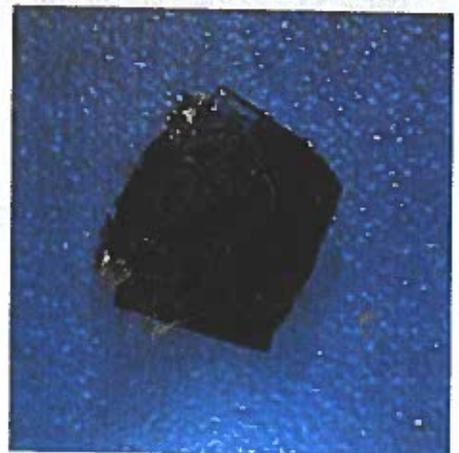
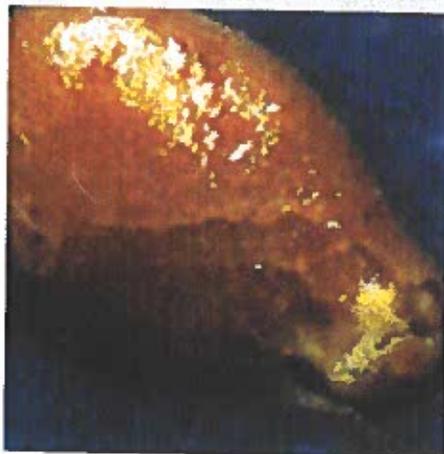
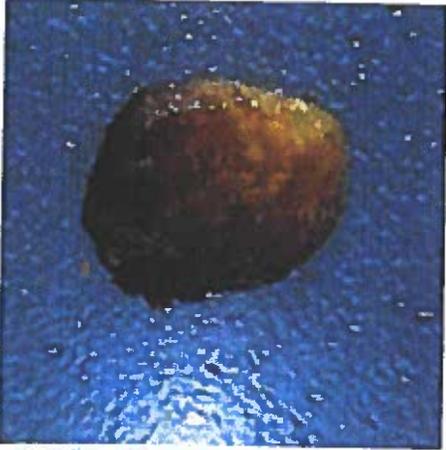


parasites common in animals



Heartworm

what is it?

Heartworm is a parasitic roundworm that is spread from host to host through the bites of mosquitos. The usual host for heartworm is a dog, but it can also be found in cats, ferrets, wolves, coyotes, foxes and sea lions.



what are the symptoms?

- coughing
- weight loss
- exhaustion
- swollen belly

Tapeworm

what is it?

Intestinal tapeworms are also called cestodes. These parasites live in the intestines of animals absorbing the nutrients consumed by the host animal straight into their body. The tapeworm can live inside of the host for over 25 years and grow up to 18 feet long.



what are the symptoms?

- vomiting
- abdominal discomfort
- weakness
- weight loss

Hookworm

what is it?

Hookworms are a type of intestinal parasite that is spread through contact with infected stool. The eggs hatch in the soil and the larvae infect a new animal by penetrating the skin when walked on. Hookworms feed by sucking blood.



what are the symptoms?

- itching
- abdominal pain
- rash
- internal blood loss

Giardia

what is it?

Giardia is a parasite that is most commonly spread by contact with contaminated water. The parasite is protected by an outer shell that makes it hard to kill. Giardia can occur in many animals including dogs, cats, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, pigs, beavers, coyotes, primates, rodents and raccoons.



what are the symptoms?

- diarrhea
- abdominal cramping
- nausea
- dehydration