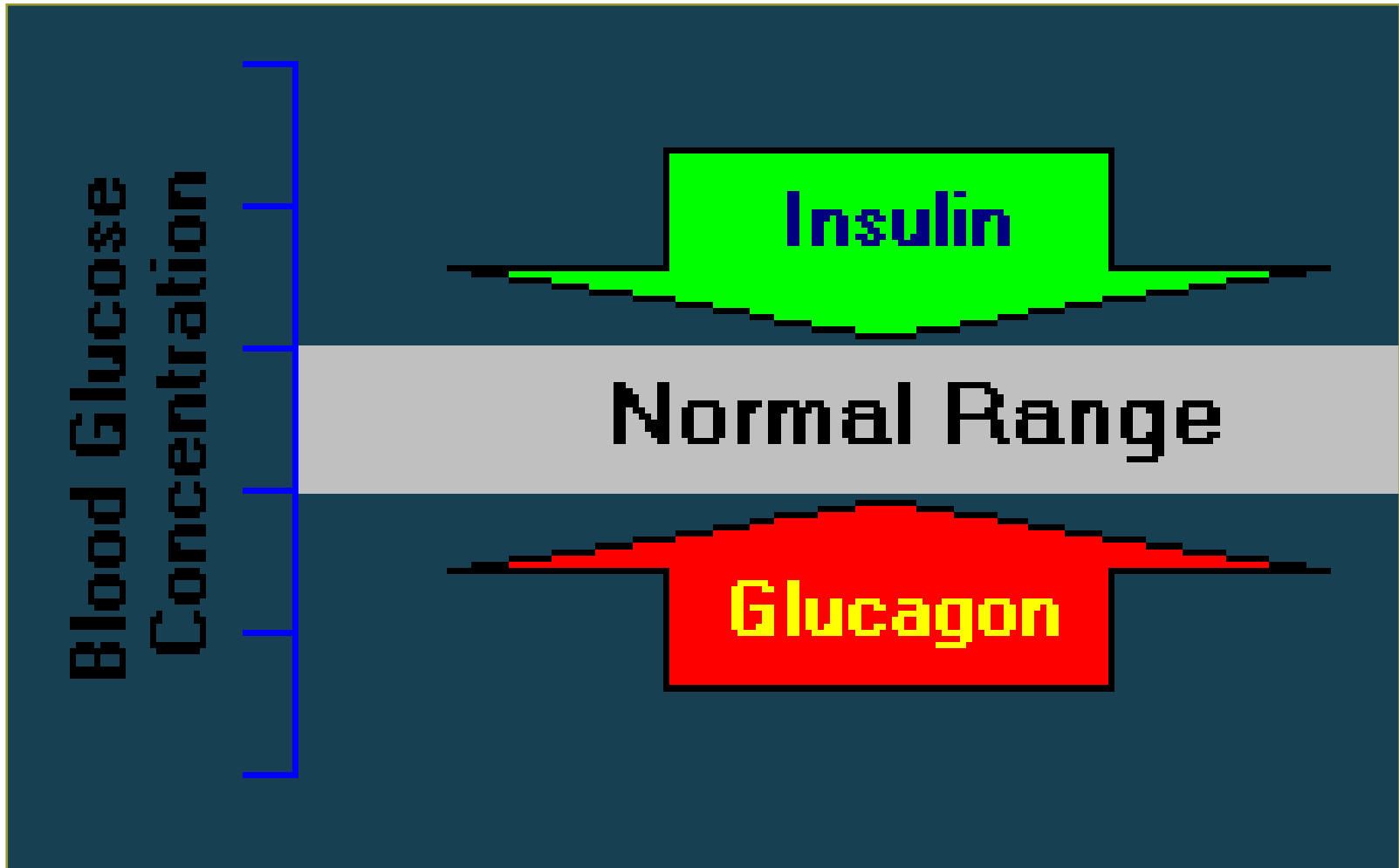
# Pancreas Hormones

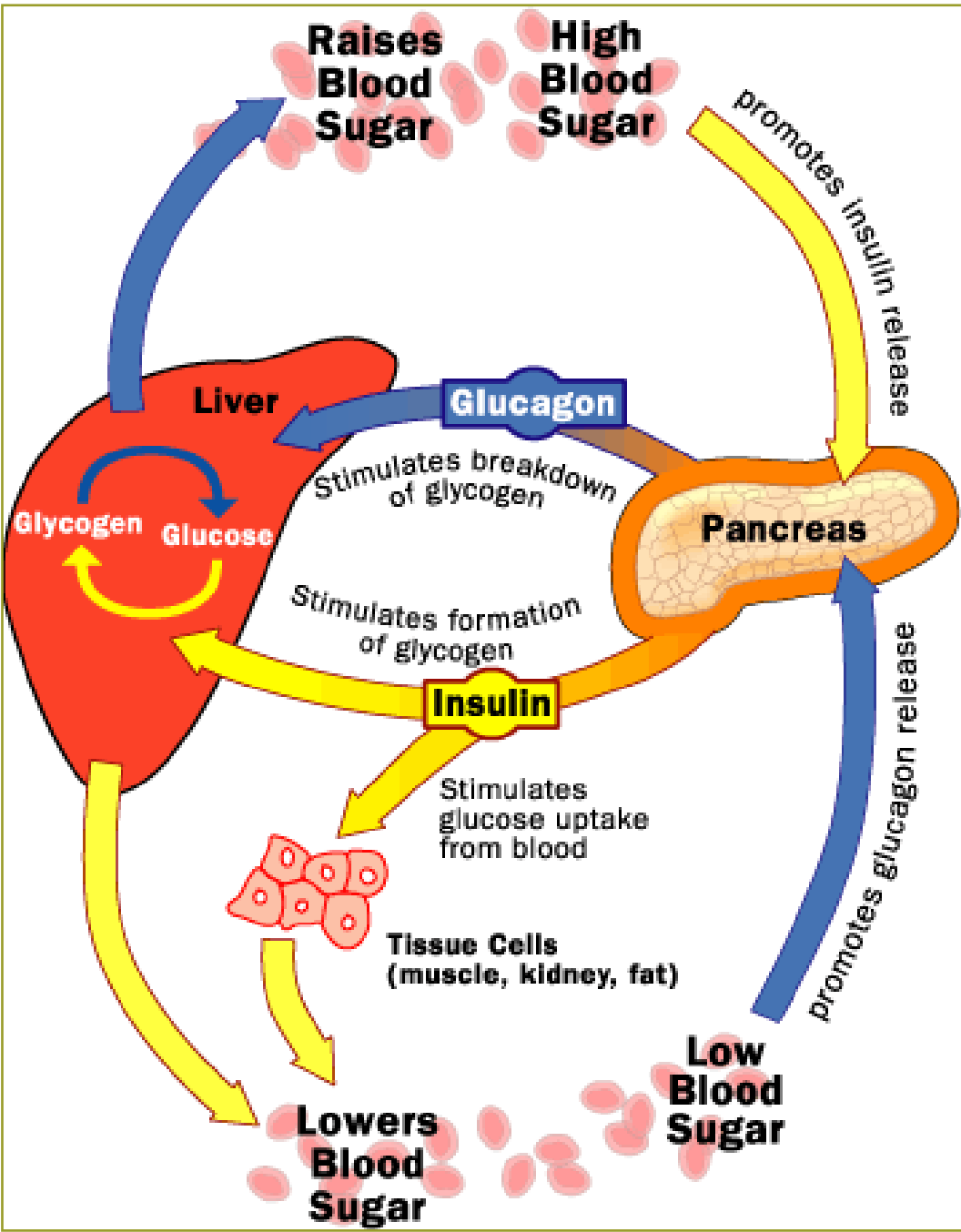
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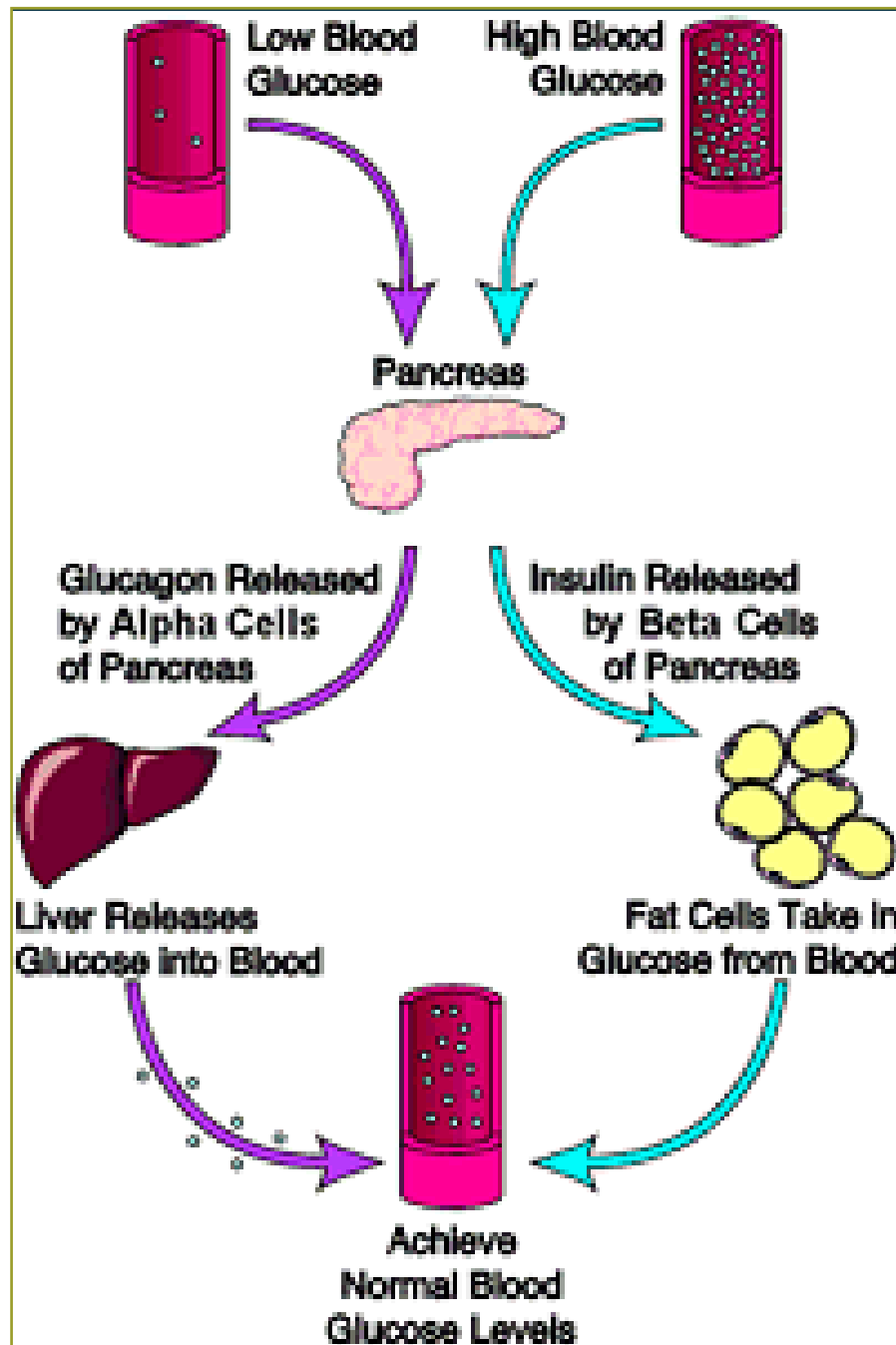
- Insulin
  - Helps glucose travel from the bloodstream to the cells in the animal's body
  - Lowers blood glucose
- Glucagon
  - Opposite effect of insulin
  - Raises blood glucose
  - Gluconeogenesis

# Regulation of Blood Glucose

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# Sex Hormones

Testicles – Testosterone

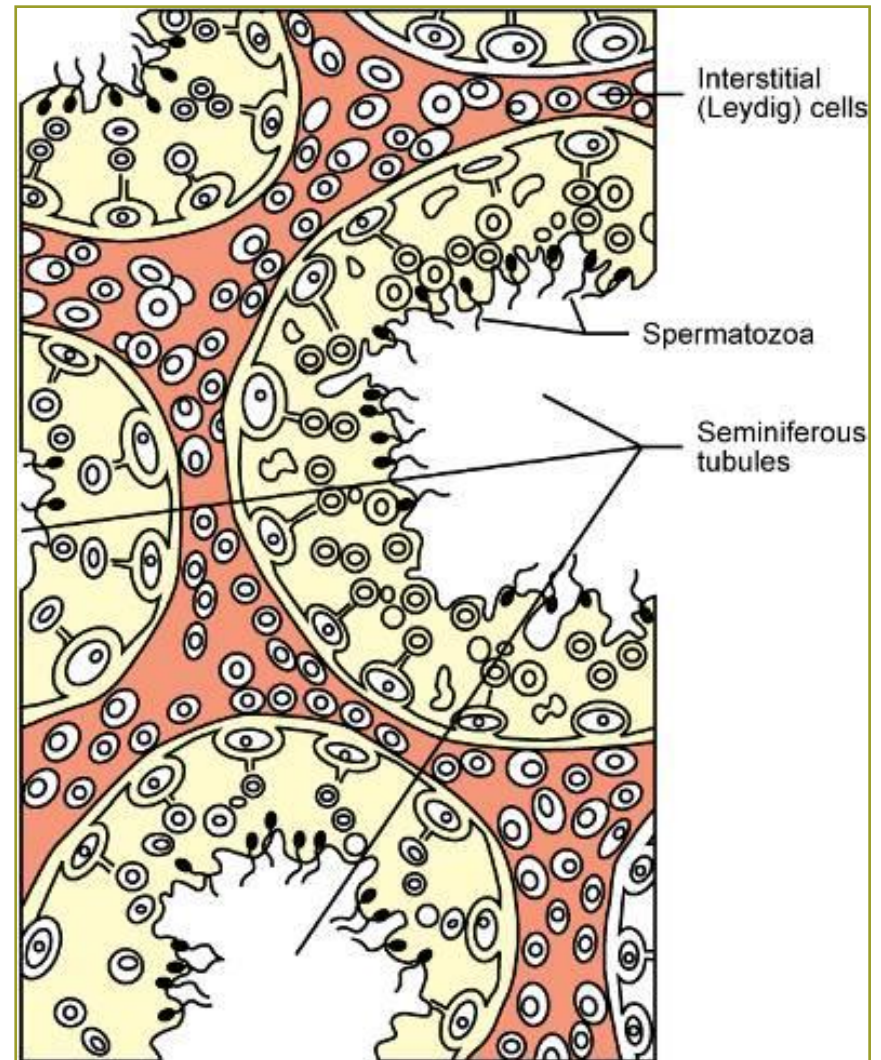
Ovaries – Estrogen, Progesterone

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# Testicles

Figure 15-7, Page 370

- Interstitial cells
  - Clumps of endocrine cells
  - Produce androgens when stimulated by LH
- Testosterone
  - Primary androgen
  - Provides for development of male secondary sex characteristics and accessory sex glands
  - Activates spermatogenesis

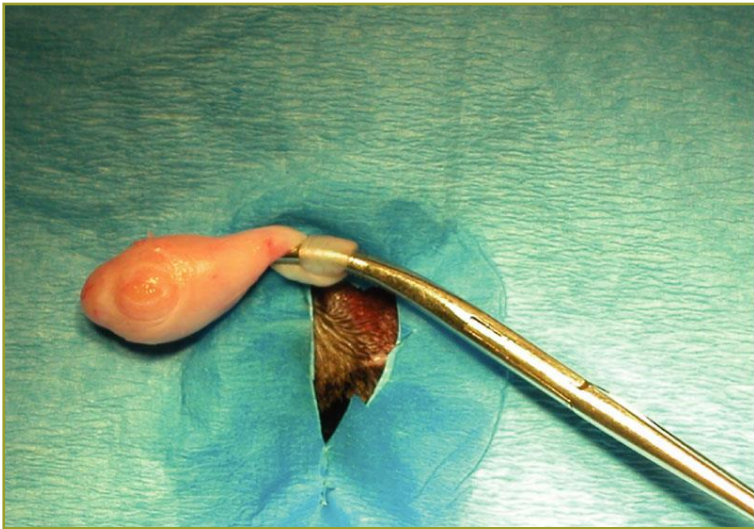




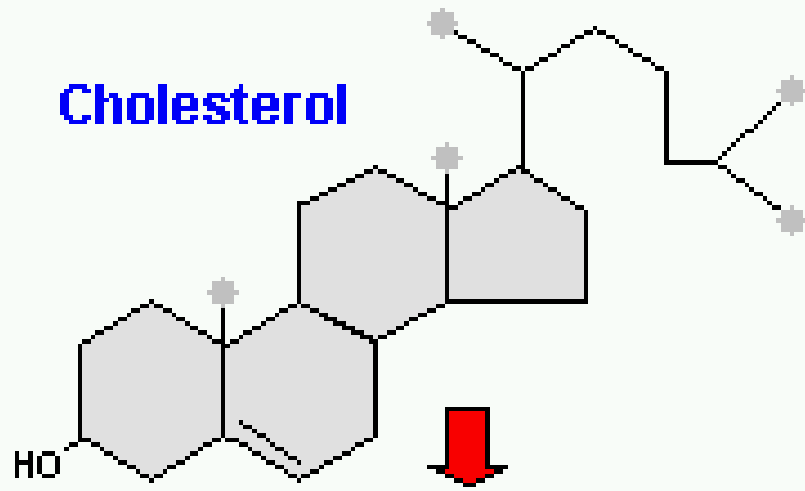
# Testosterone

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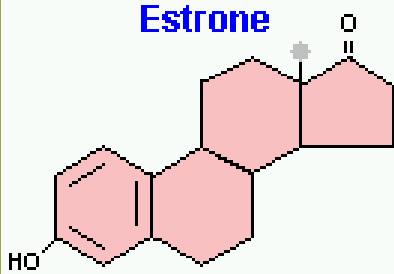
- Androgens
  - Anabolic effect



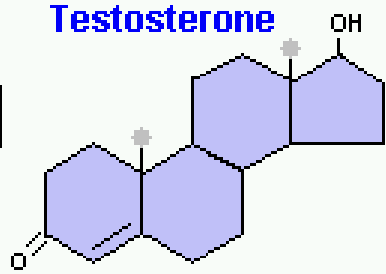
# Cholesterol



# Estrone



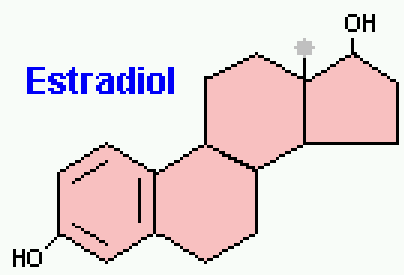
# Testosterone



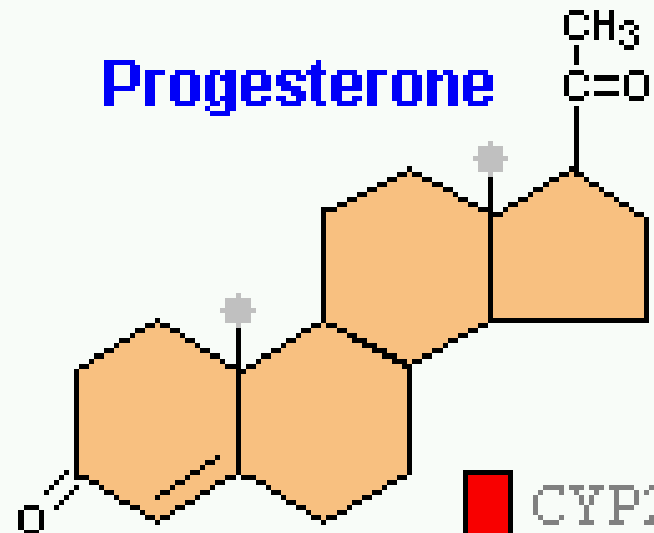
↑ 17βHSD

↓ CYP19

# Estradiol



# Progesterone



↓ CYP21

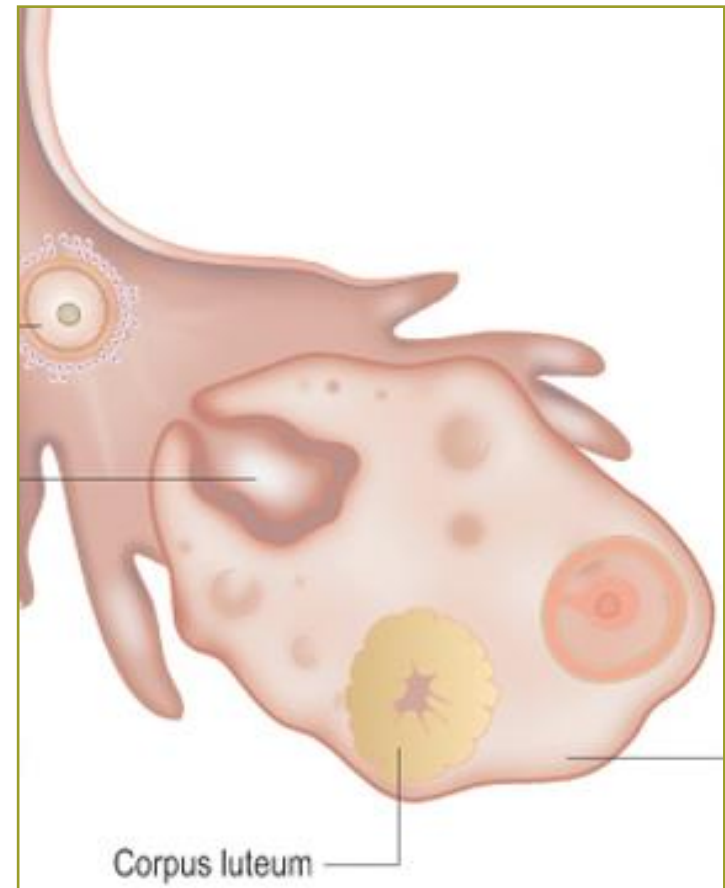
# Ovaries

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- Controlled by follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH)
- Hormone groups produced in the ovaries:
  - Estrogens
  - Progestins

# Ovaries

- Hormones produced in cycles
- Estrogens ([Estradiol](#), Estrone)
  - From ovarian follicles
- Progestins ([Progesterone](#))
  - From corpus luteum
  - Equine – used to [synchronize estrous periods in mares](#)



# Estrogens

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- FSH stimulates ovarian follicles to develop
  - Cells of follicles produce and release estrogens
  - Amount of estrogen produced increases as follicle grows
- Increasing estrogen levels accelerate physical and behavioral changes
- When follicle is fully mature, LH level peaks

# Progestins

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- Hormones produced by corpus luteum
- In pregnant female, hormone signal is sent from uterus, and corpus luteum is maintained
- If no pregnancy occurs, lack of hormone signal causes corpus luteum to shrink and disappear
- Progesterone – principal progestin
  - Helps prepare uterus to receive the fertilized ovum
  - Needed to maintain pregnancy

# Kidneys

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- Produce [erythropoietin](#) – stimulates red bone marrow to increase production of red blood cells
- As red blood cell production increases, more oxygen feeds back to kidneys and slows the production of erythropoietin

# Stomach

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- Gastrin: produced by cells in the wall of the stomach
- Secretion stimulated by presence of food in the stomach
- Stimulates gastric glands to secrete hydrochloric acid and digestive enzymes
- Encourages muscular contractions of the stomach wall



# Small Intestine

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- Secretin and cholecystokinin produced by cells in lining of small intestine
- Secretion occurs in response to presence of chyme in duodenum
- Secretin stimulates pancreas to secrete fluid to neutralize acidic chyme after it passes out of the stomach
- Cholecystokinin stimulates pancreas to release digestive enzymes into the duodenum

# Placenta

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- Surrounds a developing fetus during pregnancy
- Acts as an interface with the maternal circulation
- Produces hormones to help support and maintain pregnancy
  - Estrogen and progesterone
  - Chorionic gonadotropin (some species)

# Thymus

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- Extends cranially from the level of the heart up into neck region along both sides of the trachea
- Large in young animals, atrophies later in life
- Function involves hormones or hormonelike chemical substances (e.g., thymosin and thymopoietin)
- Seems to cause certain cells to be transformed into T-lymphocytes

# Pineal Body

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- Located at caudal end of the cleft that separates the two cerebral hemispheres
- Influences cyclic activities in the body
- Melatonin – hormone-like substance called that seems to affect moods and wake-sleep cycles
  - May also play a role in the timing of seasonal estrous cycles in some species

# Prostaglandins

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- Hormone-like substances (“tissue hormones”) derived from unsaturated fatty acids
- Produced in a variety of body tissues (skin, intestine, brain, kidney, lungs, reproductive organs, and eyes)
- Influence blood pressure, blood clotting, inflammation, GI, respiratory, reproductive, and kidney function
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
  - Inhibit synthesis of certain prostaglandins
  - Side effects (Rimadyl, Deramaxx, Tramadol)

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# Test Yourself

## **KNOW THESE IN EVERY CHAPTER!**

Pages 359, 361, 365, 367, 371, 373

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# Clinical Applications

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