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WebTable 1. Partial list of parasites identified in archaeological and paleontological animal coprolites

Parasite	Host	Time period	Technique used to identify parasite	Source
Eggs: Cestoda Possible developing larva: Cestoda	Shark	~270 million years BP	Thin sectioning, optic microscopy	Dentzien-Dias <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Cysts: <i>Entamoebites antiquus</i> Eggs: <i>Digenites proterus</i> (Trematoda), <i>Ascarites priscus</i> , <i>Ascarites gerus</i> (Nematoda)	Dinosaurian, possibly <i>Megalosaurus dunkeri</i>	Early Cretaceous	Carbonate removal; rehydration; centrifugation; removal of silicates, clay, and quartz; optical microscopy (Nikon Optiphot)	Poinar and Boucot (2006)
Eggs: <i>Toxocara</i> sp	Likely <i>Pachycrocuta brevirostris</i>	1.2 million years BP	Thin sectioning, petrographic microscopy under PPL and XPL	Perri <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Eggs: <i>Macrocanthorhynchus hirudinaceus</i>	Canine	4th–5th century CE	Rehydration, light microscopy	Mowlavi <i>et al.</i> (2015)
Eggs: Anoplocephalid cestode, nematode, dioctophymatid	Tentative canid	6540 ± 110 years BP	Rehydration, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Fugassa <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Eggs: Anoplocephalid, possibly <i>Monoecocestus</i> or <i>Andrya</i>	<i>Lagidium viscacia</i>	Holocene and Late Holocene, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Beltrame <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Eggs: <i>Trichurus</i> sp	Cervidae, likely <i>Mazama</i> or <i>Ozotoceros</i>	1040 ± 50 years BP	Rehydration, optical microscopy	Sianto <i>et al.</i> (2012)
Eggs: <i>Diphyllobothrium</i> sp (Cestoda), <i>Toxocara canis</i> (Nematoda), <i>Trichuris vulpis</i> (Nematoda), <i>Spirocera lupi</i> (Nematoda)	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	700–1476 CE	Partial necropsy of mummified remains, rehydration, compound microscopy	Richardson <i>et al.</i> (2012)
Eggs: <i>Trichurus</i> sp (Nematoda), <i>Heteroxynema viscaciae</i> (Nematoda), <i>Helminthoxys</i> sp (Nematode), unidentified nematode	<i>Lagidium viscacia</i>	9240 ± 130 years BP to 2540 ± 80 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Beltrame <i>et al.</i> (2016b)
Eggs: Dicrocoelidae	Tentative ursid	>550,000 years BP	Rehydration, filtration, sedimentation, flotation	Jouy-Avantin <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Egg: nematode of the pinworm family Heteroxynematidae, ascarid-like	Cynodont	Upper Triassic (ca 240 million years ago)	Sampled from exterior and interior, optical microscopy	Hugot <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Eggs: Digenean, <i>Metastrongylus</i> sp, strongylid- type, <i>Nematodirus</i> sp, <i>Trichuris</i> sp, <i>Dioctophyma</i> sp	<i>Pudu puda</i> and/or <i>Hippocamelus bisulcus</i>	2370 ± 70 to 990 ± 60 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy (Zeiss Primo Star)	Beltrame <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Oocysts: coccidian, <i>Eimeria</i> sp, <i>Isopara</i> sp				
Eggs and larvae: <i>Strongyloides ferreirai</i>	<i>Kerodon rupestris</i>	8000–2000 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C and relative dating	Rehydration	Araújo <i>et al.</i> (1989)

Eggs: two helminth eggs, one identified as <i>Ascarites rufferi</i>	Herbivorous cynodont	~240 million years BP	Stereomicroscopy, sampled from exterior and interior, demineralization bright field microscopy	Da Silva <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Eggs: similar to eggs of tapeworm ring, oxyurid, and ascarid	Dog	Beginning of the 1st millennium BCE, Early Iron Age	Rehydration, 20 and 40 magnifying phase-contrast microscopy (Nikon)	Toker <i>et al.</i> (2005)
Eggs: Anoplocephalidae (Cestoda), <i>Pterygodermatites</i> (Nematoda), <i>Monoecocestus</i> sp (Cestoda)  Larva: likely <i>Trichosomoides crassicauda</i>	Rodents	212 ± 35 years BP	Rehydration, incubation, observed at 40× magnification	Sardella and Fugassa (2009a)
Pollen: cryptic root-parasite <i>Dactylanthus taylorii</i>	Kakapo ( <i>Strigops habroptilus</i> )	933–800 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Sampling from interior, acetolysis, microscopy	Wood <i>et al.</i> (2012)
Eggs: <i>Heteroxyinema (Cavioxyura) viscaciae</i> (Nematoda), <i>Viscachataenia quadrata</i> (Cestoda), <i>Monoecocestus</i> sp (Cestoda)	Tentatively <i>Lagidium viscacia</i>	13,844 ± 75 to 1416 ± 37 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Beltrame <i>et al.</i> (2012)
Egg: <i>Trichuris</i> sp (Nematoda), tentative <i>Paraspidodera uncinata</i> , (Nematoda), <i>Eucoleus</i> sp (Nematoda)	Tuco-tuco ( <i>Ctenomys</i> spp)	7920 ± 130 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Sardella and Fugassa (2009b)
Eggs: <i>Dicrocoelium dendriticum</i> , <i>Capillaria</i> sp, taeniid, similar to Anoplocephalidae, similar to <i>Toxocara</i> spp	Sheep and carnivore	3200–1800 BCE, Bronze Age	Rehydration, light microscopy	Makki <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Eggs: <i>Spirometra</i> spp, <i>Toxocara cati</i> , <i>Spirurida</i> , <i>Onicola</i> sp, oxyurid, <i>Calodium</i> cf <i>hepaticum</i> , <i>Trichuris</i> cf <i>muris</i> , <i>Trichuris</i> sp, other Trichuridae  Larvae: Nematode	Feline and prey of felines	9150 ± 60 to 410 ± 40 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous settling, optical microscopy	Sianto <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Eggs: <i>Trichuris</i>	<i>Kerodon rupestris</i>	30,000–8450 years BP	Rehydration, spontaneous sedimentation	Ferreira <i>et al.</i> (1991)
Eggs: <i>Trichuris</i> sp, <i>Calodium</i> sp, <i>Eucoleus</i> sp, <i>Echinocoleus</i> sp, unidentified capillariid, <i>Monoecocestus</i>	Rodents	6700 ± 70, 4900 ± 70, and 3440 ± 70 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, photographed under magnification	Sardella <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Eggs: <i>Lamanema chavezii</i> or <i>Nematodirus lamae</i> , unidentified capillariids, <i>Strongylus</i> -type  Oocysts: <i>Eimeria macusaniensis</i>	Camelids	9640 ± 190 to 3920 ± 80 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, spontaneous sedimentation, microscopy	Taglioretti <i>et al.</i> (2015)
Eggs: <i>Gigantorhynchus echinodiscus</i>	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i> or <i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	2955 BCE to 625 CE, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, spontaneous sedimentation	Ferreira <i>et al.</i> (1989)

Eggs: similar to Heterakoidea spp, undetermined Nematoda, likely Trichinellidae (cf <i>Capillaria</i> )  DNA: <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , Eimeriorina, Heterakoidea, Trichostrongylidae, Echinostomida	South Island giant moa ( <i>Dinornis robustus</i> ), little bush moa ( <i>Anomalopteryx didiformis</i> ), heavy-footed moa ( <i>Pachyornis elephantopus</i> ), upland moa ( <i>Megalapteryx didinus</i> )	Holocene, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Microscopy, aDNA	Wood <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Larvae: nematode	Hyaenidae	Lower and Middle Pleistocene, 1.5 million–30,000 years BP	Disaggregation, spontaneous sedimentation	Ferreira <i>et al.</i> (1993)
Egg: <i>Trichuris</i> , likely <i>Monoecocestus</i> , <i>Oesophagostomum</i> , <i>Calodium</i> (likely <i>Calodium hepaticum</i> ), <i>Nematodirus</i>  Oocyst: likely <i>Eimeria macusaniensis</i>	Feline, coprolite morphology similar to <i>Puma concolor</i>	6540 ± 110 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, microscopy	Fugassa <i>et al.</i> (2009)
Sinusoidal trails: nematodes  Possible body fossil: nematode	Vertebrate: possible durophagous sauropterygian reptile, possible Actinopterygian fish <i>Colobodus</i> , possible nothosaurid	Lower Triassic	Washing, binocular microscopy (MZS 200 T), thin sectioning	Brachaniec <i>et al.</i> (2015)
Egg: <i>Trichuris vulpis</i> , unidentified egg	Domestic dogs	1230 ± 40 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, formalin/acetic preservation, spontaneous sedimentation, microscopy	Fugassa <i>et al.</i> (2011)
Eggs: <i>Syphacia</i> sp, <i>Trichosomoides crassicauda</i> , <i>Trichuris</i> sp	Rodent	565 CE, Sassanid Era	Rehydration, formaldehyde fungi inhibition, light microscopy	Mowlavi <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Eggs: two unidentified helminth species  Juveniles: <i>Agamofiliaria oxyura</i> , <i>Strongyloides shastensis</i>  Oocysts: <i>Archeococcidia</i> , <i>Archeococcidia antiquus</i>	Shasta ground sloth ( <i>Nothrotheriops shastensis</i> )	One dung ball dated to 10,500 ± 180 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Breaking, rehydration, filtration, wet mounting or flotation, microscopy (Zeiss Universal Photomicroscope with bright-field and Nomarski-interference objectives)	Schmidt <i>et al.</i> (1992)
Eggs: <i>Physaloptera</i> sp, <i>Uncinaria</i> sp, <i>Prostenorchis</i> sp, <i>Paragonimus</i> sp, <i>Ancylostoma</i> (probably <i>Ancylostoma conepati</i> ), <i>Eucoleus</i> (probably <i>Eucoleus aerophilus</i> ), <i>Trichostrongylus</i> (probably <i>Trichostrongylus colubriformis</i> ), Ascarididae, <i>Monoecocestus</i> sp	Carnivora, similar in morphology, diet, and measurements to hog-nosed skunk ( <i>Conepatus shinga</i> ) and <i>Lycalopex griseus</i>	1980 ± 80 to 1740 ± 60 years BP, <sup>14</sup> C dating	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Beltrame <i>et al.</i> (2016a)
Eggs: <i>Heteroxyinema</i> sp, <i>Trichuris</i> sp	Caviomorpha, species unknown	10,620 ± 40 to 9390 ± 40 years BP	Rehydration, homogenization, spontaneous sedimentation, light microscopy	Sardella and Fugassa (2011)

**Notes:** BP = before present; CE = common era; BCE = before common era.

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