



Unnecessary use of antibiotics leads to antibiotic resistant infections

Antibiotics are not always the answer



Bacteria become resistant to antibiotics



We are running out of effective antibiotics



People & animals share antibiotic resistant bacteria

Dental disease
May be caused by bacteria, but antibiotics aren't always necessary.

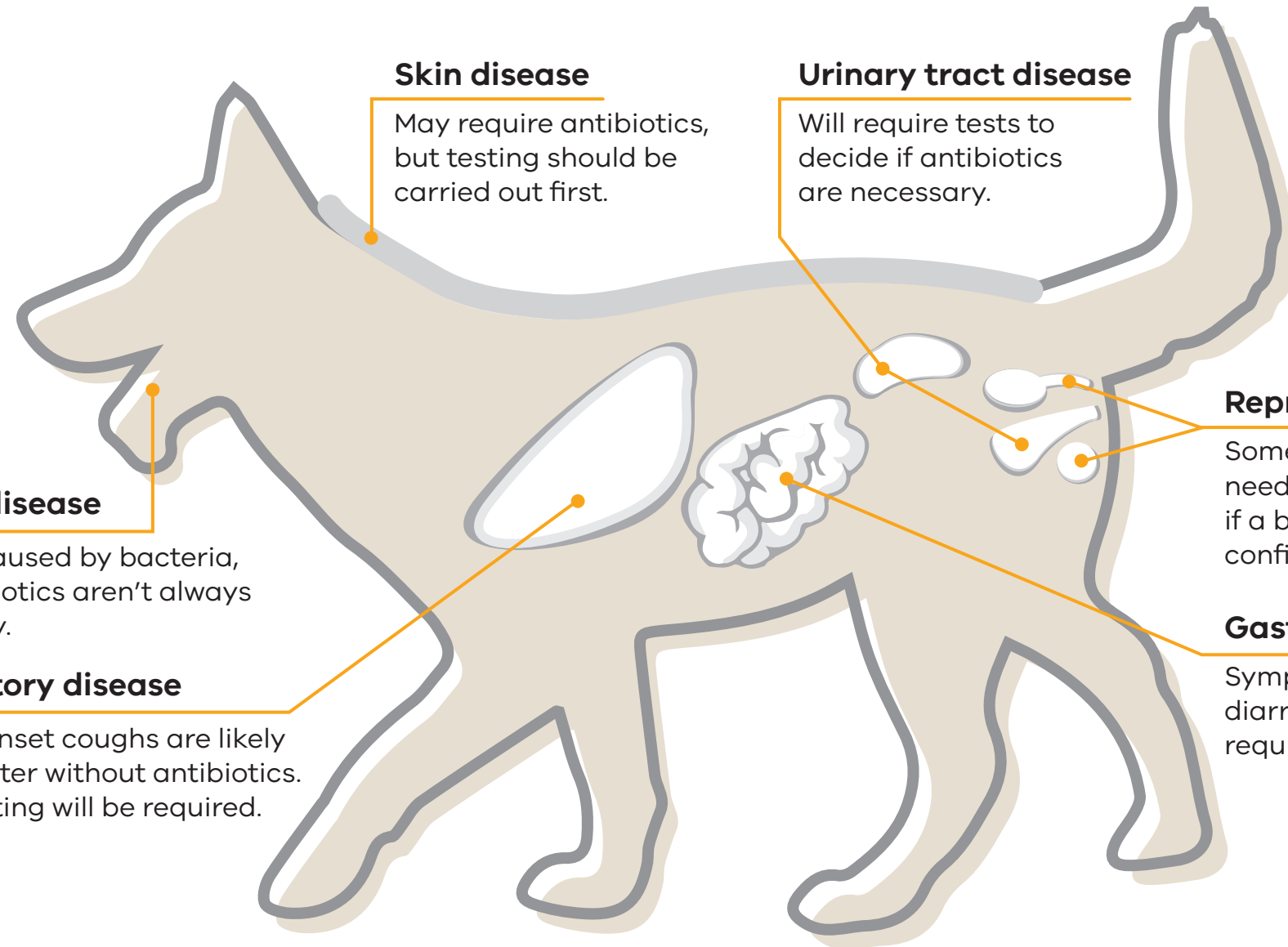
Respiratory disease
Sudden onset coughs are likely to get better without antibiotics. If not, testing will be required.

Skin disease
May require antibiotics, but testing should be carried out first.

Urinary tract disease
Will require tests to decide if antibiotics are necessary.

Reproductive disease
Some conditions may need antibiotics but only if a bacterial infection is confirmed.

Gastrointestinal disease
Symptoms like vomiting and diarrhoea often do not require antibiotics.



What this means for you...

Your vet will only prescribe antibiotics if necessary

- Your vet may need to conduct further tests before prescribing.
- You may be asked to monitor your pet initially, with a view to prescribe antibiotics if they don't improve as expected.

If antibiotics are prescribed

- Use the antibiotics as directed, but tell your vet if symptoms persist.
- Complete the entire course, even if your pet seems better.
- DO NOT share antibiotics between pets.

Once your pet's treatment is complete:

- Let your vet know how your pet is.
- If you have leftover antibiotics:**
- DO NOT reuse.
 - Ask your vet how to best dispose of them.

Play your part in preventing antibiotic resistant infections.

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