The animal takes a bite of food.

The food mixes with saliva in the animal’s mouth and is chewed by the teeth.

The food is swallowed.

The food moves down the esophagus.

The food is broken down by digestive acids and the churning action of the stomach.

The food travels to the small intestine.

The food enters the cecum, a sac between the small and large intestines.

The enzymes found in this organ help break down plant material.

The food moves to the large intestine.

The food works its way through this organ where most of the nutrients are absorbed.

The food moves through this organ where most of the water is absorbed.

What is left of the food moves through the rectum.

Waste exits the body through the anus.