# Lab 8: Nervous System

**Introduction and brain** pp. 231-234, p.247 do questions 1-3.

**Spinal nerves and spinal cord** pp. 235, p.247 questions 4-7

**Spinal cord and Spinal Reflexes** pp.236 skip 1 do 2, then 1-3 (knee jerk reflex)

**Human & sheep eye** pp. 237-240, p.247 questions 8-10 **The human ear** pp. 241-242, p.247 questions 11-13

Sensory receptors pp. 242-244

### Mammalian Brain pp. 231-234

➤ -Use the model on display and the dissected sheep brain to identify the following portions in lateral, ventral and cross-section views: *cerebrum*, *frontal lobe*, *parietal lobe*, *occipital lobe*, *temporal lobe*, *cerebellum*, *thalamus*, *hypothalamus*, *diencephalon*, *midbrain*, *pons*, *medulla oblongata*, *ventricles*.

- > -Identify the pituitary gland in the human brain and its function
- > -Endocrine gland that secretes hormones which regulate many body activities
- > -Known historically as *Master Gland* but is actually directed by hypothalamus

## **Spinal Nerves** pp. 235

- > -Identify sensory neurons, interneurons, and motor neurons and their function
- > -Why is each type of neuron important?
- > -View station on spinal cord (no slide for observation)

## **Human and Sheep Eye** pp.237 - 240

- ➤ -We will break into 2 halves and go through sheep eye dissection as a demo with structure & function included
- > -You will not be doing your own dissection so pay close attention during my demo
- ➤ -You will be responsible for the following: *sclera*, *cornea*, *choroid*, *retina*, *rod cells*, *cone cells*, *fovea centralis*, *lens*, *cilliary body*, *iris*, *pupil*, *aqueous humor*, *vitreous humor*, *and optic nerve*
- > -Be sure to review the eye using the model
- > -Complete blind spot of the eye experiment
- > -Complete accommodation of the eye experiment
- > -Optional: watch video on lens replacement on human eye (cataract surgery)

## **Human Ear** pp.241 - 242

- ➤ -Use the model and your manual to identify the following parts of the ear: pinna, auditory canal, tympanic membrane, malleus (hammer), incus (anvil), stapes (stirrups), auditory tube, semicircular canals, cochlea, vestibule, cochlear nerve, and vestibular nerve
- ➤ -Mechanoreceptors for inner ear are hair (cilia) which help send signals to the brain for hearing and for balance
- > -Complete the locating sound experiment using a tuning fork

#### **Sensory Receptors** pp.242 - 244

- > -Receptors aid in sending information to the brain for processing
- Omit human skin on p.243
- > -Complete touch receptor experiment
- > -Complete temperature experiment
- > -Omit chemoreceptors on p.245

### You should be able to answer questions 1-13 on page 230