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Echinococcus granulosus

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A species of cyclophyllid tapeworms in the family Taeniidae. The lifecycle for *E. granulosus* involves ungulates as the intermediate host and canids as the definitive host. Infestation causes cystic echinococcosis. Humans are not a natural host of the parasite, but in very rare cases can be infected by ingesting eggs from canid feces.