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Cystic echinococcosis

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Hydatidosis or cyst hydatid disease is a cosmopolitan larval cestodosis caused principally by the *Echinococcus granulosus* tapeworm, the adult form of which parasitises the intestine of dogs. Hydatidosis generally affects large domestic herbivores; humans are dead-end hosts, infected through contact with herding dogs or through ingestion of food contaminated with canine excrement.