Human & Animal Diseases

The exchange of diseases between animals and us!



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Diseases of major concern

- Pigs
 - Leptospirosis
 - Trichinellosis
 - Escherichia coli
- Cats
 - Worms
 - Cat Bites
 - Ringworm

- Dogs
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 - *Rabies not yet here*
- Poultry
 - Salmonellosis

Leptospirosis

- Affects people!!!
- Lives in streams, lakes, rivers, and waters around island.
- Many types of Lepto.
- Rats, wild and farm pigs, dogs other animals, and people.
- Signs fever, depression, muscle pain.
- Often progresses to kidney damage.
- PREVENTION: VERY Important reason to keep animal waste runoff away from water sources/swimming areas.

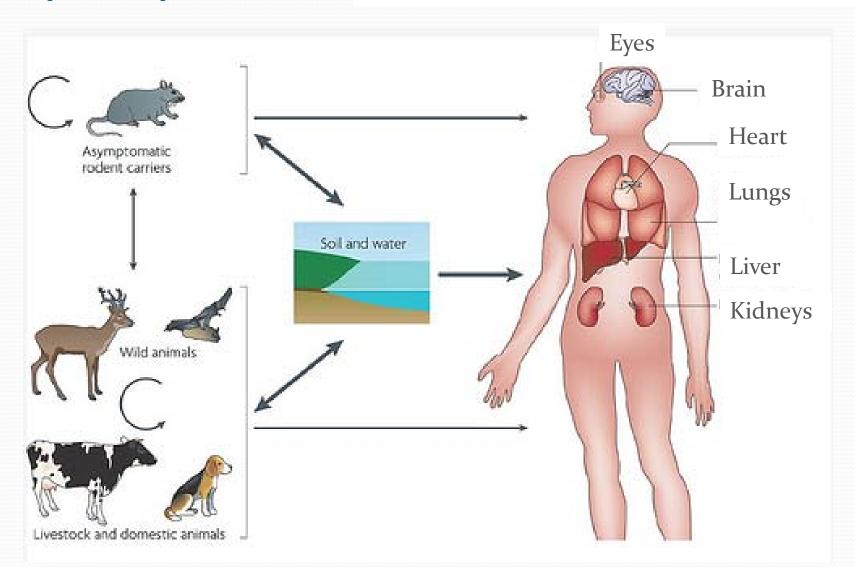






Leptospirosis

Can Cause Severe Problems and Inflammation of:



Leptospirosis

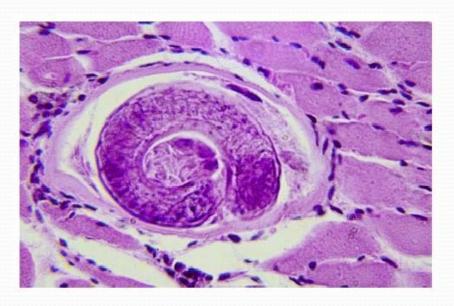


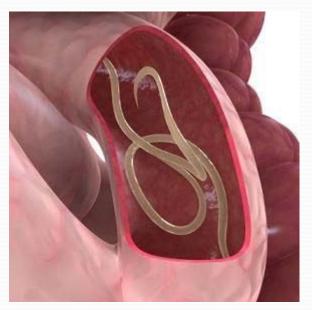
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Trichinosis

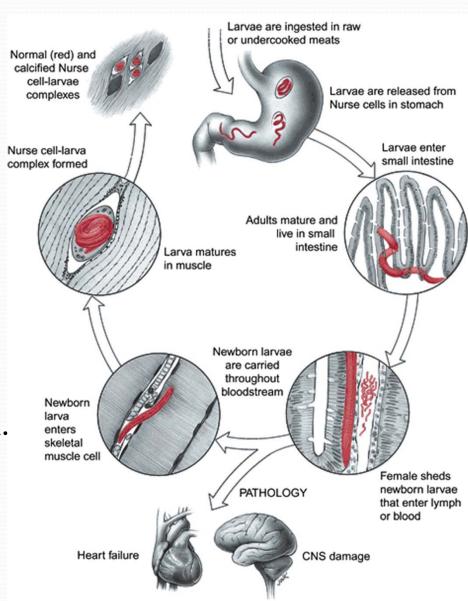
- Infection with the roundworm *Trichinella spiralis*.
- Caused by eating undercooked meat containing cysts of Trichinella.
- Can be found in pork, rat, dog and horse meat.





Trichinosis

- After you eat meat from an infected animal, *Trichinella* cysts break open in your intestines and grow into adult roundworms.
- Then invade muscle tissues, including the heart(they make new cysts in you!). They can also affect your lungs and brain.
- Causes stomach discomfort, cramping, diarrhea, swelling around the eyes, fever, and muscle pain.



Trichinosis

- PREVENTION: Meat should be cooked until well done (no traces of pink). If taking pork home after gathering recook until completely cooked!
- Freezing for 3 to 4 weeks will kill the organism.
- Smoking, salting, or drying meat are <u>not</u> reliable methods of killing the Trichinella cysts.





Dog and Cat Bites

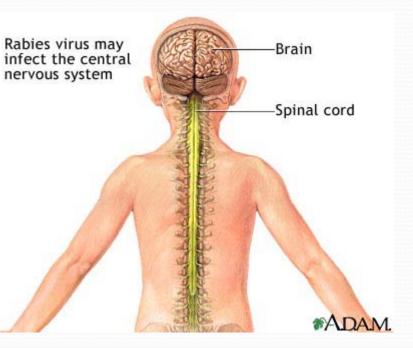
- Animal bites are the most common zoonosis!
- Up to 4.7 million animal bites occur each year.
- 50% of people will be bitten by a dog or cat during their lifetime.
- Annual cost of approximately \$100-165 million dollars in health care expenses and lost income.
- Children are the most frequent victims of dog bites, with 5-9 year-old boys having the highest incidence.



- Often bitten by dog in family or close friends' house!!
- 80% of deaths from bites were among kids <11 years of age.
- PREVENTION: Keep dogs on property.
- Don't keep dogs that show aggression.
- Control dogs esp. when children are around.

Rabies

- Not here keep it that way!
- Almost all persons infected by rabid animals will die if not treated.
- Most often due to dog bites.
- An estimated number of 55,000 persons, mainly children, die of this disease in the world every year.
- PREVENTION: Be VERY
 careful with animals brought
 into country <u>follow</u>
 <u>quarantine and testing!!!</u>





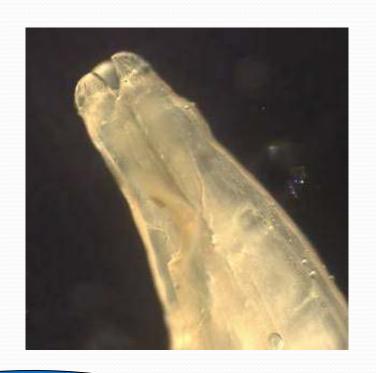
Ringworm

- Fungus called Tinea
- Body, scalp, groin area (jock itch), or feet (athlete's foot).
- It can be passed from one person to the next and can also catch ringworm from pets (esp. cats) that carry the fungus.
- PREVENTION: Watch for signs on other people and animals and wash hands after touching/handling.



Hookworms & Roundworms







They are like monsters!!!!

Hookworms & Roundworms

- Carried by dogs and cats.
- Kids often get infected from playing in area where animals have defecated.
- Or by putting toys in their mouth after being on the ground.
- PREVENTION: Clean up after pets. Wash hands often.



Hookworms



- Passed in feces....
- Can penetrate the skin and gain entry into the human body
- Bare feet are a common route of entry

PREVENTION: Wearing shoes is one of the best ways to prevent parasites from entering your feet!!!



Also - pick up after pets.

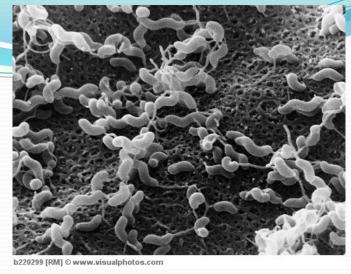
When food can be source of problem!



- Most foodborne illness cases go unreported to health departments, nearly 13.8 million food poisoning cases are reported!
- PREVENTION: Keep raw meat separate from readyto-eat foods.
- Cook all meats all of the way!!
- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly.

Campylobacter

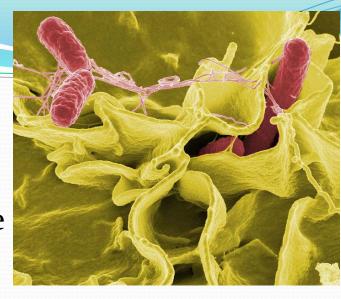
- Most common cause of bacterial foodborne illness in the United States.
- Poultry is the most common food implicated.
- Others include undercooked meats, cheese, pork, shellfish, and eggs.
- Happens every now and then.

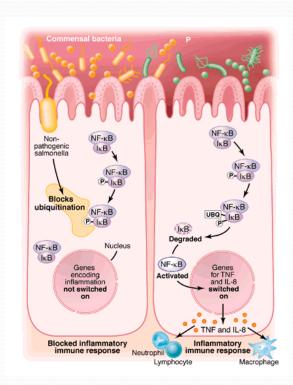


- Pets can also carry this disease.
- Starts <u>2-5 days after</u> ingesting bacteria
- Diarrhea (sometimes bloody) lasts about a week.
 - Also fever, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, and muscle pain.
- PREVENTION: Adequately cook all poultry products.

Salmonella

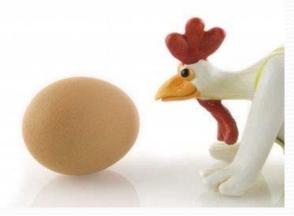
- Second most common bacterial foodborne illness. Closely related to *E. coli*.
- Sudden onset of nausea, abdominal cramping, and bloody diarrhea (can have mucous).
- Usually occurs within 6 to 72 hours after the ingestion (faster onset); stops within a week.
- Undercooked eggs, raw milk, contaminated water, meat products, and poultry.
- Found in feces of many animals.
- During slaughter, feces can get on meat...
- PREVENTION: Keep meat clean during slaughter and cook meats all of the way.

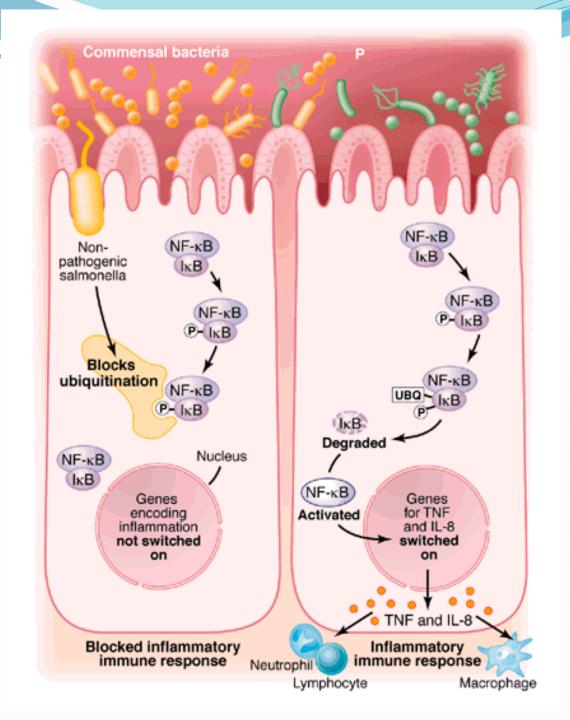




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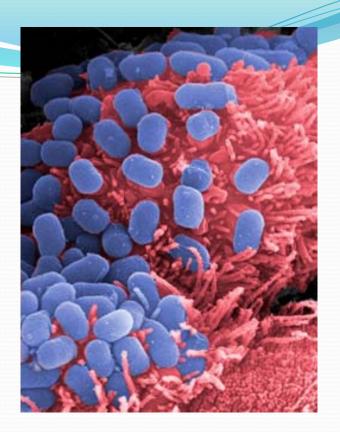






E. coli

- Part of the normal gut 'bugs' in most animals.
- Certain types cause more sickness than others. O157:H7 is not common.
- Sickness starts from 2-10 days after ingestion and lasts about a week.
- Causes diarrhea (can be bloody), general sickness.
- Found in undercooked meat esp. beef, some pork & chicken.
- PREVENTION: Keep meat clean during slaughter and cook meats all of the way.





When food can be source of problem! PREVENTION IS KEY!



Thank you for sharing time with us!





