

# Interactions Among Animal Systems

Learning Objectives

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- Describe the interactions that occur among systems to carry out vital animal functions



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	System	Function(s)
	Skeletal	Structural support
	Muscular	Movement
	Integumentary (skin)	Barrier from external environment
	Circulatory/Cardiovascular	Transport molecules throughout body
	Respiratory	Exchange carbon dioxide & oxygen
	Digestive	Break down food molecules
	Excretory/Urinary	Remove waste products from blood
	Immune	Destroy pathogens that enter body
	Nervous	Send regulatory messages throughout body
	Endocrine	Produce hormones that regulate vital processes
	Reproductive	Production of sex cells & offspring





### Negative Feedback

- · Mechanism consists of three parts:
  - Receptors sensors that monitor body conditions
  - <u>Control center</u> brain interprets input from receptors and sends signals to effectors
  - <u>Effectors</u> organs that respond to brain signals to return body conditions to acceptable range





#### Body Temperature



- Constant internal temperature required to maintain optimal function of cellular processes
- Negative feedback loop:
- Receptors in skin and brain monitor temperature
- High temperature brain signals sweat glands to cool body down
- Low temperature brain signals muscles to contract (shiver) to warm body up



#### Heart and Respiration Rates • <u>Heart rate</u> - number of Example: Exercise times heart contracts per - Cells utilize oxygen faster minute - Blood pressure rises to meet increased oxygen Respiration rate - number demand of breaths per minute - Heart and respiration rates increase Body varies these rates based on oxygen needs of body cells







### Molecule Concentrations in Blood

#### Negative feedback loop:

- Receptors in endocrine glands monitor molecule concentrations in blood
  - Abnormal concentration brain signals endocrine glands to increase or decrease hormone production
  - Change in blood hormone levels signals organs to adjust molecule levels in the blood



#### Blood Sugar

#### Regulated by hormones glucagon and insulin

- Glucagon signals liver to add glucose to the blood
- Insulin signals liver, muscles, and fat cells to remove glucose from the blood
- Negative feedback loop:
  - Low blood sugar glucagon production increases and insulin production decreases, blood sugar *rises*
  - High blood sugar insulin level increases and glucagon level decreases, blood sugar *lowers*



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Organ systems interact to carry out vital functions

- Examples:
  - Regulation
  - Nutrient absorption
  - Reproduction
  - Defense against injury and illness





















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	System	Functions	
	Reproductive	Main site of reproductive processes	
	Endocrine	Hormones (testosterone, estrogen, progesterone, etc. ) regulate reproductive processes	
	Circulatory	Blood delivers hormones to reproductive system Blood delivers nutrients to developing fetus	
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#### Immune Memory

<u>Immune memory</u> – phenomenon in which immune system is able to fight a previous infection more quickly

- Lymphocyte cells continue to be produced after pathogen is destroyed
  - Allows for stronger response if same pathogen enters body again



















#### **Second Line of Defense**

- If pathogens make it into the body, through a cut in the skin, for example, the body's second line of defense swings into action.
- These mechanisms include the inflammatory response, the actions of interferons, and fever.













• When a local response is not enough

- full body response to infection

- higher temperature helps in defense

- raises body temperature

slows growth of germs

• speeds up repair of tissues

helps macrophages

























# **Cell-Mediated Immunity**

- Another part of the immune response, which depends on the action of macrophages and several types of T cells, is called cell-mediated immunity.
- This part of the immune system defends the body against viruses, fungi, and single-celled pathogens.
- T cells also protect the body from its own cells when they become cancerous.

# Cell-Mediated Immunity

- When a cell is infected by a pathogen or when a phagocyte consumes a pathogen, the cell displays a portion of the antigen on the outer surface of its membrane.
- This membrane attachment is a signal to circulating T cells called helper T cells.
- Activated helper T cells divide into more helper T cells, which go on to activate B cells, activate cytotoxic T cells, and produce memory T cells.



### **Cell-Mediated Immunity**

- Cytotoxic T cells hunt down body cells infected with a particular antigen and kill the cells.
- They kill infected cells by puncturing their membranes or initiating apoptosis (programmed cell death).









### Vaccinations



Exposure to harmless version of germ

- stimulates immune system to produce antibodies to invader
- rapid response if future exposure
- Most successful against viral diseases
  - A vaccine stimulates the immune system with an antigen.
  - The immune system produces memory B cells and memory T cells that quicken and strengthen the body's response to
  - repeated infection. – Antibodies produced against a pathogen by other individuals or
  - animals can be used to produce temporary immunity.

#### **Passive Immunity**

- Antibodies produced against a pathogen by other individuals or animals can be used to produce temporary immunity. If externally produced antibodies are introduced into a person's blood, the result is passive immunity.
- Passive immunity lasts only a short time because the immune system eventually destroys the foreign antibodies.
- Passive immunity can occur naturally or by deliberate exposure.
- Natural passive immunity occurs when antibodies are passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus (across the placenta), or to an infant through breast milk.
- For some diseases, antibodies from humans or animals can be injected into an individual.
- For example, people who have been bitten by rabid animals are injected with antibodies for the rabies virus.





























































































































































































