

PARASITE TEST KIT 2 (35 vials)
Product Code 8039

Parasite: “any organism living in or on any other living creature and deriving advantage from doing so, while causing disadvantage to the host”

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Parasites are commonly acquired by eating contaminated meat, swallowing eggs on food, contaminating fingers with faecal material or through contact with infected water.

Categories of parasites

Parasites are divided into the following categories:

1. flatworms (also called platyhelminths)
 - a) tapeworms (also called cestodes)
 - b) flukes (also called trematodes)
2. roundworms
 - a) threadworms
 - b) pinworms
 - c) hookworms

Life stages

Roundworms: egg → larva → adult

Tapeworms: egg → larva → encased by body in a cyst → adult

Fluke: egg → miracidia → redia → cercaria → metacercaria → adult

Scolex = part of tapeworm attached by suckers and hooks to gut wall of host; sometimes called head
 Proglottides = segment-like units of the tapeworm body which, when mature, leave the gut of the primary host in the faeces; they are budded off from the scolex.

	Latin Name	Common Names	Symptoms	Comments
PA2 32	Amblyomma Americanum	lone star tick		a major carrier of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease
PA2 33	Ancylostoma Braziliense	human hookworm	severe skin itching	
PA2 34	Ancylostoma Duodenale, Male	human hookworm	itching, gastrointestinal bleeding, iron deficiency	common in north Africa, northern India, northern parts of the Far East and the Andean region of South America
PA2 35	Ascaris Lumbricoides, Eggs	human roundworm	sometimes asymptomatic; urticaria; mild to acute colicky pain with distension; reduced appetite; larvae in lungs can provoke pneumonia	commonly found in cats and dogs
PA2 36	Blastocystis Hominis		watery or loose stools, diarrhea, abdominal pain, anal itching, weight loss, and excess gas	common microscopic parasitic organism found throughout the world

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PA2 37	Chilomastix Mesnili, Cysts		an amoeba found in intestine	viewed as harmless by the medical profession
PA2 38	Chilomastix Mesnili, Trophozoites		an amoeba found in intestine	viewed as harmless by the medical profession
PA2 39	Clonorchis Sinensis, Eggs	human oriental liver fluke	chronic liver disease; death if left untreated	widespread in China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam; via domestic dogs and cats
PA2 40	Ctenocephalides Felis, Adult	cat flea		
PA2 41	Dermacentor Andersoni, Nymph			tick which carries Rocky Mountain fever
PA2 42	Dermacentor Variabilis, Male	American dog tick		transmits spotted fever; carries Lyme disease bacteria, but unclear if can transmit it to humans
PA2 43	Dientamoeba Fragilis		found in large intestine; abdominal pain, gas and mild diarrhoea	
PA2 44	Diphyllobothrium, Eggs	broadfish tapeworm	found in small intestine from eating raw or undercooked fish	prevalent in Scandanavia and around American Great Lakes
PA2 45	Dirofilaria Immitis	dog heartworm		in dogs & cats, rarely in humans
PA2 46	Endolimax Nana, Cyst		an amoeba found in intestine	viewed as harmless by the medical profession
PA2 47	Enterobius Vermicularis, Eggs	threadworm	often cause itching of the anus; may provoke appendicitis; lives in upper part of large intestine	the most common worm infection in U.K. ; children particularly affected
PA2 48	Fasciolopsis Buski, Eggs		chronic infections may lead to inflammation, ulceration, hemorrhage, and abscesses of the small intestine	found in S E Asia
PA2 49	Hymenolepis Nana / Vampirolepis Nana, Eggs	dwarf tapeworm	often no symptoms; headaches, dizziness, anorexia, abdominal pain, diarrhea	a particular problem in humans in areas of high population density and close contact, and where sanitary conditions are poor; most common tapeworm worldwide
PA2 50	Isospora, Oocysts		infection causes acute, non bloody diarrhea with crampy abdominal pain, which can last for weeks and result in malabsorption and weight loss	
PA2 51	Necator Americanus, Adult	new world hookworm	symptoms can include coughing and wheezing, but may be asymptomatic	common infection in the Americas, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Pacific
PA2 52	Necator Americanus, Infective Larvae	new world hookworm	symptoms can include coughing and wheezing, but may be asymptomatic	common infection in the Americas, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Pacific
PA2 53	Paragonimus Westermanii, Adult	oriental lung fluke	coughing, chest pains, fever, night sweats	most important lung fluke affecting humans, widespread in the Far East and SE Asia
PA2 54	Paragonimus Westermanii, Cercaria	oriental lung fluke	coughing, chest pains, fever, night sweats	most important lung fluke affecting humans, widespread in the Far East and SE Asia
PA2 55	Paragonimus Westermanii, Metacercaria	oriental lung fluke	coughing, chest pains, fever, night sweats	most important lung fluke affecting humans, widespread in the Far East and SE Asia

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PA2 56	Paragonimus Westermanii, Redia	oriental lung fluke	coughing, chest pains, fever, night sweats	most important lung fluke affecting humans, widespread in the Far East and SE Asia
PA2 57	Pulex Irritans, Adult	human flea		common flea
PA2 58	Sarcoptes Scabiei	itch mite, mange mite	scabies	
PA2 59	Schistosoma Haematobium, Eggs	blood fluke	urinary tract infection, bilharzia	found in Africa and Middle East
PA2 60	Schistosoma Haematobium, Female	blood fluke	urinary tract infection, bilharzia	found in Africa and Middle East
PA2 61	Schistosoma Japonicum, Eggs	blood fluke	fever, bloody diarrhoea, bilharzia	found in Far East, but eradicated in Japan
PA2 62	Schistosoma Japonicum, Male	blood fluke	fever, bloody diarrhoea, bilharzia	found in Far East, but eradicated in Japan
PA2 63	Schistosoma Mansoni, Male	blood fluke	bilharzia	found in Africa, parts of S. America, the Caribbean and Arabia
PA2 64	Strongyloides Parasitic, Female		often asymptomatic, but heavy infestation leads to bloody diarrhoea, anaemia and abdominal pain	tropical and subtropical countries, particularly South East Asia, Brazil and Columbia
PA2 65	Strongyloides, Larvae		often asymptomatic, but heavy infestation leads to bloody diarrhoea, anaemia and abdominal pain	tropical and subtropical countries, particularly South East Asia, Brazil and Columbia
PA2 66	Toxocara, Eggs	cat and dog roundworm	permanent partial loss of vision; heavier, or repeated can lead to fever, coughing, asthma, or pneumonia	spread from dogs and cats

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