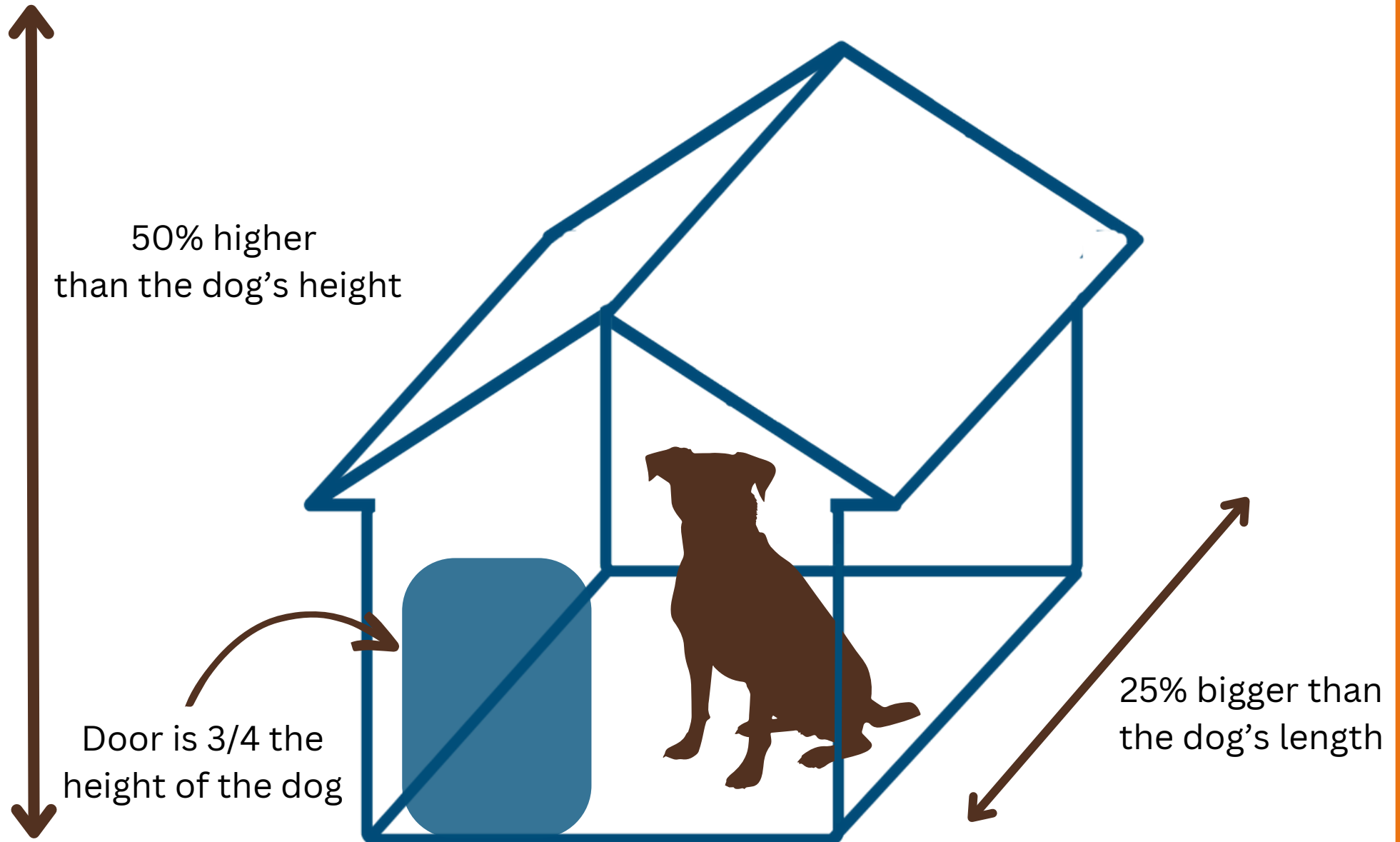
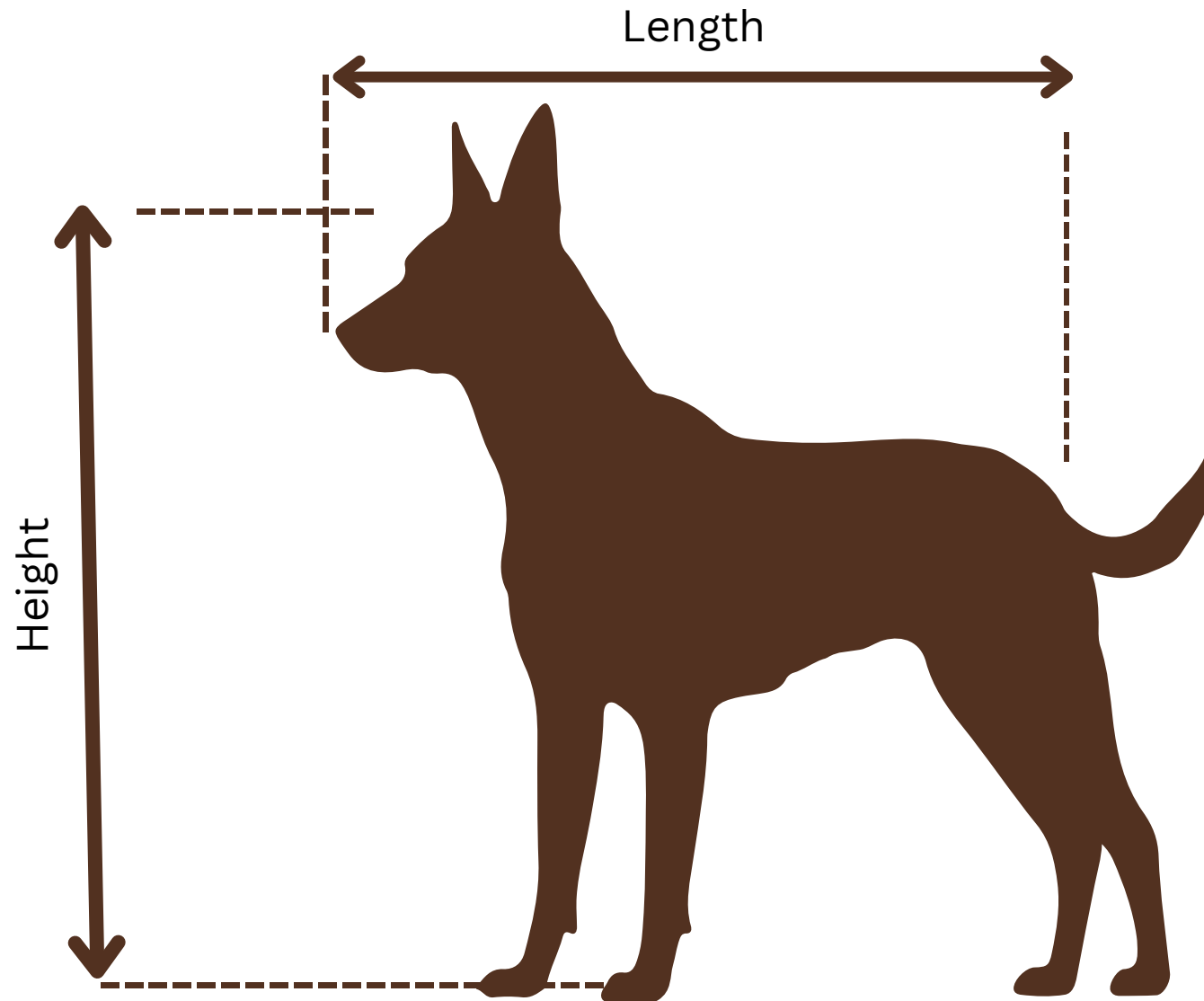


Creating a dog shelter

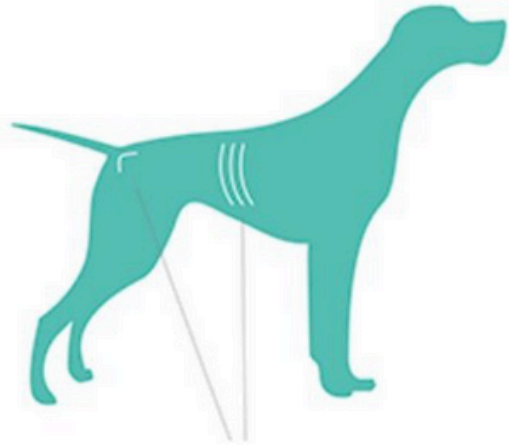
Appropriate dog shelter size



Measuring a dog's size

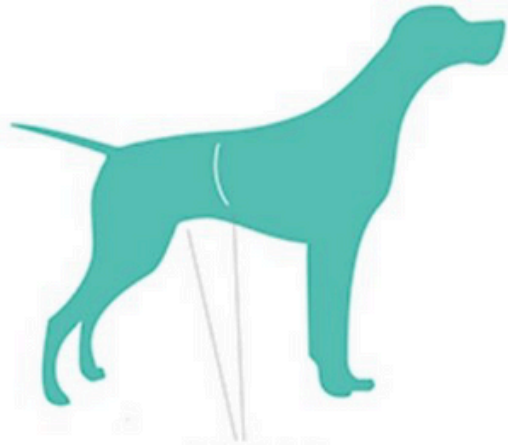


Body Condition Score Chart



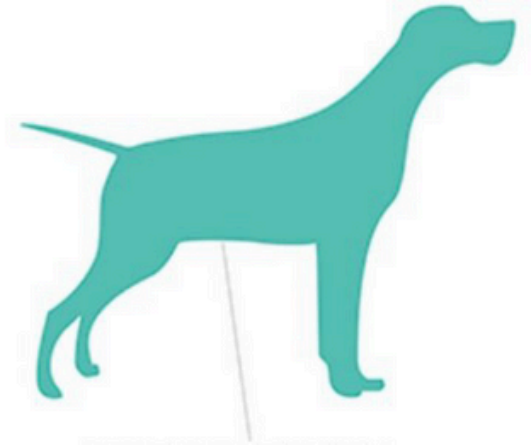
Underweight

Ribs and hip bones are highly visible and appear to jut out when viewed from above.



Ideal

An outline of the ribs can be seen and felt. The abdomen is tucked in when viewed from the side. There is a visible waist when viewed from above.

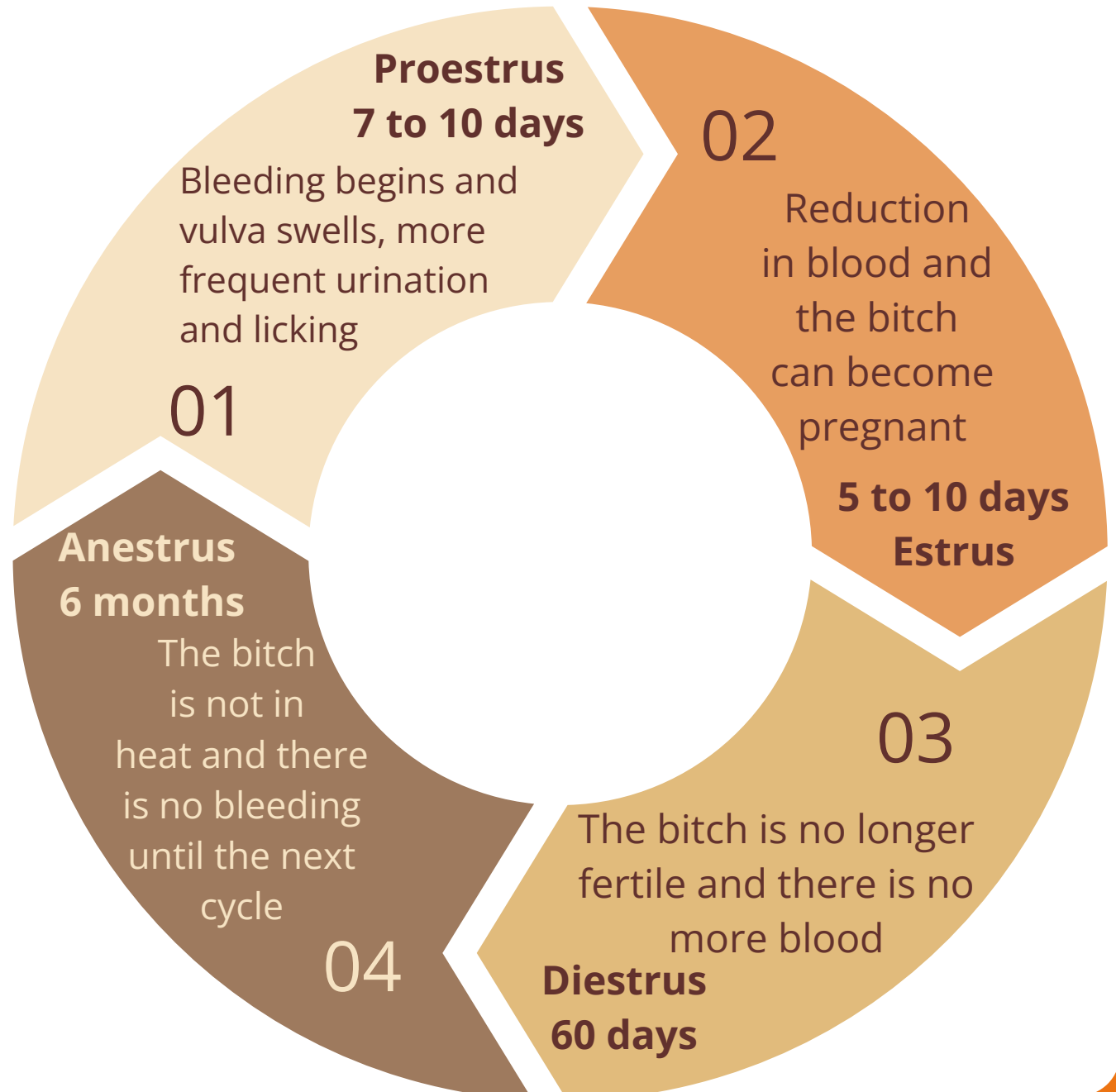


Overweight

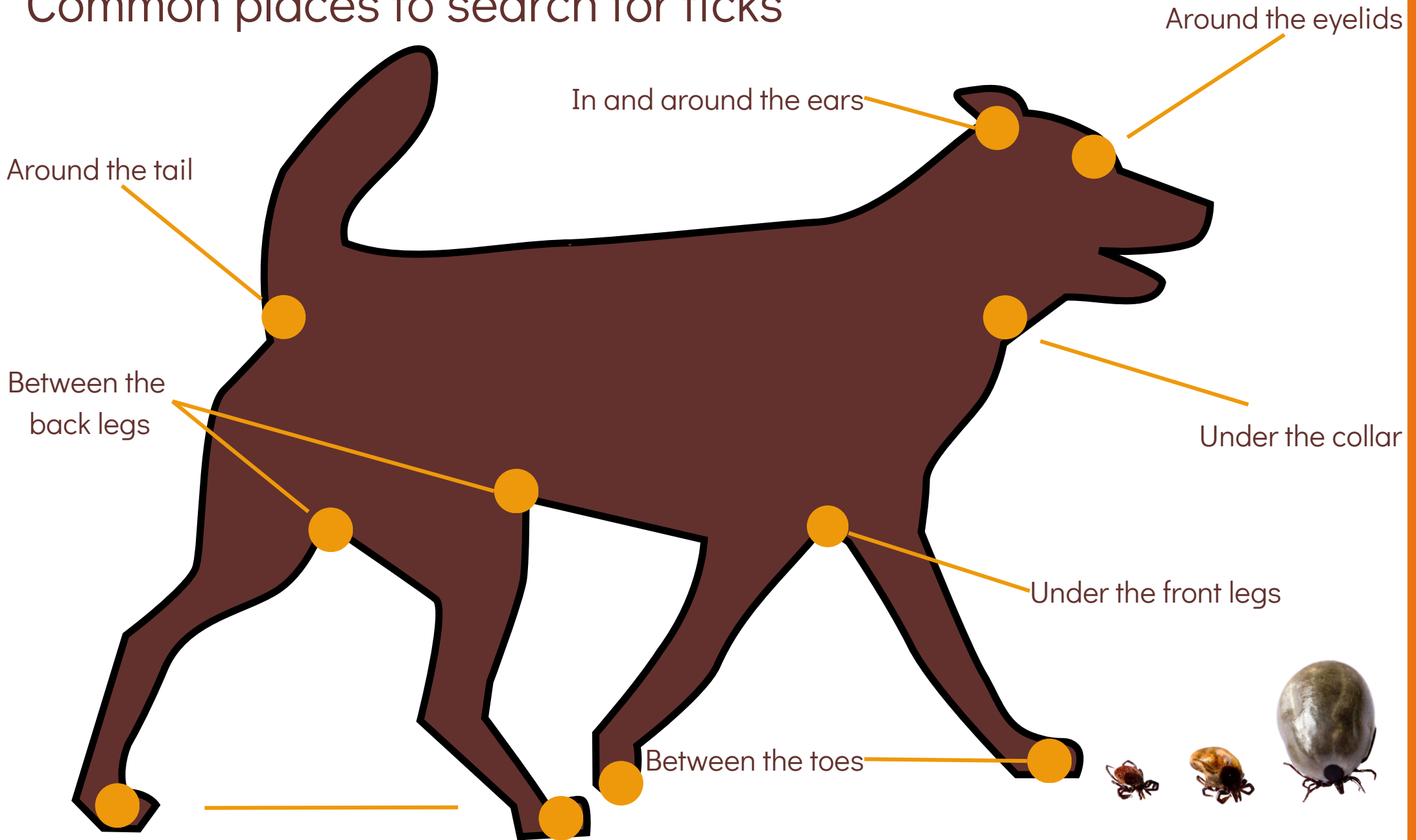
Dog has no waist when viewed from above and abdomen area appears rounded when viewed from the side.



Bitch reproduction cycle basics



Common places to search for ticks



Around the eyelids

In and around the ears

Around the tail

Between the back legs

Under the collar

Under the front legs

Between the toes

Avoid busy areas with traffic and people

Slanting roof for areas with snowfall

Use existing props (like a tree) for shade and shelter

Place away from roads and pathways

Easily accessible entrance to the shelter

What to consider when tethering



Weather: how exposed will the dog be to the elements?
What kind of shelter does it need? Will it be too hot, too cold or too wet?



Location: How busy is the area with people or traffic?
Is it open space or restricted?



Wildlife: Are there predators in the area that a dog could be exposed to, such as foxes or hyenas?



Laws and regulations: are there specific times when you are allowed to tether a dog? or max. duration for tethering?

What to remember about tethering



Option 1 - thin metal chain: strong enough to hold the dog but light enough to avoid causing any injury



Option 2 - rope: dogs can chew through it so if possible, ensure it is a nylon-coated one for extra durability



NOT an option - wire (barbed or other): it can seriously injure a dog

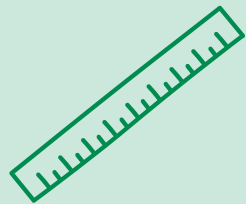
The tether should be strong enough to ensure that it cannot be broken, but not heavy enough to hurt or tire the dog.



Choosing a tether

Choosing the right material for a tether is extremely important for the welfare of the dog.

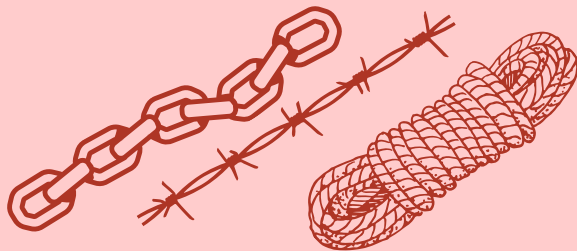
A tether must be:



✓ Strong and light

✓ Durable

✓ Long (long enough to permit free movement of the dog)





✗ NEVER use wire, barbed wire, heavy chain, or plain rope.

What makes a good dog collar

A collar  needs to be
comfortable  and adjustable 

Use the right materials for a collar

- lightweight nylon rope 
- material from old clothing or leaves  ensure it doesn't shrink when wet
- a coated metal chain (coated with piping or with material for padding)



NEVER use metal (spike) collars, choke chains or wire

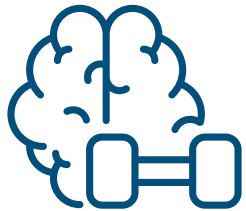


Key tips to ensure a healthy dog Freedom from Pain, Injury & Disease



Know a dog's daily routine

Provide a balanced diet



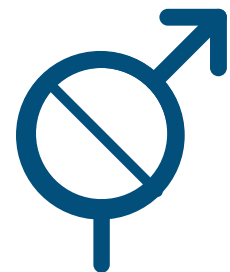
Provide exercise (physical and mental stimulation)

Regular vaccinations and parasite control



Grooming and bathing

Consider sterilization

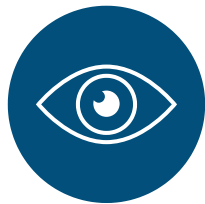


Handling a dog with care (no hitting, mutilating etc.)

A dog's 5 senses

Sensitivity*

How it affects the dog



Depth perception

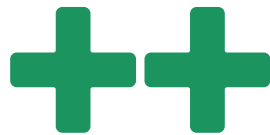


Movement detection

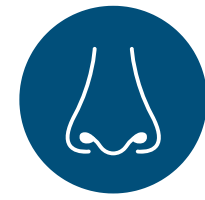
Hesitant to jump down from height



Scared of fireworks or thunder



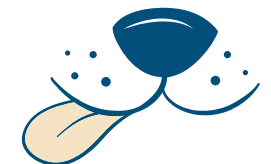
May avoid hot roads



Communication - a dog will sniff in places when out



Used to explore



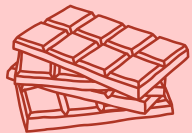
**Compared to the average human*

What to feed a dog

Do NOT feed



Alcohol



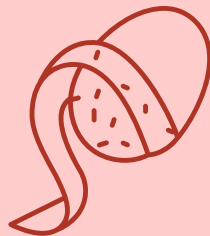
Chocolate



Salt



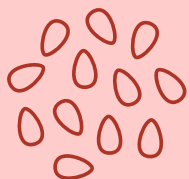
Coffee or tea



Potato peel

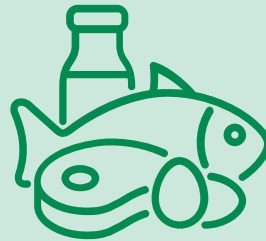


Fizzy drinks



Pits and seeds

Do feed



Protein



Water



Fruit and
Vegetables



Starch



Remember!

Bones are not a meal and only give uncooked bones that are not sharp.



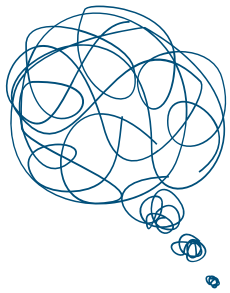


✓ Promotes better health by preventing STDs, various forms of cancer, reproductive illnesses, etc.

✓ Helps reduce behaviors that can cause problems (territorial, aggression, roaming, etc.)

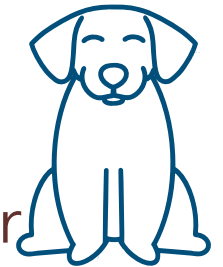


Surgical Sterilization Benefits



✓ Prevents overall stress in dogs

✓ Does NOT change the dog's character



✓ Does NOT affect a dog's abilities to hunt, guard etc.