Nervous System ANS 215 Physiology and Anatomy of Domesticated Animals

Neuron

- Functional unit of the nervous system
- Consists of: cell body, axon, dendrites



- Cell membrane = axolemma
- Myelin sheath = neurolemma; Increases the speed of conduction.
- Mammalian neurons can be bipolar (one axon and one dendrite) or multipolar (many branching dendrites and one axon).
- The axon and its myelin sheath are called a nerve fiber.



Nervous System Organization

- Central Nervous System (CNS)
 - brain
 - spinal cord
- Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)
 - cranial nerves
 - spinal nerves
 - autonomic nerves
 - ganglia





Sources of Input to Cerebellum



The Brain



Zebus (Bos taurus indicus) are the sacred cattle of India. There are 30 or more breeds, each of which originated in a province of India. Zebus have a characteristic hump over the shoulder and a large dewlap. They may be colored pale fawn, bay, gray or black. They interbreed with other kinds of cattle, and both they and their hybrids are valued for their ability to resist heat, ticks and insects.

Brain Stem

Midbrain

- Visual reflex center
- Auditory reflex center
- Nuclei and fiber tracts

Pons and Medulla Oblongata

- Up and down pathways
- Reflex centers

Interbrain

- Hypothalamus integration
- Thalamus relay center
- Epithalamus olfactory and pineal gland

Cerebellum

- Not concerned with consciousness or sensation
- Controls motor function
- Makes adjustments to prevent distortion of inertia and momentum

Basal Ganglia

- Control of complex semi-voluntary movements (walking, running)
- Lie deep within the cerebral hemispheres
- Composed of separate, large pools of neurons

Cerebrum

- Cortex covering of gray matter
- Medulla white matter
 - Association fibers, commissural fibers (connect two hemispheres)
 - Projection fibers (connect cortex to other parts of brain and spinal cord)
- 2 hemispheres that contain:
 - Sensory areas
 - Reactions that result in consciousness
 - High degree of educability
 - Highest nervous correlation (association)
 - Decussation
 - Motor area size and number of complex skeletal muscles movements



Evolution of Cerebral Hemispheres



Evolution of the cerebral hemispheres as seen in cross sections. Only the left hemisphere is shown in the lower figures. Light gray indicates the paleostriatum. Reptiles and birds have added new nuclear masses (neostriatum and hyperstriatum). Mammals have developed a cortex. Note the old striatal complex (now called basal ganglia) still present in the mammal.

Brain and Spinal Nerves



Spinal Cord

- Most caudal portion of the Central Nervous System
- Continuation of medulla
- Segmented, 31 pairs of spinal nerves
- Sensory afferent fibers
- Motor efferent fibers
- Ascending pathways sensory information
- Descending pathways motor information

Spinal Nerve



Cranial Nerves			
Number	Name	Туре	Distribution
		Sensor	
I	Olfactory	у	Nasal mucous membrane (sense of smell)
		Sensor	
	Optic	у	Retina of eye (sight)
III	Oculomotor	Motor	Most Muscles of eye
			Parasympathetic to ciliary muscle and
			circular
			muscle of iris
IV	Trochlear	Motor	Dorsal oblique muscle of eye
			Sensory - to eye and face; motor - to muscles
V	Trigeminal	Mixed	of
			mastication
VI	Abducens	Motor	Retractor and lateral muscles of eye
			Sensory - region of ear and taste to cranial
VII	Facial	Mixed	two-
			thirds of tongue; motor - to muscles of facial
			expression; parasympathetic - to mandibular
			and sublingual salivary glands
	Vestibulocochlea	Sensor	
VIII	r	У	Cochlea (hearing); semicircular canals
			(equilibrium)
	Glossopharynge	_	Sensory - to pharynx and taste to caudal third
IX	al	Mixed	of
			tongue; motor - muscle of pharynx;
			parasympathetic - to parotid salivary glands
X	Vagus	Mixed	Sensory - to pharynx and larynx; motor - to
			muscles of larynx; parasympathetic - to
			visceral
			structures in the thorax and abdomen
XI	Spinal accessory	Motor	Motor - to muscles of shoulders and neck
XII	Hypoglossal	Motor	Motor - to muscles of tongue