Eukaryotic Parasites

An Illustrated Guide to *Parsitic Life Cycles* to Accompany Lecture



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Taenia solium Life Cycle



Sylvatic and Domestic Life Cycles

Sylvatic: "of the forest". If something is referred to as sylvatic, then it occurs in the wild. The opposite of sylvatic is domestic. In discussions regarding parasites, sylvatic cycles often refer to the maintenance and relationships between a parasite and it's host(s) in nature through time. However, there are many instances where a parasite that is maintained in nature "slips" into our domestic affairs / concerns.



spiralis, the parasite is alive and well all around us in raccoons, rats, lynx, opossums, beavers, etc. etc. (the list is huge). And, 100 years ago, trichinosis was a major health issue with about 20% of the American population harboring cysts by old age. nivorous Migration from the sylvatic community into the domestic community was straight forward.

In the case of *Trichinella*

Federal Biosecurity and hygiene guidelines as well as general public awareness of the existence of this disease, has resulted in a huge decrease in incident rate. Most cases in the US now come from hunters who improperly prepare their wild meats.

