Excretion

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Most animals have an excretory system that rids the body of metabolic wastes (ammonia) while controlling the amount of water in the tissues.



In <u>aquatic invertebrates</u>, ammonia diffuses from their body tissues into the surrounding water.

<u>Flatworms</u> use a network of <u>flame cells</u> to eliminate excess water. Fluids travel through <u>excretory tubules</u> and leave the body through tiny pores in the animal's skin.

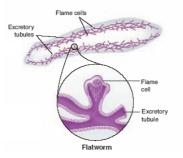


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<u>Terrestrial invertebrates</u> must conserve water while removing nitrogenous wastes.

ammonia -> urea

Urea is eliminated from the body in urine. Urine is highly concentrated so little water is lost.

In some invertebrates, urine forms in tubelike structures called <u>nephridia</u>. Fluid enters nephridia through structures called <u>nephrostomes</u>. Urine leaves the body through <u>excretory pores</u>.

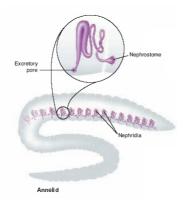


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Some insects and arachnids have <u>Malpighian tubules</u>, saclike organs that convert ammonia into uric acid. Uric acid and digestive wastes combine to form a thick paste that leaves the body through a structure called the rectum. There is little water loss because the paste contains little water.

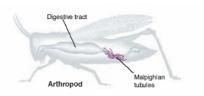


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Response
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Nervous systems gather and process information from the environment and allow animals to respond appropriately.

Invertebrates show three trends in the evolution of the nervous system:

- centralization
- cephalization
- specialization

Centralization and Cephalization

simplest nervous systems -> nerve nets ganglia -> clumps of nerve tissue brain -> concentration of nerve tissue 6

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Specialization

Complex animals may have a variety of specialized sense organs that detect light, sound, chemicals, movement and even electricity to help them discover what is happening around them.

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Invertebrates have one of three main kinds of skeletal systems.

<u>hydrostatic skeleton</u> -> muscles surround a fluid-filled cavity that supports the muscles

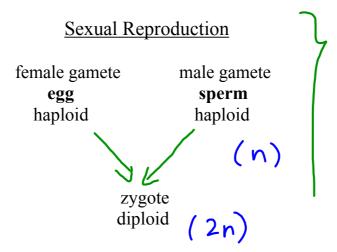
exoskeletons (external skeleton) -> tough, external covering that protects and supports the body

endoskeleton - structural support inside the body

Sexual and Asexual Reproduction

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Most invertebrates reproduce sexually during at least part of their life cycle. Depending on environmental conditions, many invertebrates may also reproduce asexually.



Usually, individual animals have a single sex and produce either sperm or eggs.

<u>hermaphrodite</u> - individual that produces both sperm and eggs (ie/ earthworms)

<u>external fertilization</u> -> eggs are fertilized outside the female's body internal fertilization -> eggs are fertilized inside the female's body

<u>Asexual Reproduction</u> •

Asexual reproduction does not involve gametes. •

All offspring are genetically identical to the parent.

In budding, new individuals are produced by outgrowths of the body wall. Some animals reproduce asexually by dividing in two.