## Animal Characteristics

* Heterotrophs
* Multicellular Eukaryotes
* Cells lack cell walls
* Bodies held together by structural proteins like collagen
* Contain nervous tissue and muscle tissue
* Most reproduce sexually with diploid stage that dominates the life cycle
* After fertilization, zygote undergoes cleavage and forms blastula
* Blastula undergoes gastrulation resulting in the formation of embryonic tissue layers and a gastrula
* Only animals have the Hox genes that regulate development of body form (Hox gene is highly conserved)


## Embryonic Development



## Evolutionary History

Common ancestor of living animals lived between $675-800$ million years ago

* Resembled modern choanoflagellages (protists)


Was probably a colonial, flagellated protist

## Evolutionary History

* Neoproterozoic Era (1 billion-542 million years ago): Early members of the animal fossil record
* Paleozoic Era (542-251 million years ago): Cambrian explosion earliest fossil appearance of many major groups of living animals
* Mesozoic Era (251-65.5 million years ago): Dinosaurs were dominant terrestrial vertebrates, coral reefs emerged, first mammals, diversification of flowering plants and insects
* Cenozoic Era $(65.5$ millions years ago to the present): Followed mass extinctions of both terrestrial and marine animals


## Characterization of Animals

* Characterized on the basis of a body plan (morphology and development)
* Radial symmetry - no front, back, left, or right
(a) Radial symmetry
* Bilateral symmetry
* Dorsal (top) and Ventral (bottom)
* Anterior (head) and Posterior (tail)

* Cephalization development of a head

Fig. 32.7


## Tissues

* Tissues - collections of specialized cells isolated from other tissues by membranous layers
* Body plans vary according to organization of animal tissues
* Animal embryos form germ layers, embryonic tissues: ectoderm (germ layer covering embryo's surface), endoderm linnermost layer, lines digestive tube), mesoderm linter vening layer)
* Diploblastic animals have two germ layers lectoderm and endoderm)
* Triploblastic animals have three germ layers
* Body cavity may be present or absent


## Body Cavity

* Called a coelom and is derived from the mesoderm
Psevdocoelom is a body cavity derived from the blastocoel rather than the mesoderm

(b) Pseudocoelomate

(c) Acoelomate

Fig. 32.8


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## Protostome and Deuterostome

* Protostome
development - cleavage
 determinate, blastopore becomes the mouth
* Deuterostome development - cleavage is radial and indeterminate leach cell in the early stages retains capacity to develop into a complete embryo), blastopore becomes the anus


Fig, 32.9

## Phylogenetic Tree

* Zoologists recognize about 35 animal phyla
* Can be looked at based on morphological and developmental comparisons
* Can be looked at based on molecular data



## Phylogenetics

* All animals share common ancestors
* Sponges are basal animals
* Most animal phyla belong to the clade Bilateria
* Morphology tree divides bilaterians into two clades deuterostomes and protostomes)



## Cnidarians

* All animals except sponges belong to the clade Eumetazoa lanimals with true tissues)
* Phylum Cnidaria is one of the oldest groups in this clade
* Wide range of sessile (polyp) and floating (medusa) forms including jellies, corals, and hydras
* Have a simple diploblastic, radial body plan
* Body plan is a sac with a central digestive compartment (gastrovascular cavity)
* Single opening that functions as both mouth and anus




## Cnidarians

* Class Hydrozoans alternate between polyp and medusa forms
* Class Scyphozoa Jellies (medusae) are the prevalent form of the life cycle
* Class Cobozoa - includes box jellies and sea wasps
* Class Anthozoaincludes corals and sea anemones lonly occur as polyps)


Figs. 33.8


## Phylum Rotifera

* Inhabit freshwater, marine, and damp soil
* Smaller than many protists, but are multicellular and have specialized organ systems
* Have alimentary canal (digestive tube with a separate mouth and anus)
* Reproduce by parthenogenesis Ifemales produce more females from unfertilized eggs)
* Lophophorates have a lophophore (horseshoe-shaped, suspensionfeeding organ)
* Ectoprocts - colonial animals that resemble plants
* Phoronids - tube-dwelling marine worms
* Brachiopods - superficially resemble clams


Figs. $33.13 \& 33.14$

(b) Lampshell,
(a) Ectoprocts, colonial lophophorates

