

**IMPORTANCE OF ANTIPARASITICS  
AND LACK OF EFFECTIVE DRUGS  
FOR PARASITIC DISEASES IN  
ANIMAL HEALTH AND  
PRODUCTION**

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# Les maladies parasitaires

## Parasitic diseases

- Identification des maladies parasitaires
- Parasitic diseases identification
- Leur importance sur la santé et la production animale
- Importance for health and animal production
- La prophylaxie médicale et traitements chimiques appliqués
- Medical prophylaxis and applied chemical treatments
- Problèmes liés à l'usage intensif des vermifuges
- Problems related to the intensive use of anthelmintics

**Les maladies parasitaires  
communes aux bovins , ovins ,  
caprins, équidés et porcins  
Parasitic diseases common to  
cattle, sheep, goats, equines and  
pigs**

**A- Appareil digestif**

**A- Digestive apparatus**

# A.1. La Bunostomose

## A1.1. Bunostomosis

Nématodes (Strongylidés)

du genre *Bunostomum* *B. phlebotomum*

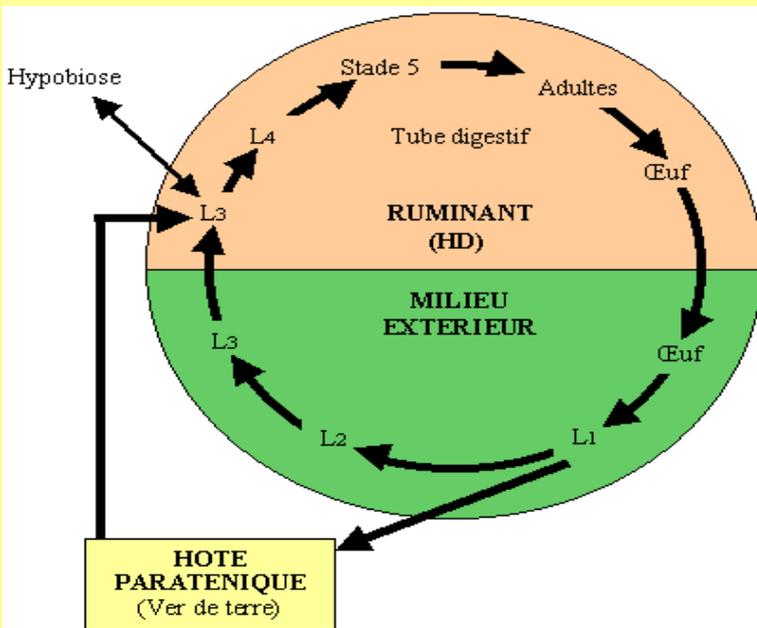
*Nematods (Strongyles)*

of the genus *Bunostomum* *B. phlebotomum*

(« **hookworm** »)

Similaire à celui du genre *Ancylostoma*

*Similar to Genus Ancylostoma*



Voie orale : peu importante.

Oral route: not important

Voie transcutanée : la plus importante

Transcutaneous way: most important

anémie, anemia

hypoalbuminémie, Hypoalbuminemia

amaigrissement, emaciation

diarrhée éventuelle, **possible diarrhea**

# A.2.La Strongyloïdose

## A.2. strongyloidosis

*Strongyloïdes papillosus* : Nematodes



Strongyloides papillosus  
adult



Strongyloides papillosus  
Immature egg



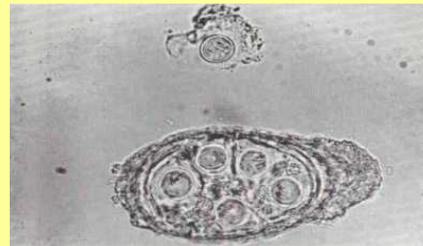
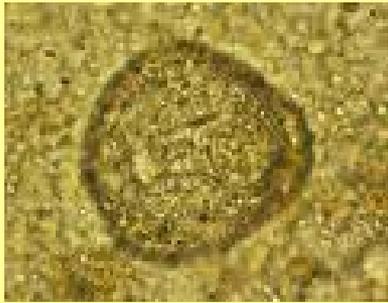
Strongyloides  
papillosus  
Mature egg

# A.3. Moniezirosis

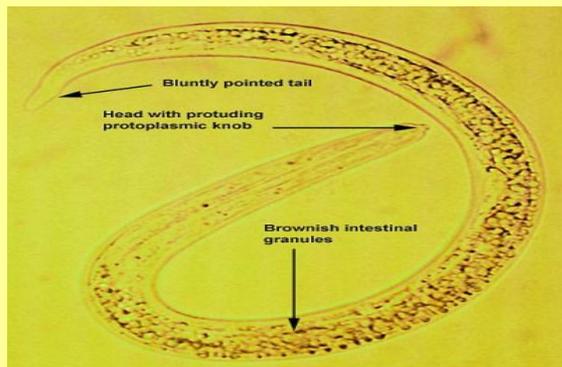
*Moniezia* (Anoplocephalidae).

Cestodes very common in the small intestine, **3 à 5 mètres** .

*M. benedeni* (especially in cattle) and *M. expansa* especially in small ruminants  
cysticeroid larvae: in the Oribatidae, small mites



- Spoliator action: Vitamin B12 deficiency, methionine, calcium
- Mechanical action: obstruction of the digestive tract
- Irritating action: inflammation of the digestive mucosa



## A.4. trichuriasis

*Trichuris globulosa* (cattle) , *T ovis* (sheep). « **Whip Worm** »

Nematode in the large intestine, 5 cm long. bloodsucking



Traumatic and inoculant action of germs

Spoliator and allergenic action

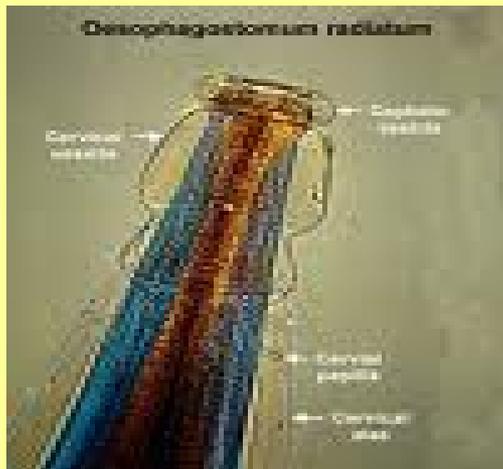
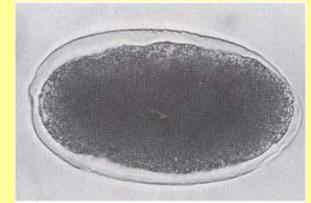
Synergistic effect of other verminosis: trichostrongylosis, ascariasis ....

# AT 5. Oesophagostomosis ("Nodular worm")

Infestation with strongyles of the large intestine belonging to the genus *Oesophagostomum*.

In cattle, it is *Oe. radiatum*.

1-2 cm thick worm without well developed oral capsule.



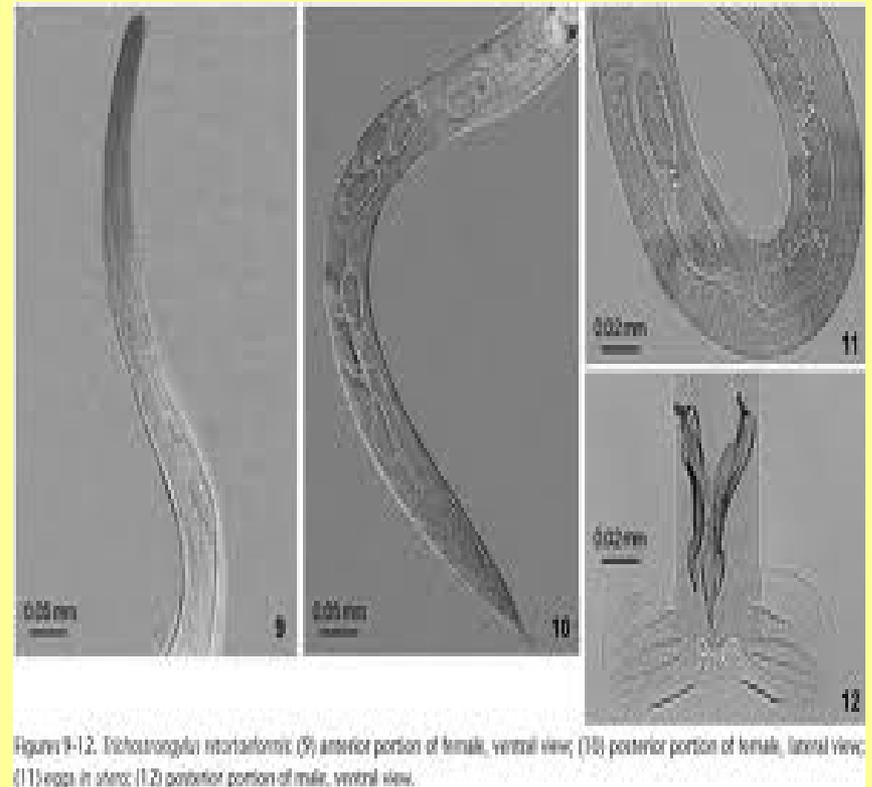
- **Severe enteritis** during nodule rupture.
- **Anemia and hypoalbuminemia**
- **diarrhea,**
- **Edema,**
- **emaciation.**

## A.6 Gastrointestinal verminosis

- 1) Gastrointestinal verminosis of cattle is the main parasitic problem in young cattle with grass
- 2) They are essentially related to the development in the intestine of nematodes of the family of **Trichostrongylidae**.
- 3) They manifest themselves by a syndrome: **weight loss and diarrhea**

# The family Trichostrongylidae

Nematodes often small (hair-like), with caudal purse, parasites of the digestive tract of ruminants



Trichostrongyloidea; Trichostrongyloidea;

the only exception is **Dictyocaulus viviparus**, the agent of verminous bronchitis that parasitizes the respiratory tract



**Dictyocaulus viviparus**, the cattle lungworm



Egg of *Dictyocaulus viviparus*

# The main gastrointestinal trichostrongs:

## Maw

### *Ostertagia ostertagi*

*Ostertagia leptospicularis*

*Ostertagia lyrata*



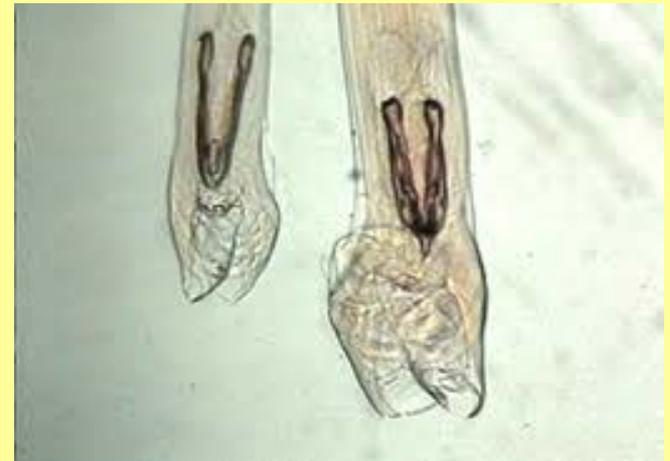
egg of Ostertagia



### **Ostertagia ostertagi**



Anterior end of Male **Ostertagia ostertagi** (Roundworm)

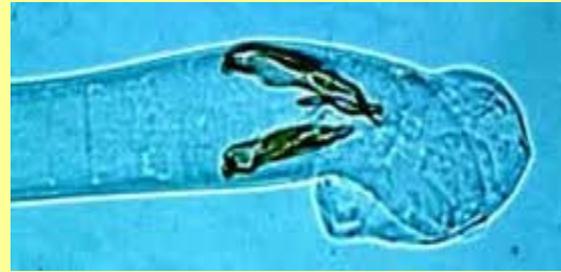


Maw

# *Trichostrongylus axei*



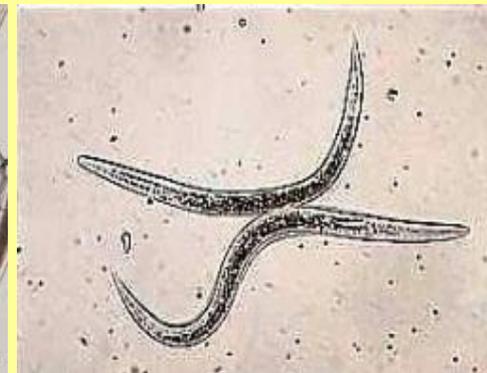
**Trichostrongylus axei**



**Trichostrongylus axei.**



**Trichostrongylus axei;  
Trichostrongylus  
colubriformis ...eggs**



**Trichostrongylus colubriformis. Females**

## Small intestine

### *Nematodirus helvetianus* ; *N. battus*



Nematodirus helvetianus egg

Nematodirus  
helvetianus (end)

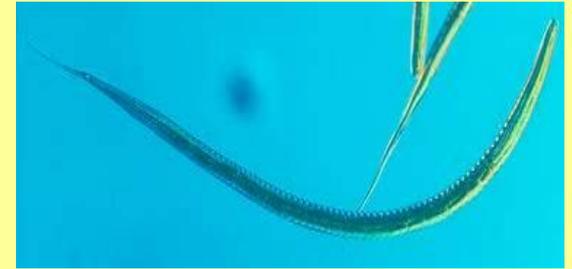
# Small intestine

## *Cooperia oncophora*

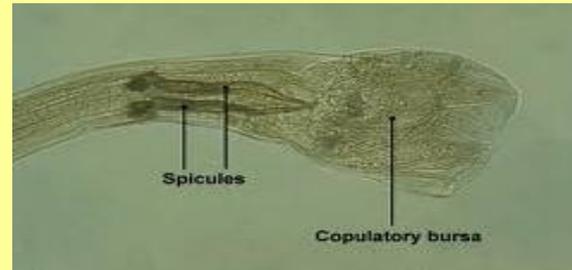
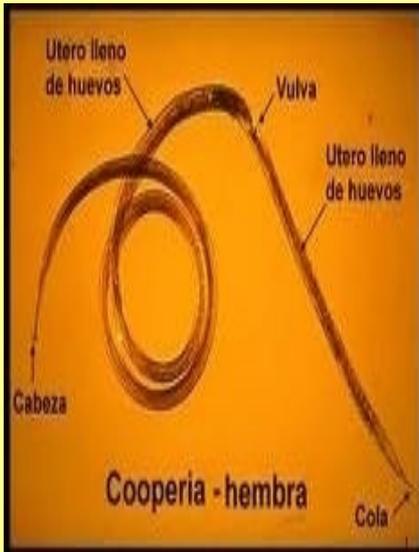
## *Cooperia punctata*

## *Cooperia pectinata*

## *Cooperia surnabada*



*Cooperia oncophora*



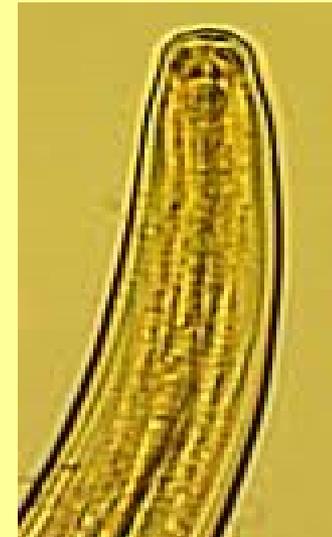
*C. oncophora* (end)



Egg of *Cooperia oncophora*



Egg of *Trichostrongylus colubriformis*



*C. oncophora* (head)

## **Pathogenesis and pathology**

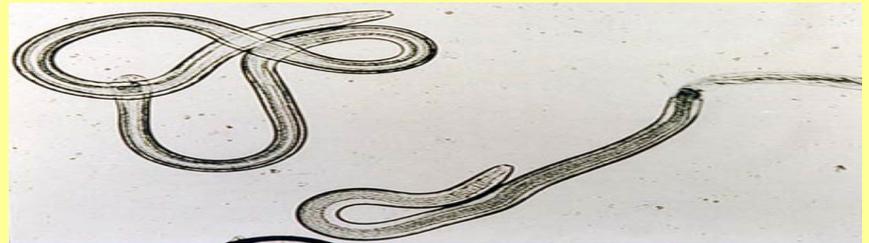
The main symptoms are:

- 1. Fall in productivity**
- 2. Anorexia**
- 3. Diarrhea**
- 4. Edema**

# B- Skin

## B.1. Onchocerciasis

Nematodes of the family Filariidae (filarial). These are vector-borne diseases.



- Adults: ligamentous and intermuscular fibrous tissues.  
2-6 cm rolled in a fibrous nodule.
- Microfilariae: in the dermis, particularly at the level of the belly (white line); about 200 microns

### Clinical signs

Inflammatory reactions of allergic nature in the belly

## B.2. Parafilariasis

*Parafilaria bovicola* a primitive wick located in the **subcutaneous connective tissue**. *vector disease*.

- Embryonic eggs emitted in the skin, containing microfilaria (L1) 200 microns long.



### Clinical signs

- Mature females create a den to lay their eggs
- this results in a sero-hemorrhagic exudate which attracts flies
- Preferred location: back and shoulders



## B.3. Infestations by hard ticks *Ixodes ricinus*

***Ixodes ricinus***: tick

exophilic tick with three polytropic hosts



**Vector role:**

- *Borrelia burgdorferi*: Lyme disease
- *E. cytophagophila*: bovine ehrlichiosis
- *Babesia divergens*:

## B.4. Infestations by lice

- **Stinging lice:** not very mobile, stuck in the skin, Anemia

- *Haematopinus eurysternus* ++

- *Linognathus vituli* +++

- *Solenopotes capitatus* +



- **Grinding lice:** very mobile, light beige: Pruritus

- *Damalinia bovis* ++++



## B.5 - Hypodermosis or infestation with warble("ox warbles", "cattle grubs")

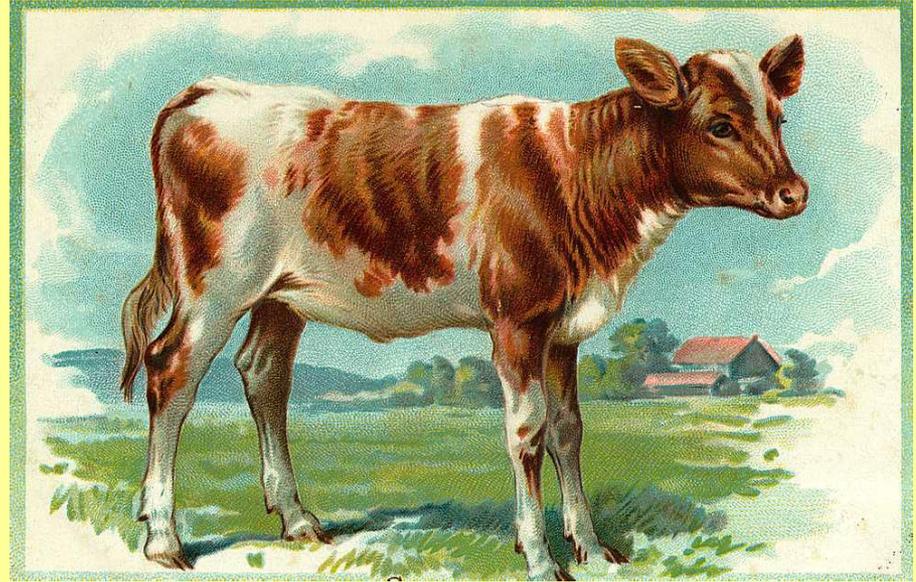
The genus *Hypoderma* belongs to the family Oestridae



***H. lineatum***: migration through the connective tissue and then stay at the peri oesophageal level

***H. bovis***: Migration via large nerve trunks to the spinal cord to stay near the spinal cord

# Clinical Signs and Economic Impact

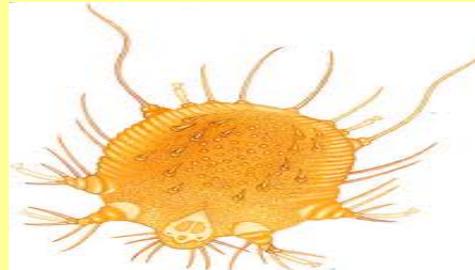


- Loss of leather
- Carcass losses ("butcher jelly")
- Zootechnical losses
- Accidents due to panic ("gadding")
- Side effects related to the massive and late destruction of larvae (1 / 15,000) (paresis: *H. bovis*, meteorism / *H. lineatum*)

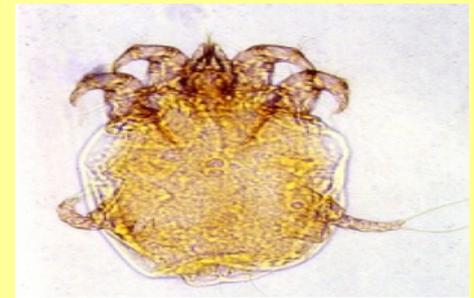
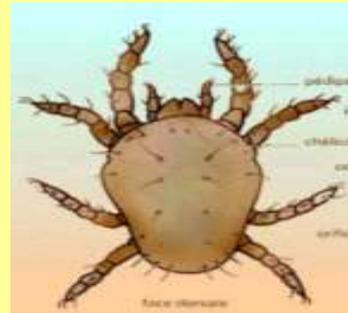
## B.6 BOVINE GALES

Contagious skin diseases related to the multiplication of parasitic mites belonging to two distinct families:

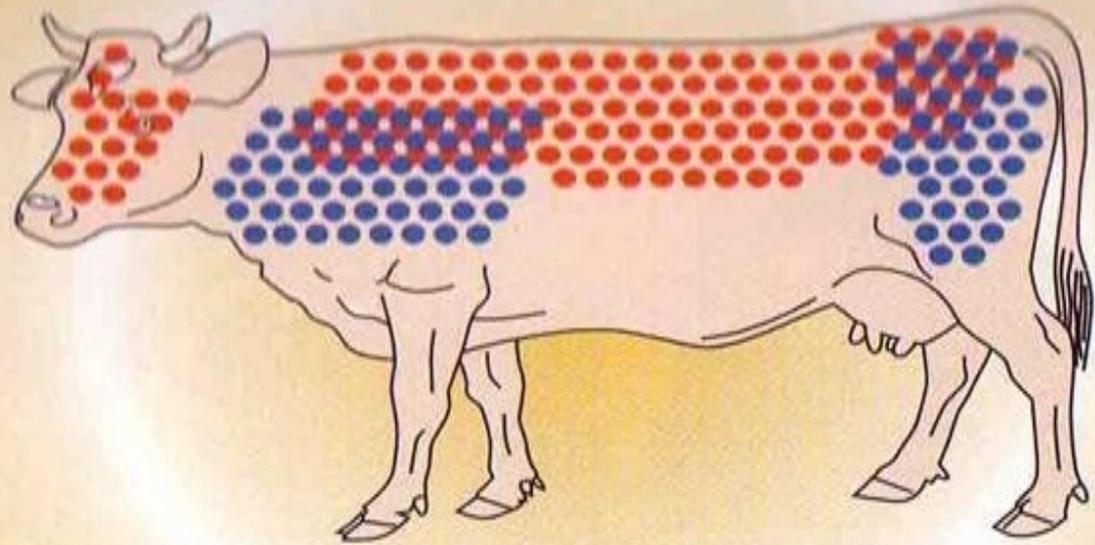
- Sarcoptidae: mites that dig intraepidermal galleries
  - **Genus Sarcoptes**



- Psoroptidae: mites that live on the surface of the skin
  - **Gender Psoroptes**
  - **Genus Chorioptes**



# Preferential localizations of the three types of scabies in cattle



sarcoptique



psorotique



choriotique



# B.7. Nuisance flies

## Muscids

- Permanent annoyance of animals
- Hematophagous action for certain species
- Vector role
- General hygiene of the operation



### 1- *Musca* Genus

- *Musca domestica*: **(House fly)**
- *Musca autumnalis*: **(Face fly)**

Non-hematophagous flies, type licker-sucker

# Genus Musca - Pathological Importance

## - *Musca domestica*

- Bacterial transmission: anthrax, conjunctivitis, mastitis

## - *Musca autumnalis*

- Interference with grazing (annoyance)
- Transmission of bacteria: *Moxarella bovis*  
(infectious keratoconjunctivitis)
- Transmission of parasites: *Thelazia* (parasitic nematode of the eye);  
*Parafilaria bovicola* (cattle parafilariosis)



## 2- Genus *Hydrotaea*

- Non-haematophagous fly, type licker-sucker
  - *Hydrotaea irritans* is a common species

### Pathological significance- *Hydrotaea irritans*

- **Irritating action at the level of wounds:** at the base of the horns in the concerned breeds of sheep (during the rut)
- Main vector of summer mastitis  
(*Streptococcus dysgalactiae*),  
(*Corynebacterium pyogenes*).



### 3- Stomoxis genus (stable fly)

- hematophagous,

#### Pathological significance

- **Painful sting** with strong animal irritation and significant drop in production (especially in milk)
- **Transmission of protozoa:** different trypanosomes in tropical regions.



*Stomoxis*



#### 4- *Haematobia* genus (horn fly)

- Small fly (4mm) hematophage; very common on pasture.
- *Haematobia irritans*

#### Pathological significance:

- Very strong irritative action and loss of productivity.



The horn fly, **Haematobia**



## 5- Other genera: - *Tabanus* (horseflies) and *Simulium*

### - *Tabanus* (horseflies):

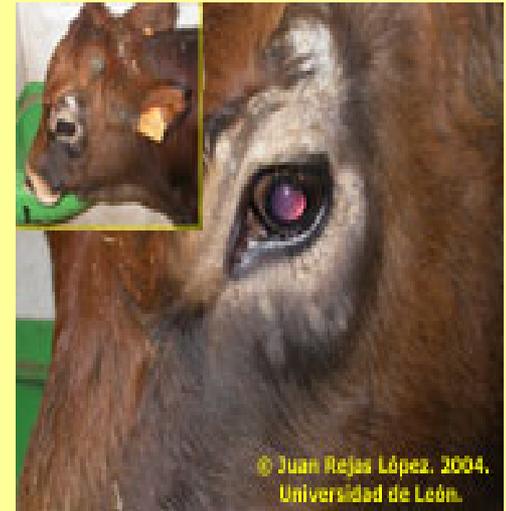
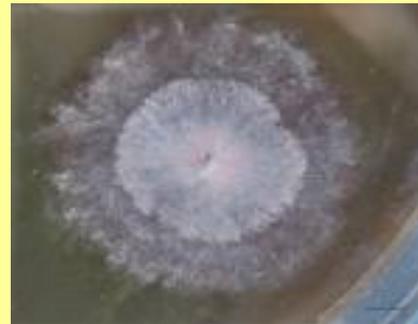
- . big hematophagous insects,
- **Very painful sting.**

### - *Simulium*:

- . insects of fast streams; multiplication in aquatic environment.
- . **Hemolytic shock due to saliva.**
- . **Vector of different helminthes** (nematodes of Filarid family (filarial) (Onchocerciasis)).

## B.8. Tinea or bovine dermatophytosis

*Trichophyton verrucosum* Skin condition very common especially in winter.



### Zoonotic aspect

Contagious to humans

Inflammatory lesion type kerion very inflammatory

Especially on the face (beard), scalp, forearm

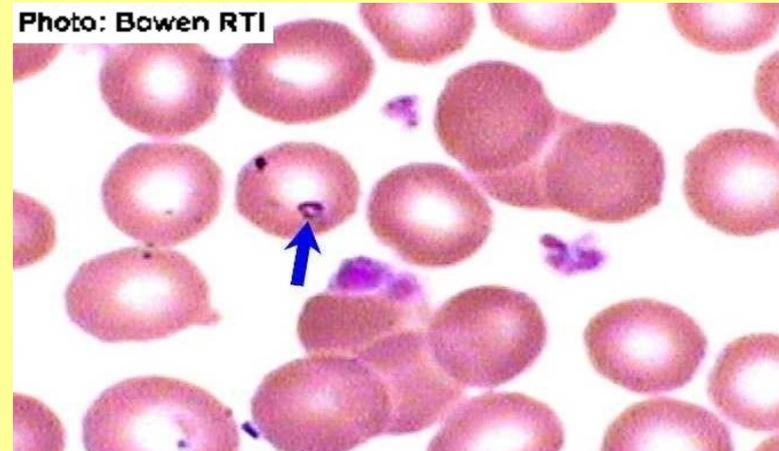
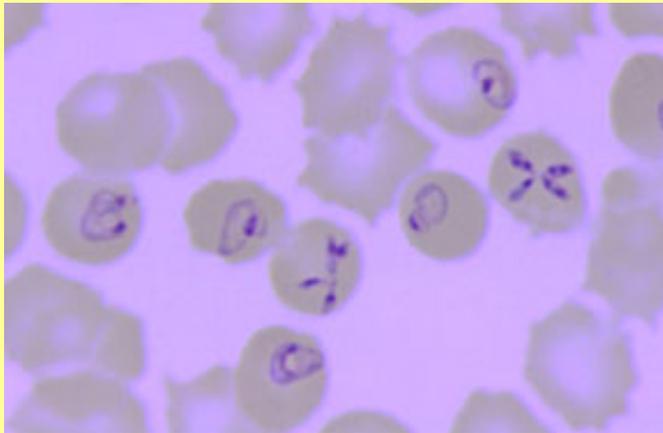
Long and difficult treatment

# C- Blood

## C.1. Babesiosis (*Babesia divergens*)

**Piroplasmosis:** *Babesia divergens* and *Babesia major*.

parasites of red blood cells, responsible for a hemolytic and febrile syndrome.



Vector disease with compulsory intervention of a hard tick, *Ixodes ricinus*.

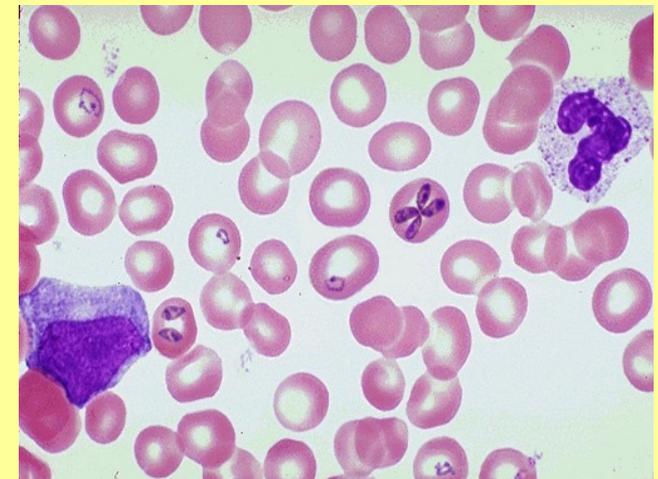
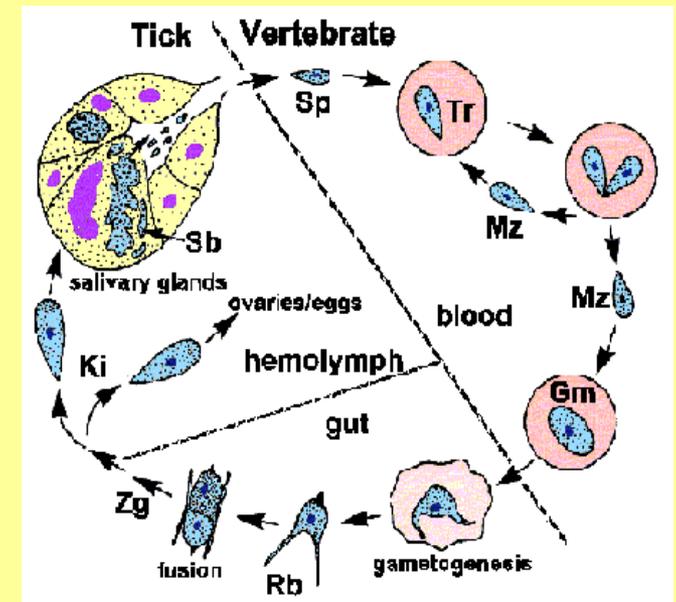
Transstadial and transovarian transmission

## Pathogenesis: it is linked to the destruction of red blood cells.

- Hypoglobulia, hypoxia and acidosis
- variable hemoglobinemia, liver damage, jaundice
- Hemoglobinuria

## Lesions

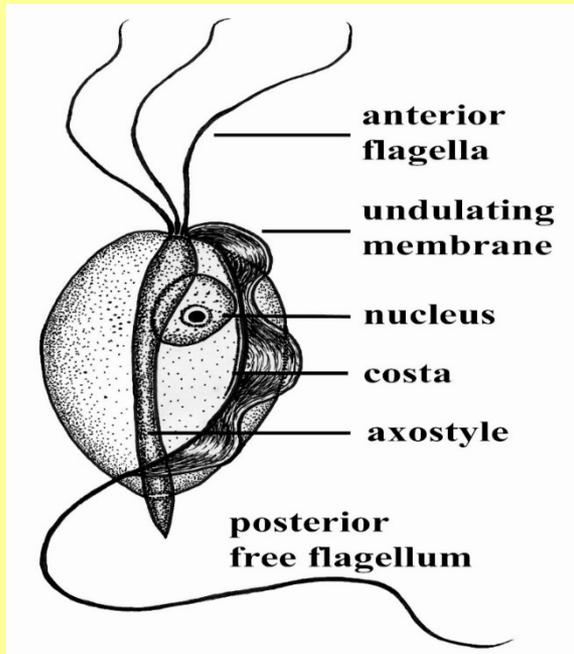
- jaundice
- Anemia; clear blood and yellowish serum
- Diffuse haemorrhage
- Hepato and splenomegaly
- Renal and hepatic impairment
- Hemoglobinuria



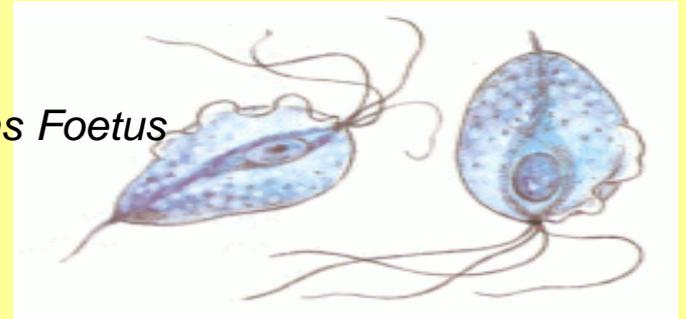
# **D- Genital system**

## D.1. Trichomoniasis (*Tritrichomonas foetus*)

No cystic stage; about 20 microns



*Tritrichomonas Foetus*



### Pathogenesis and clinical signs

- **Bull**: often asymptomatic

(sometimes mucous discharge)

- **Cow**: abortion,

sometimes followed by placental retention, persistence of the corpus luteum (anoestrus), pyometra

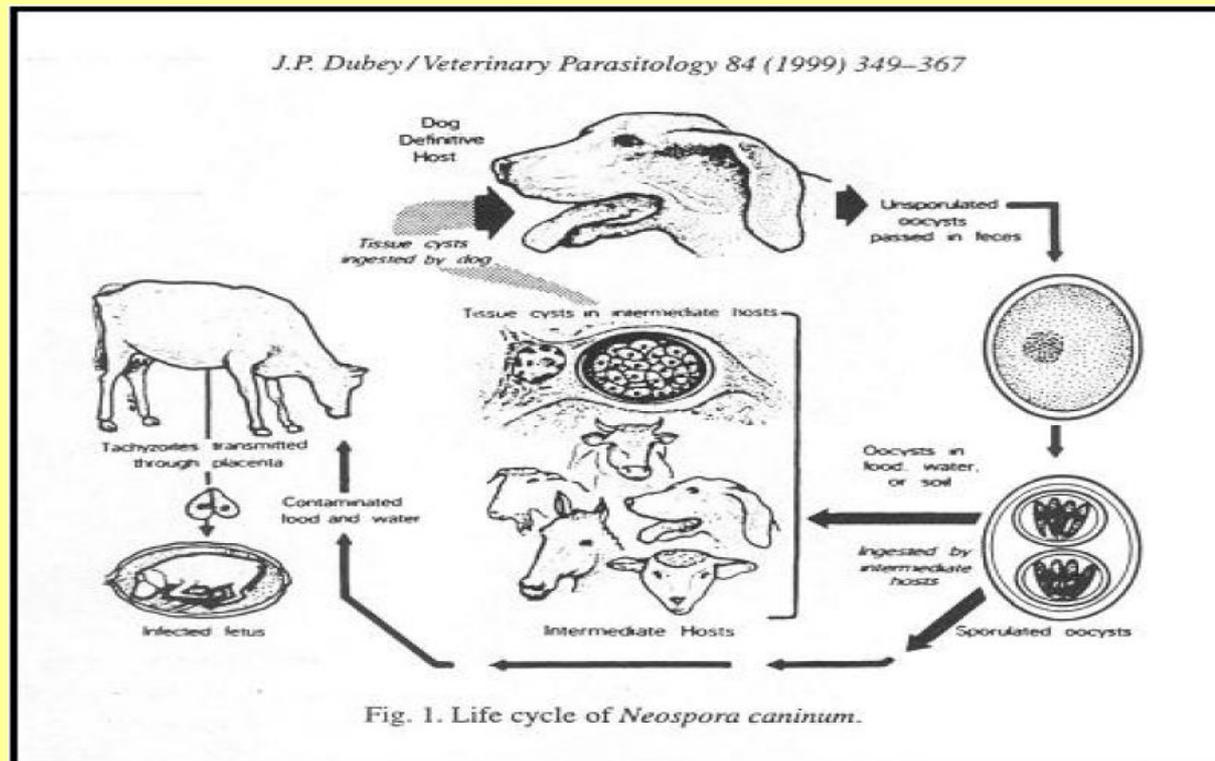
## D.2. NEOSPOROSIS

### *Neospora caninum*

a transplacental passage is then suspected.

The organism is antigenically different from *T.gondii*.

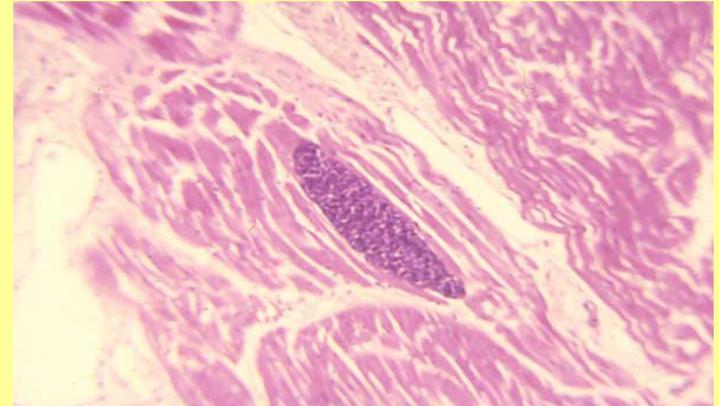
**a major abortion agent**



# E- Muscles

## • E.1. Sarcosporidiosis

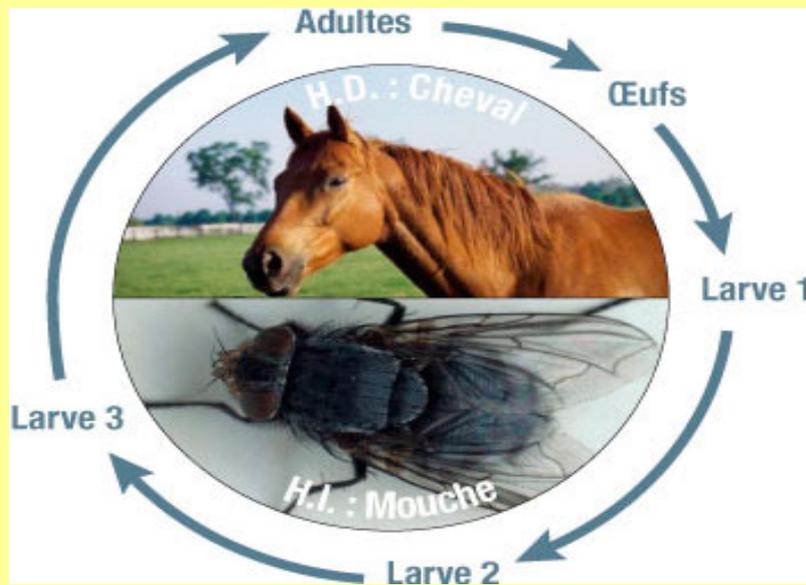
- Parasitic infections of **vascular endothelial cells and striated muscle tissue.**
- **Sarcosporidiosis affects intermediate hosts:**  
oedemas, petechiae, ganglionic hypertrophies, abortion.
- **The definitive hosts are affected by digestive coccidiosis.**  
**Missing clinical signs.**
- Striated muscle formations are an economic problem; partial or total seizure of the carcass



# F- Eye

# Thelaziosis

infestation of the ocular apparatus by a **nematode** of the family Spiruridae (*Thelazia gulosa*).



Musca



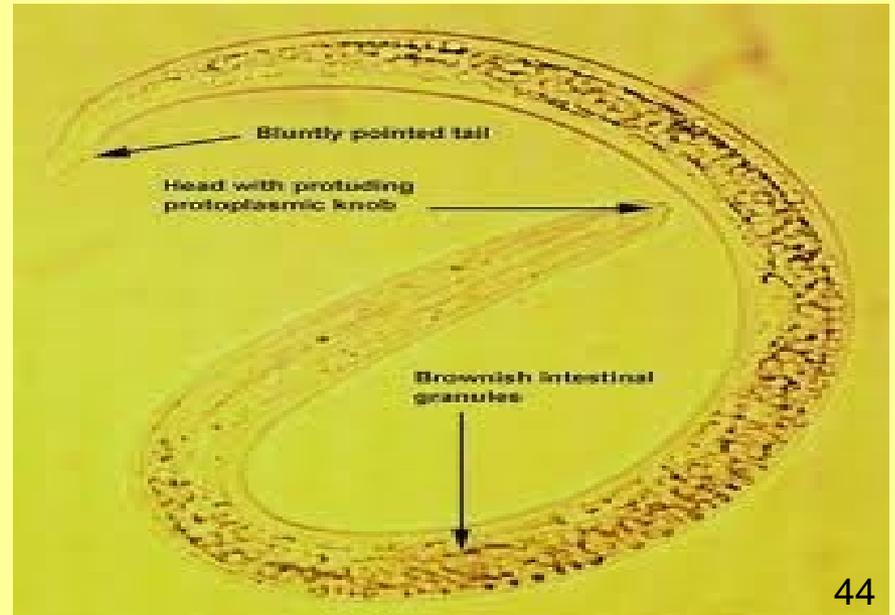
A consequence of keratitis

# G -Lungs

# VERMINOUS BRONCHITIS *Dictyocaulus viviparus*, the agent of verminous bronchitis that parasitizes the respiratory tract



Egg *Dictyocaulus viviparus*



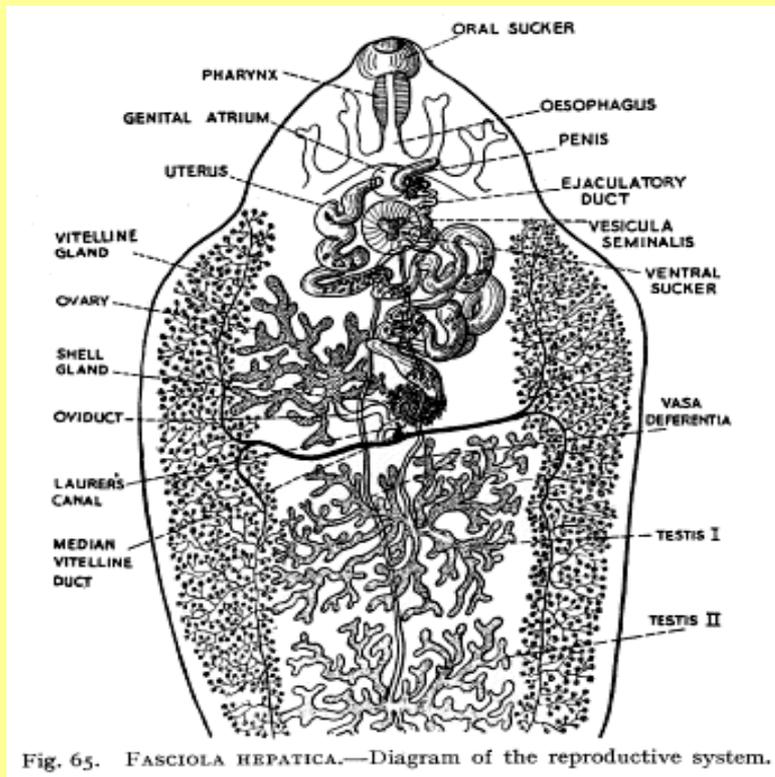
**Dictyocaulus viviparus** the cattle lungworm

# H. Trematode Parasitosis - Liver & Intestines

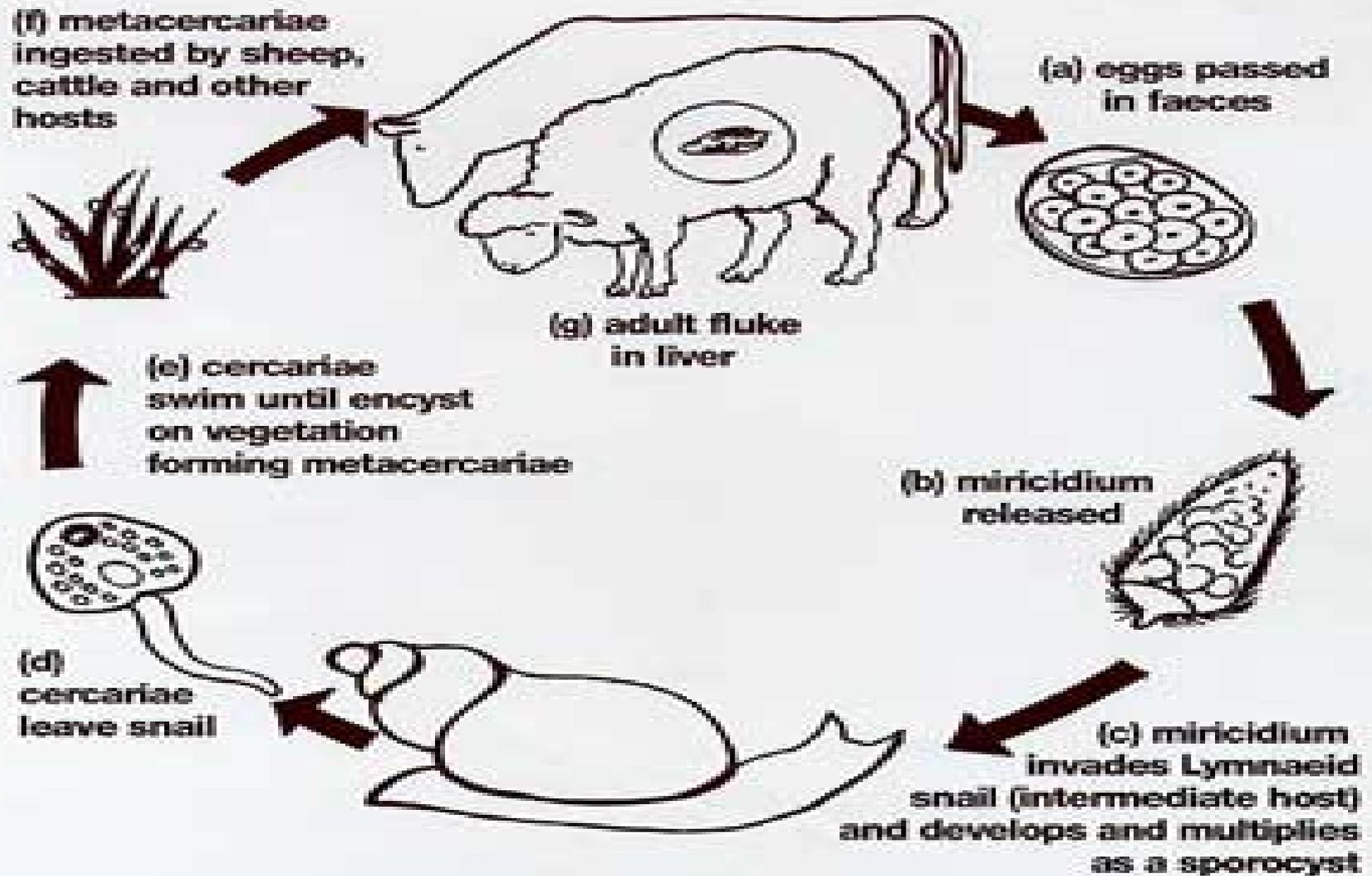
# I- Fasciolosis (*Fasciola hepatica*)



Genus *Fasciola* :            *Fasciola hepatica* (temperate regions)  
                                         *Fasciola gigantica* (tropical regions)



# Life Cycle of *Fasciola Hepatica*



## Pathogenesis and pathology

Linked to the two phases of the endogenous cycle

### A- INTRAHEPATIC MIGRATION

- Potential **peritonitis** during massive infestations
- **HEMORRHAGIC** and **NECROSANT HEPATITIS**, possibly accompanied by **ANEMIA** (well tolerated in cattle, often fatal in sheep)

### B- STAY OF THE DOUVES ADULTS IN THE BILIARY CHANNELS

Hyperplastic **ANGIOCHOLITIS**

**FIBROSE** monolobular (fibrous tissue that joins together the centrilobular veins)

**ANEMIA** and **HYPOALBUMINEMIA**

# Clinical signs

## Decrease in productivity

- Decreased weight gain in growing animals
- Decrease in milk production (insidious but very marked effect)
- Decreased Fertility (interference with the production of steroids active on the uterus or with that prostaglandins)

Other clinical signs: they are related to the parasite load

## Acute phase:

- Especially marked in small ruminants
- Linked to hepatic migration
- Anorexia, abdominal distension, difficulty moving, sometimes **sudden death**

## ***II. The genus Paramphistomum and paramphistomosis***

### **Definition: Paramphistomum daubneyi**

Paramphistomes are mainly **trematode** parasites of stomachs (rumen and network) of ruminants

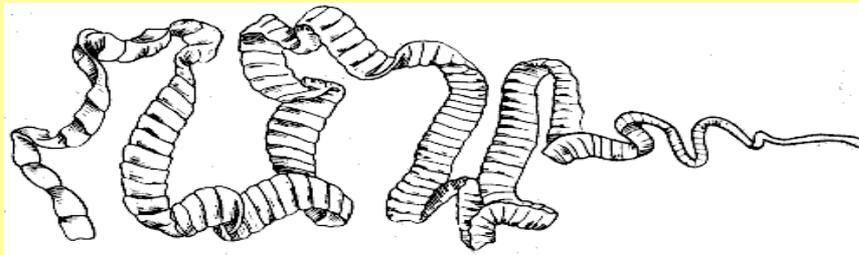


# Parasitic diseases specific to Small Ruminants

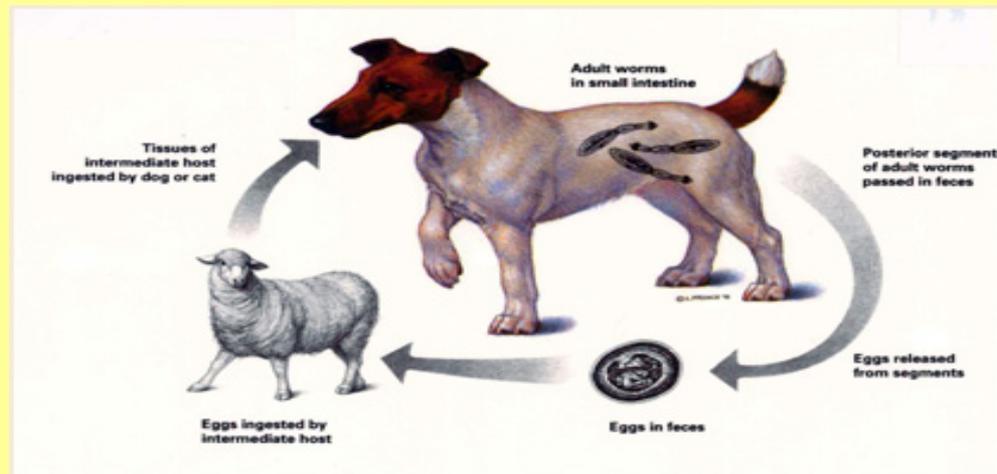
## A- Digestive system

# A.1 Cysticercosis with *Cysticercus tenuicollis*

Development at the posterior surface of the liver and the eiplon of caterpillars of cestode *Taenia hydatigena*



Large parasite (5 meters) of the dog's small intestine.



# **B- Cardio-Respiratory System**

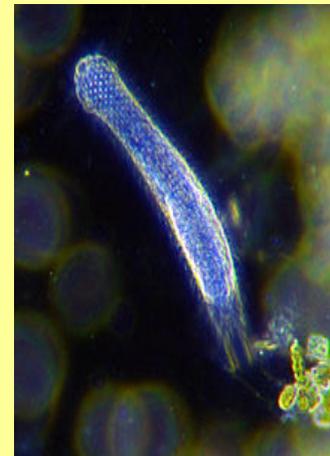
# B.1. The Muelleriose and neighboring entities

Infestation of the respiratory system (lungs, bronchioles) by different species of nematodes of the family Metastrongylidae

<i>Muellerius capillaris</i>	+++	alveoli	snails, slugs
<i>Protostrongylus sp</i>	+	small bronchioles	snails (many sp)



*Muellerius capillaris*



*Protostrongylus sp*



Other minor genera : *Neostrongylus*, *Cystocaulus*, *Spiculocaulus*.

## B.2. The oestrose

Infestation of sheep and goats by *Oestrus ovis*, a dipteran of the family Oestridae ..

→ The larva develops in **the nasal cavities and frontal sinuses** of the host.



# C- Skin

# Infestation with *Melophagus ovinus* (false sheep lice).

## Clinical signs

pruritus and loss of wool; possible anemia in the lamb.

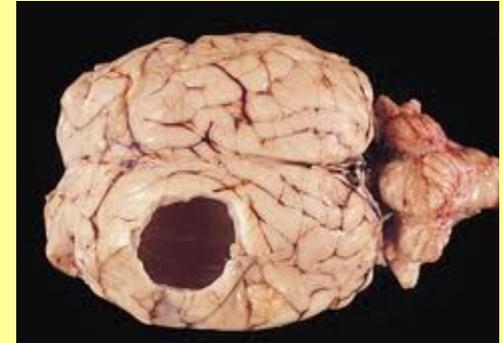
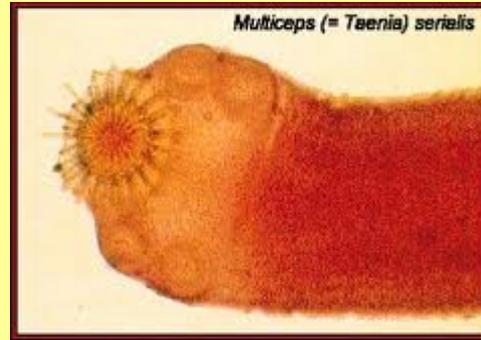
Can sting humans

*Melophagus  
ovinus*



# **D- The nervous system**

# D.1. Coenurosis



Infestation of sheep and goats by the **larva of *Taenia multiceps* (*Coenurus cerebralis*)**, a dog tapeworm and wild canids.

## **Clinical signs**

Cyst in the brain or spinal cord after **about 8 months of infestation**.

progressive compression of the nervous system: paresis, movements in circles (tournis), abnormal posture, hyperesthesia.

There is no treatment except surgical in some cases.

## D.2. Myiases due to *Lucilia serricata* and related species (*Calliphora*, *Phormia*)

Very frequent species; the maggots are found only at the level of the previously injured encysted zones

\* either by trauma (bites, barbed wire ...)

\* or as a result of local macerations:

➔ importance of contributing factors

- fleece not mown,
- diarrhea,
- rain and heat,
- racial factors,
- . dermatophilosis
- . "Fleece rot" by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ....

# Parasitic diseases of birds

## A- Digestive system

# I. Cestodoses of the digestive tract

These cestodes belong to the family Davaineidae. The larva is a cysticercoid.

*Davainea proglottina*, pathogen of chicken and pigeon.

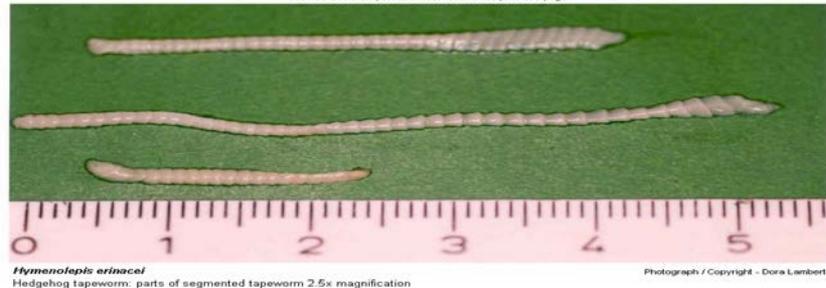
The larva develops in slugs and snails.  
It is a cestode of 4 mm.

Infestations give haemorrhagic enteritis.

***Raillietina spp.***

The larva is formed in a beetle or an ant.

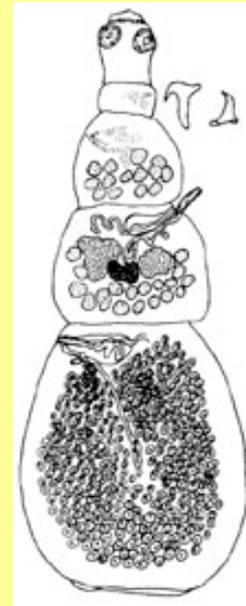
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*Hymenolepis erinacei*  
Hedgehog tapeworm: parts of segmented tapeworm 2.5x magnification

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*Raillietina spp*



Prophylaxis is based on the destruction of vectors.

## II. Coccidiosis of the hen

Cosmopolitan parasites: major economic effect

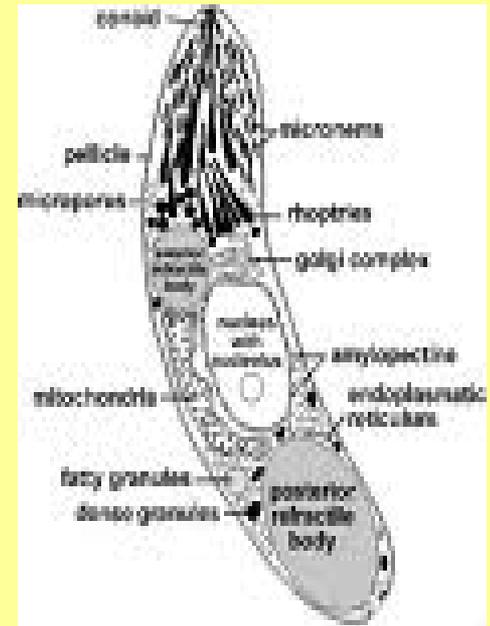
9 species described:

*E. tenella*; *E. necatrix*; *E. brunetti*; *E. acervulina*; *E. praecox*; *E. maxima*; *E. mitis*; *E. mivati*; *E. hagani*

Some species are very pathogenic,

We distinguish:

intestinal coccidiosis  
caecal coccidiosis



*E. tenella*

# III. Avian trichomoniasis

Flagellated parasites of the digestive tract

## hosts

Essentially the domestic pigeon and other colombiformes; turkeys and hens are often asymptomatic carriers

**Mouth, pharynx, esophagus, crop; most of adult pigeons are carrier**

## Clinical signs

High mortality. Diarrhea, respiratory disorders (sinusitis)



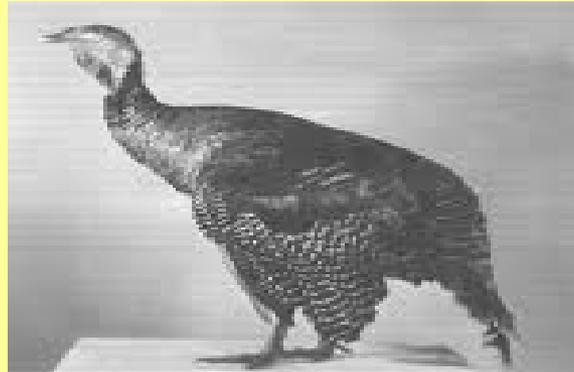
## ***IV. histomoniasis***

*Histomonas meleagridis* is the only species described in this genus

It parasitizes the cecums and the liver of the gallinaceous (hen, pheasants, turkeys)

Agent of **black head disease** in turkeys;

*H. meleagridis* does not form cysts in the external environment

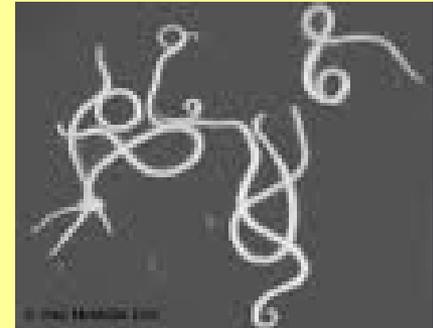
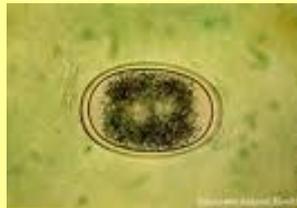


# V. Ascariasis

The genus *Ascaridia* is common in poultry; this genus does not migrate outside the small intestine where it stays

***Ascaridia galli***: hen, turkey, duck and goose

***Ascaridia columbae***: pigeon



# VI- Heteracidosis

Very frequent parasites of domestic and wild birds

- ***H. gallinarum*** in hen and turkey;
- ***H. isolonche*** at the pheasant
- Location in the caecums; ovoid egg close to that  
Of *Ascaridia*



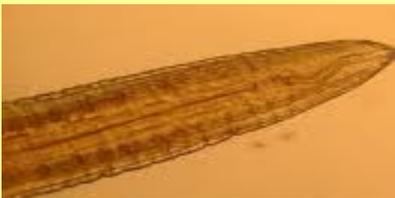
## VII. The capillariasis

There are numerous species of the genus *Capillaria*.

They are very fine worms invisible to the naked eye

- ***C. obsignata***: small intestine of hen, turkey, pigeon
- ***C. caudinflata***: small intestine of hen and turkey; the cycle requires a worm
- ***C. contorta***: parasite of the esophagus and hen, turkey, duck and wild birds. The cycle requires an earthworm

*C. caudinflata*



# B- Skin

## B.1. Infestations by *Dermanyssus* and *Ornithonyssus*

Dermanysses and related species are strictly *hematophagous* mites of poultry.

*Dermanyssus gallinae*: wild and domestic birds;  
cosmopolitan

*Ornithonyssus sylviarum*: in temperate regions only



*Dermanyssus gallinae*



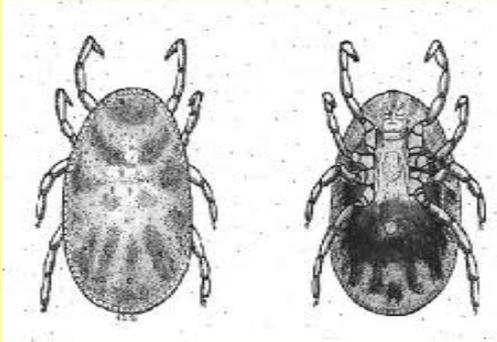
Irritation, nervousness, severe anemia; can attack the man, the horse, the dog ...

## B.2. Infestations by soft ticks

*Argas persicus* and *Argas reflexus* are soft ticks that live in crevices at the walls.

These ticks feed on blood once a month.

They induce anemia and can transmit certain pathogens (*Borrelia anserina* - chicken spirochetosis) and *Aegyptianella pullorum* (a rickettsiosis).



*Argas persicus*

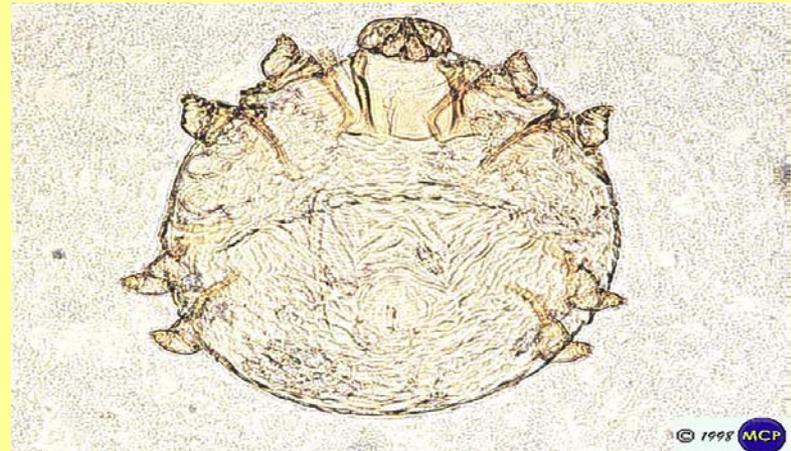


**Irritation, mechanical lesions, mutilation, loss of appetite**

## B.3 Scabies

- **Paws Scabies:** lifting of scales, formation of thick crusts, deformation of limbs, possible lameness.
- **Body Scabies :** pruritus, wrenching of feathers, possible mortality.
- **Scabies of the bill and paws (in aviary birds):** formation of crusts in the beak, head, eyelids, paws, rump.

- **Morphology:** classic sarcoptid



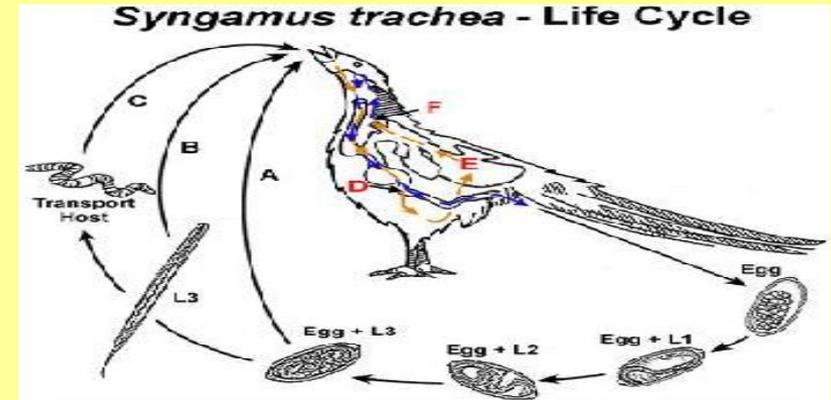
# The scabies of birds are due to the genus *Cnemidocoptes* (*Sarcoptidae*)

<p><i>C. mutans</i></p>		<p>gallinae</p>	<p>Leg scabies</p>
<p><i>C. laevis</i></p>		<p>gallinae, pigeon, Finches, parakeets</p>	<p>plucking mange</p>
<p><i>C. pilae</i></p>		<p>wavy parakeet, other psittacine, canary</p>	<p>Scabies of beak and paws</p>

# **C. Respiratory System**

# Syngasmosis

*Syngamus trachealis* is a strongle of the respiratory system. It has a worldwide distribution



## Hemorrhagic tracheitis

- Hypersecretion of mucus with suffocation and eventual mortality

- Pneumonia in case of very heavy infestations

suffocation, sneezing, shaking of the head, open beak after excitement of the animal ("gape worm" "gasping disease")

# **Specific parasitic diseases of Equidae**

## **A- Digestive system**

# A.1. The pinworm

Pinworms (Nematodes) parasitize the colon, the cecum and the rectum.

They have a direct cycle. ("Pin worm")

*Oxyurus equi* is a frequent and low pathogen parasite of horses and donkeys



## A.2. Habronemiasis and draschiosis

The genera *Habronema* and *Draschia* belong to the family Spiruridae: nematodes whose cycle is indirect with an arthropod like H.I.

*Habronema*: low pathogenic parasite in the adult state of the equine stomach (*H. muscae*, *H. microstoma*)

*Draschia*: causes the formation of large fibrous nodules in the stomach (*D. megastoma*)

H.I. are flies of the family Muscidae.

Agents responsible for cutaneous habronemiasis or summer sores



*Habronema*



*Draschia*



# A3. Anoplocephalosis of the horse

## Anoplocephala

- *Anoplocephala magna*: about 20 cm; small intestine; quite rare
- *A. perfoliata*: 4-8 cm; ileum-caecal valve; very common
- *Paranoplocephala mamilana*: 2-3 cm; large intestine ; rare

Grazing infestation: ingestion of H.I. (Oribatidae)

High frequency associated with certain grasslands (moisture, richness of mosses)



*Anoplocephala magna*



*A. perfoliata*



# **Parasitic diseases specific to pigs and rabbits**

# **Pigs parasitic diseases**

## **A- Digestive system**

## A.1. Fasciolosis

Infestations by *Fasciola hepatica* are in the pig pasture.



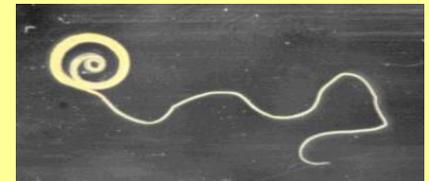
## A.2. Strongyloidosis:

*S. ransomi* is reported in pigs;  
Parasites of the small intestine (mucous and submucosa), blood-sucking  
General signs, cutaneous and digestive



## A3. Trichuriasis:

*T. suis* is quite common; "Whip Worm".  
Traumatic action, spoliator, allergenic and inoculatrice



# **B- Cardio-respiratory apparatus**

# B.1. Metastrongyloidea

infestation with *Metastrongylus elongatus* and *M. pudendotectus*.  
These parasites have a worldwide distribution.

green whitish, fine, measuring up to 6 cm.

They are found in the fine bronchial divisions.

The egg has a very thick and rough wall and contains a larva on the emission



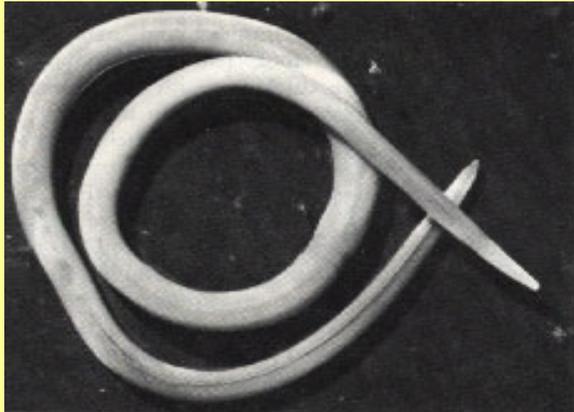
*Metastrongylus  
elongatus*

## B.2. Ascariasis

*Ascaris suum* is a very common parasite of pork all over the world

Large whitish worm that can reach **40 cm**;  
located in the anterior part of the small intestine

The egg is brownish, rounded and its hull is strongly mammillated



# **Parasitic diseases of the rabbit**

# 1- Coccidiosis

9 species of coccidia are described in rabbits; very frequent affections including in industrial breeding

***Eimeria stiedae*: liver coccidiosis**

***Eimeria intestinalis*, *E. flavescens*; *E. coecicola*; *E. magna*; *E. irrsidua*; *E. media*; *E. perforans*; *E. pisiformis*:  
***intestinal coccidiosis*****

Diseases of young rabbits especially at weaning



*E. intestinalis*



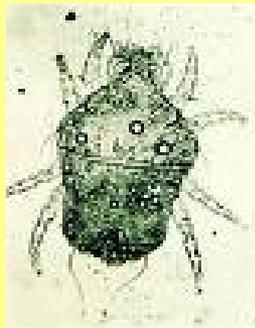
## 2- Cheyletiellosis

*Cheyletiella parasitivorax* is a pseudo-scab agent in rabbits

It is a small mite of the coat that wins the skin to feed.

2 weeks cycle

Very contagious disease that is especially evident on the dorsal line ("walking dandruffs"). Pruritus variable according to individuals



# **Medical prophylaxis and chemical treatments**

# Treatment of intestinal parasitic diseases:

- Bunostomosis
- Strongyloidosis
- Monieziosis
- Trichuriasis
- Oesophagostomiasis
- Gastrointestinal verminosis: Trichostrongyloides
  - Ostertagia,
  - Cooperia,
  - Trichostrongylus,
  - Nematodirus,
  - Dictyocolus viviparus

1- **Benzimidazoles:** Albendazole (Valbazen) 20 mg / kg  
Oxfendazole (Synanthic) 5mg / kg  
Fenbendazole (Panacur) 5 mg / kg  
Mebendazole (Ovitelmin) 5 mg / kg  
Netobimin (Hapadex) 20 mg / kg  
Praziquantel (Droncit) 2.5 mg / kg  
Niclosamide (Yomesan) 50 mg / kg

Newer products: **Probenzimidazoles**

- 2- Avermectins and milbemycins, Fermentation products of:

*Streptomyces avermitilis*

- ivermectin
- abamectin
- doramectin
- eprinomectin

*Streptomyces cyanogriseus*

- moxidectin

Toxicity:

Ivermectin and doramectin: very safe for use in cattle

Abamectin: toxic in young animals (<16 weeks)

4- **Levamisole** (to avoid toxic in horses)

5- **Pyrantel / Morantel**) Similar to Levamisole, low toxicity

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## Onchocerciasis treatment: avermectins

## Parafilariasis treatment

- Ivermectin (one dose)
- Nitroxynil (2 x 3 days apart), inactive on immature forms.
- Levamisole (one dose) (lactating cattle); inactive on immature forms.

# Treatment against scabies

## 1- ORGANOCHLORINES

- Neurotoxic poisons
- Strong accumulation in fat, high stability
- All are now strictly prohibited
- Ex: lindane

## 2- ORGANO-PHOSPHORES

- Acetyl cholinesterase inhibitors
- Fat-soluble products that act quickly by contact
- Relatively slow-moving products that are eliminated fairly quickly (short waiting times)
- Some act systemically after transcutaneous resorption
- Ex: Phoxim (Sarnacuran)

### 3- THE AMIDINES

- One molecule commonly used: amitraz (Tactic)
- This molecule is essentially acaricide
- Liposoluble; rapidly degraded, it accumulates little in the tissues
- Waiting time of 1 day for milk and 14 days for meat

### 4- PYRETHRINOIDES

- Synthetic products derived from pyrethrin
- Neurotoxic for arthropods; act quickly by contact
- Do not pass the skin barrier → no systemic effect
- Often associated with piperonyl butoxide (synergistic agent)
- Rapidly metabolized, they accumulate little in the body; low or no waiting time. Ex: flumethrin (Bayticol)

## 5- THE AVERMECTINS AND MILBEMYCINS

*Streptomyces avermitilis*:

Ivermectin: Ivomec, Ivomec F, Ecomectin, Noromectin,  
Abamectin (Enzec - withdrawn), Doramectin: Dectomax

*Streptomyces cyanofriscosa*: Moxidectin: Cydectin

- **Tick control**
- Bayticol (flumethrin) at 1 mg / kg in Pour-on gives a protection of 15 days.
- Amitraz (Taktic) is toxic in horses
- Ivomec Pour-on is usable against D. equi.
- Avermectins in oral form (Equest, Eqvalan) are active on biting lice.

the products to be sprayed are inactive on the nits: it is therefore necessary to repeat the treatments

## Treatment and prophylaxis of lice

- Amitraz: Tactic and Phoxim (Sarnacuran)
- Pyrethroids
- Injectable Ivermectin and other endectocides very active on biting lice but not very active on *Damalinia bovis*.
- Against *Damalinia bovis*, use the formulations pour-on

Name	Active ingredient	Posology
Coopertix	cyhalothrin	10 ml
Butox Pour-on	deltamethrin	<400 kg: 10 ml >400 kg: 20 ml
Sputop Spot-on	deltamethrin	10 ml

# Curative treatments of hypodermosis and myases

- Macrocyclic lactones; absolute efficacy on all subcutaneous stages  
(Ivermectin)

# Control of flies:

## 1 .Insecticides for use on farms

- **Pyréthroïds** with little remanence +butoxide of piperonyl :  
bioresmethrin, bioallethrin
  - Advantages: little risk of resistance
- **Neporex (Novartis: Cyromazine)**: Inhibitor of chitin synthesis
  - To spread at the nesting sites; very little toxic, no resistance reported ..
- **Active insecticides by ingestion by the insect:**
  - Golden Muscamone,
    - Alfacron (Novartis / Alfametifos),
    - Tugon (Bayer / Trichlorfon).
      - Apply it in thin strips
      - Active on licking insects.

## 2. Insecticides for use in meadow

- Synthetic lipophilic resin and pyrethroid ear loops (flucythrinate, cypermethrin, permethrin)
  - Duration of action from 3 to 5 months; frequent induction of resistance; a loop at each ear is necessary.
- Sprays with remanent activity:
  - works for 6 weeks (2 to 3 applications per grazing season)

# Treatment of ringworm

- Topical
- Iodized: tincture of iodine, iodized alcohol  
application every 2 days
- **Imidazothiazoles: IvameroI (diluting powder)**  
repeat treatment 3-4 x at 3-4 day intervals
- Systemic: Griseofulvin

# Treatment of babesiosis

## symptomatological:

- mild diuretics (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>)
- cardiotonic: caffeine, coramine
- blood transfusion (4 liters per 250 kg)
- iron intake (FeSO<sub>4</sub> 5 to 1 gr per day)

## Etiological:

- **Imidocarb (Carbesia):** - Curative and prophylactic
- 1 to 3 mg / kg SC or IM - Persistent residues
- Low toxicity (lethal dose from 15 mg / kg)

**Hygienic:** fight against the vector, landscaping of pastures

**Chemical:** Imidocarb 2 mg / kg □ protection for 6 to 8 weeks

**Vaccinal:** A killed vaccine is under development at Intervet.

# Treatment of fasciolosis and paramphistomosis

## **Salicylanilides:** Oxyclozanide (Zanil), Closantel (Flukiver)

- Active on moats at least 5 weeks old
- Zanil is widely used in dairy cows

## **Halogenated monophenolic derivatives:** nitroxynil (Dovenix)

- Active on the moat adults (8 weeks and more)

## **Sulphonamides:** Clorsulon (Ivomec F or D)

- Active on the moat adults (8 weeks and more)

## **Benzimidazoles:**

Albendazole (Valbazen), the spectrum is wide

Netobimin (Hapadex) is limited to adult stages

Triclabendazole (Fasinex) is the most effective douvicide

# Treatment of cysticercosis and muelleriosis:

quite difficult.

- **Ivermectin and neighboring molecules:** twice at one month intervals
- **Oxfendazole (Systamex)** 5 mg / kg 3 consecutive times at 48 hour intervals
- **Netobimin (Hapadex)** 10 mg / kg 3 days in a row.

## Treatment of oestrose

- Target L1 rather than L2 or L3 (late treatment is often accompanied by bacterial complications)
- Treat in autumn.
- **Nitroxynil (Dovenix)** 20 mg / kg
  - **Closantel (Flukiver)** 5 mg / kg
  - **Ivermectin, doramectin, moxidectin** 0.2 mg / kg

# Treatment of of avians and rabbits coccidiosis

Must be early

Curative:

**Sulfamidae in drinking water** (2 periods of 3 days separated by an interval of 2 days) Ex: Sulfaquinoxaline with or without diaveridine or sulphamezathine

**Amprolium-Ethopabate, benzenic acetone, Toltrazuril (Baycox), Clazuril, Diclazuril** are active in all intracellular stages and can be used in curative

# Problems related to the intensive use of dewormers

- **Problems related to the intensive use of dewormers**
- **Resistance**
- **Environmental action: residues in water, degradation of dung, non-target organisms**
- **Residues in foodstuffs**
- **Interaction with the establishment of immunity**

# ***Resistance***

## **Its induction is related to three main factors:**

- Frequency of anthelmintic treatments
- The moment when we will use the anthelmintic
- The dosage according to the weight of the animal

In general, resistance develops more slowly in nematodes than in insects:

- Many dewormers are not persistent and quickly eliminated
- Detection of resistance is quite difficult

## **Detection of resistance:**

- OPG reduction technique
- Inhibition of egg hatching (in vitro)

## ***How to avoid resistances:***

- **Correct dosage according to weight**
- **Change pharmacological classes on an annual basis**
- **Alternative methods (rotation, dilution ...)**
- **Genetic selection?**