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Toxocara canis

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A species of parasitic nematodes in the genus *Toxocara* where canids are the definitive host. Human infection occurs through the accidental ingestion of infective larvae in the tissues of other terrestrial mammals, which serve as paratenic hosts. *Toxocara canis* is the most common cause of toxocariasis in humans.