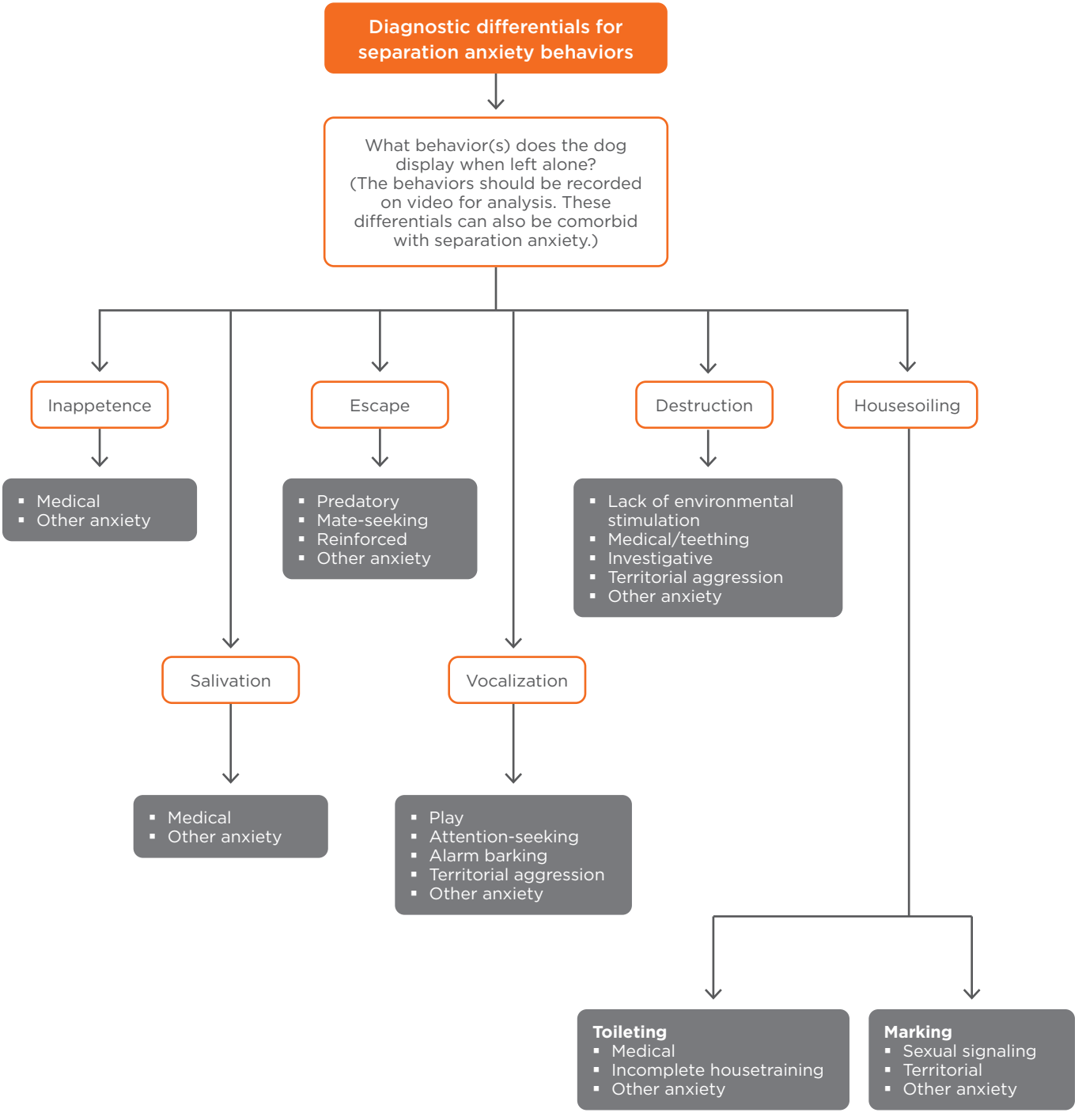
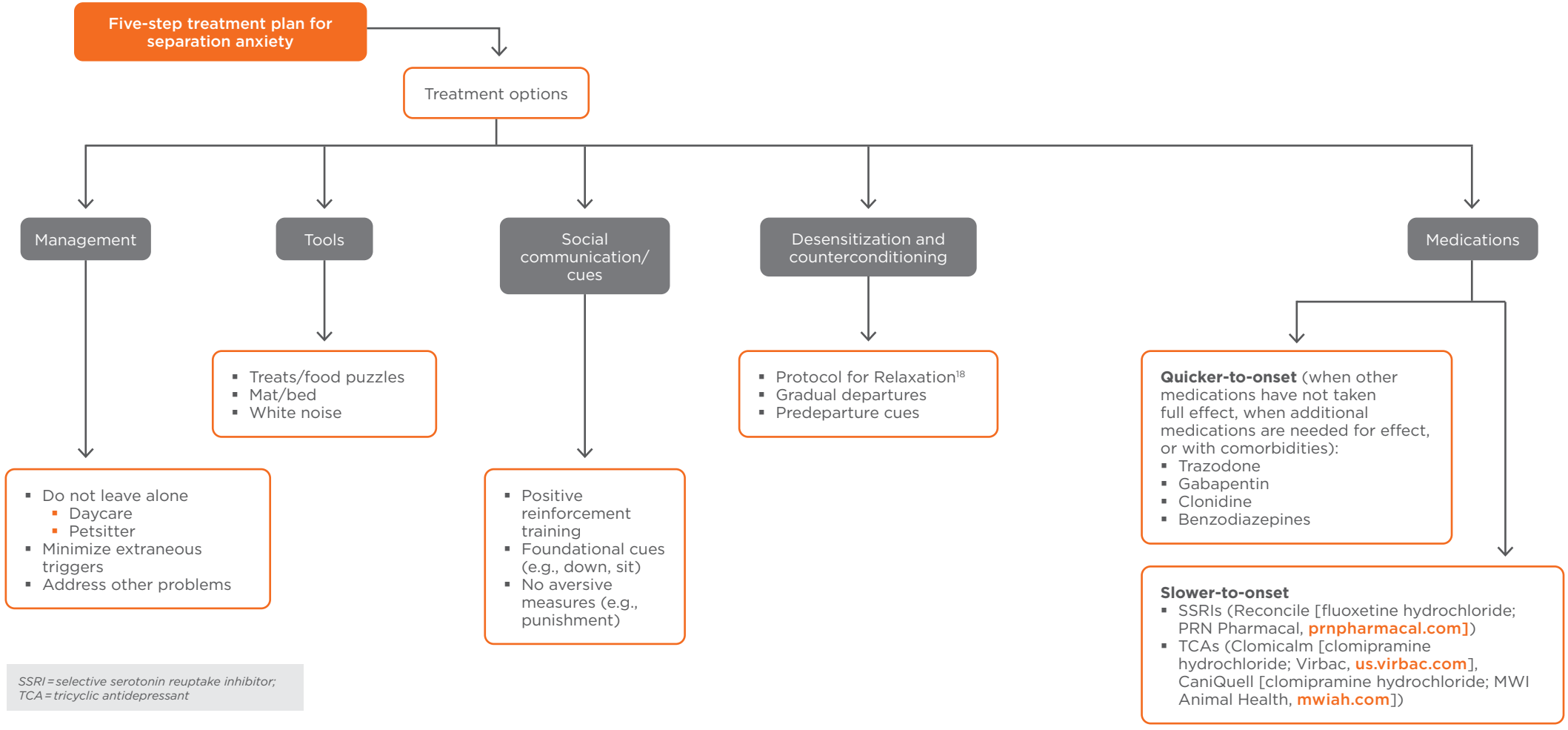

Diagnostic differentials for separation anxiety behaviors
What behavior(s) does the dog display when left alone? (The behaviors should be recorded on video for analysis. These differentials can also be comorbid with separation anxiety.)
Inappetence
Medical
Other anxiety
Escape
Predatory
Mate-seeking
Reinforced
Other anxiety
Destruction
Lack of environmental stimulation
Medical/teething
Investigative
Territorial aggression
Other anxiety
Housesoiling
Salivation
Medical
Other anxiety
Vocalization
Play
Attention-seeking
Alarm barking
Territorial aggression
Other anxiety
Toileting
Medical
Incomplete housetraining
Other anxiety
Marking
Sexual signaling
Territorial
Other anxiety



SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor; TCA = tricyclic antidepressant