



Tapeworm Lifecycle

Diploid cycle Prepatent period: 14-21 days



The tapeworm attaches to the intestinal wall of the dog and takes nutrients consumed by the dog.

Hydatid disease (also known as hydatidosis or echinococcosis) is caused by a tapeworm which infects dogs, dingoes and foxes. At its intermediate stage, it forms cysts in the internal organs, especially livers and lungs, of a number of animals, including humans. In humans, the disease is so serious that it requires surgery for treatment.

The tapeworm usually does not kill the host, but does cause significant damage while it gains food and protection from the host.