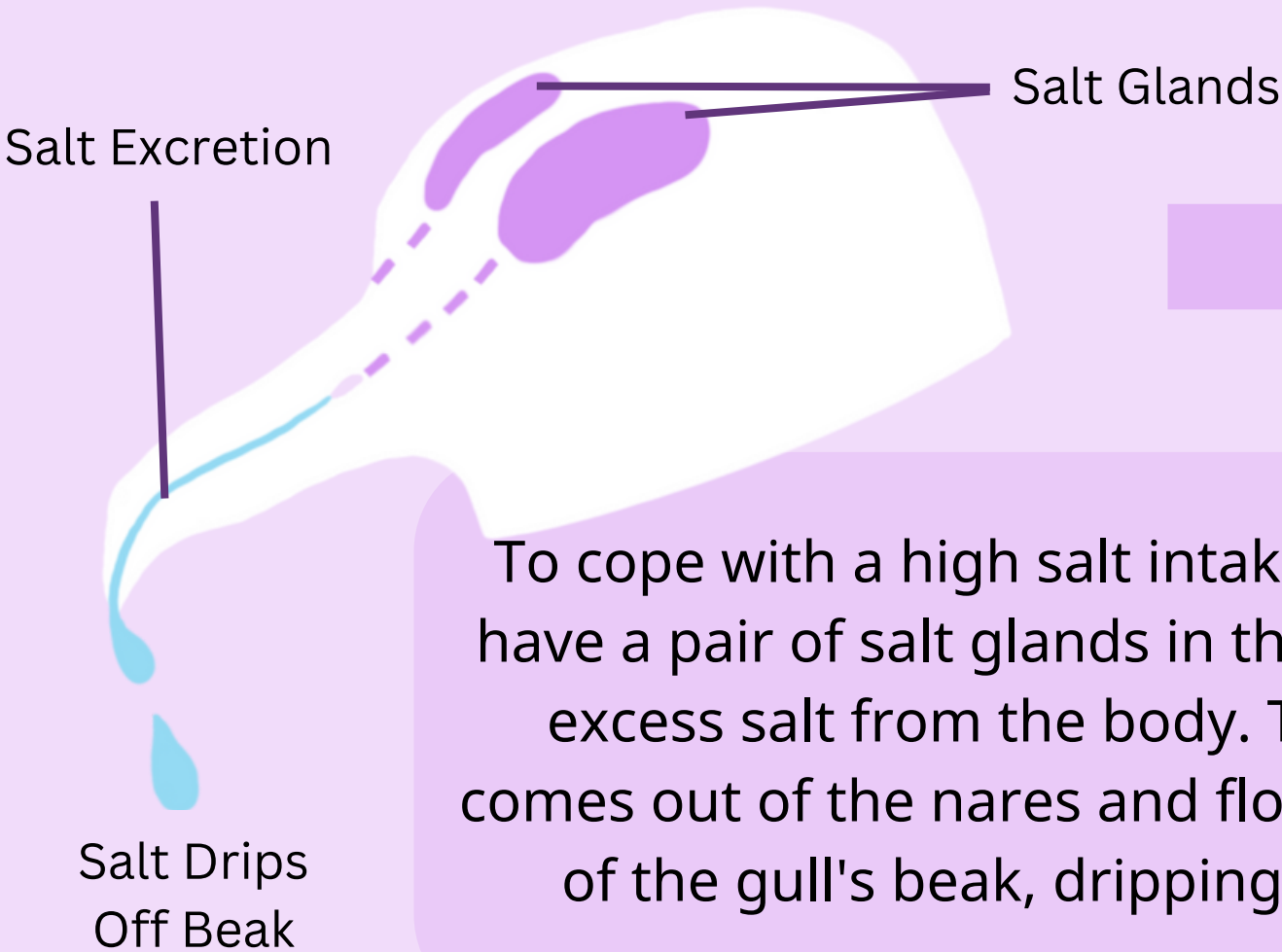


Gull Salt Glands



To cope with a high salt intake in their diet, gulls have a pair of salt glands in the head that remove excess salt from the body. The salt excretion comes out of the nares and flows down the groove of the gull's beak, dripping off the end of it.

Each lobe receives a blood supply which flows in the opposite direction of the tubulous glands which extend from the central canal. Through active transport, NaCl is transferred from the bloodstream into the salt gland to be removed from the body.

