Veterinary parasitology is the study of animal parasites, especially relationships between parasites and animal hosts. Parasites of domestic and wildlife animals are evaluated. Using a variety of diagnostic methods, veterinary parasitologists diagnose animal parasites.

The major goal of veterinary parasitology is to protect animals and improve their health. Veterinary parasitology is also important for public health because a number of animal parasites are transmitted to humans.

Common animal parasites include Hookworms, Roundworms, Tapeworms, Giardia, Coccidia, and Liver Flukes.

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Heartworms

Nematodirus (threadneck worm)