

# Drugs and the Bladder

# common problems

- cystitis
- urolithiasis
- incontinence

# cystitis

- commoner in females
- usually *E. coli*
- broad spectrum antibacterial
  - penicillins
    - eg, amoxicillin
  - urinary antiseptic

# **urolithiasis**

- male cats
- dogs
- castrated calves
- castrated lambs

# **urolithiasis**

- **surgery & antibacterials**
- **dietary control**
- **drugs / medicated food to control pH**
- **diuretics??**
- **analgesics!**

# **urinary acidifiers**

- ammonium chloride
- sodium acid phosphate
  - used with
    - penicillin
    - tetracyclines

# **urinary alkalinisers**

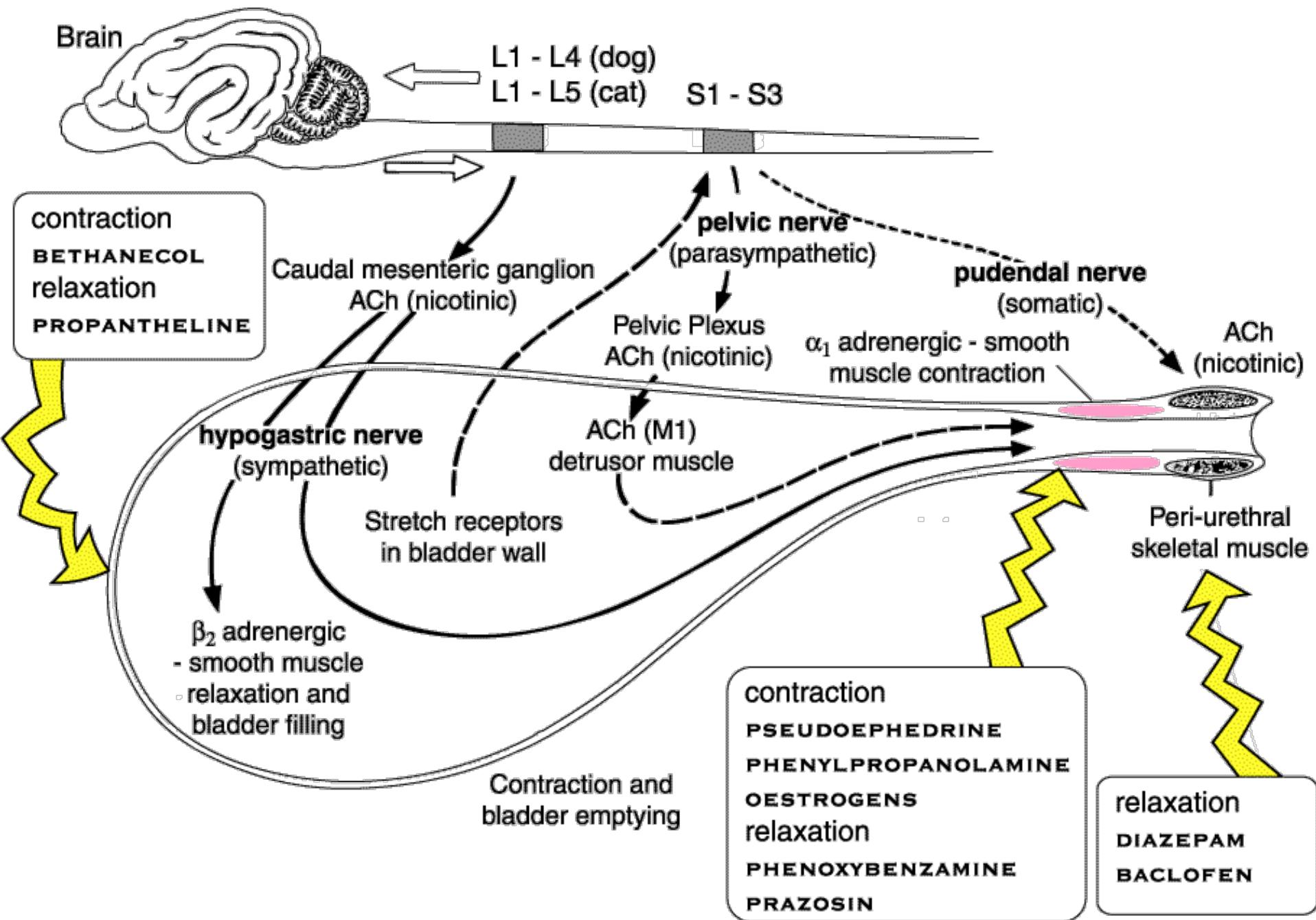
- sodium bicarbonate
- sodium acid citrate
  - used with
    - potentiated sulphonamides
    - erythromycin

# **incontinence**

- **detrusor instability**
  - cystitis
- **sphincter atony**
  - spayed bitches
- **detrusor paralysis**
  - road accidents – spinal injury

# **incontinence**

- **dribblers**
  - sphincter atony
  - overfull bladder
- **strainers**
  - cystitis
  - neoplasia
  - detrusor instability
  - sphincter incompetence
  - urolithiasis



# dribblers

- **sphincter atony**
  - oestrogens &  $\alpha_1$  agonists
- **overfull bladder**
  - bethanechol
- **ectopic ureters**
  - surgery

# spayed bitches

- oestrogens
  - oestradiol inj
  - oestrogen tablets
    - ethinyloestradiol
    - oestriol
    - oestrogen conjugates
  - (stilboestrol)

# spayed bitches

- $\alpha_1$  agonists
  - phenylpropanolamine
  - pseudoephedrine
  - ephedrine
  - P!!!

# **oestrogen side effects**

- **bone marrow depression**
- **endometrial hyperplasia**
- **abortion if pregnant**
- **behavioural changes**
- **mammary tumours**

# $\alpha_1$ adrenergic side effects

- vasoconstriction
- hyperexcitability
- anorexia
- abortion

# **strainers**

- **cystitis**
- **neoplasia**
- **detrusor instability**
  - propantheline
- **excess sphincter tone**
  - phenoxybenzamine
  - diazepam
- **urolithiasis**

# anti-inflammatory drugs

- corticosteroids
- NSAIDs

# **7 yr old male Jack Russel**

- **frequent urination**
- **straining**
- **sometimes blood in urine**

# problems

- prostatic hyperplasia
- infection?

# treatment

- oestrogens
- anti-androgens
- castration
- antibiotics?

# **8yr old male cat**

- **hit by car**
- **fractured pelvis**
- **not urinating**
- **large bladder**

# problems

- pelvic nerve damage
- detrusor atony

# treatment

- muscarinic agonist
  - bethanechol
- (OP)

# bladder

- antibiotics (usually broad spectrum penicillins) used for cystitis ± urolithiasis
- oestrogens +  $\alpha_1$  agonists used for incontinence in spayed bitches
- bladder pH is sometimes manipulated to increase secretion of drugs or to dissolve uroliths
- drugs do not always work

A close-up photograph of a red rose with white spots, surrounded by green leaves and stems.

# The Uterus

# relaxants

- **clenbuterol**
- $\beta_2$  agonist
- **(nifedipine)**
- calcium channel blocker
- **(glycerol trinitrate)**
- converted to nitric oxide

# **relaxants**

- used to delay parturition
- used in obstetrics
- abused as growth promoter

# contraction

- **oxytocin**
- mainly large animals at parturition
- **(prostaglandin F $2\alpha$ )**
- **bitches**
- **care with handling**
- **women**
- **asthmatics**

# **uterus**

- **clenbuterol** is used to relax the uterus to postpone calving by about 6 – 12 hours
- **oxytocin** is used to promote uterine involution after parturition and to promote parturition in sows with uterine atony