

## **Subject: Action Alert! Wolf Tapeworm Epidemic**

You must make every effort to attend this coming **Saturday's meeting at the Challis Middle School at 3:00 pm** regarding a greater looming danger the introduction of wolves has wrought upon our communities. You know they are an efficient and effective predator having drastically reduced the number of elk, endangered your safety and have killed many of your pets but now and even more menacing twist to pending environmental disaster brought to you by your foolish, inept and dangerous eco-friendly useful idiots. **62% of Idaho wolves carry a deadly tapeworm** that is spreading throughout our region. The tapeworm is spread by wolf feces and is being ingested by all herbivores who graze upon the land. This includes deer, elk and cattle, the mainstay of our hunting and ranching economy. The infected dead spread the tapeworm to carnivores like your dog who may eat upon the carcass. The infection can end up in your gut and it can be fatal!

This alarming consequence of the wolf introduction has been kept from the public at large until now. Please come to the meeting and find out for yourself what the tapeworm introduction means for you and your livelihood, find out what is being done to protect your health and hear from experts what you can do to protect yourself and your livestock. **Clay Dethlefsen, President and Executive Director of the Western Predator Control Association** will address the issues and your concerns.

Please read the article below for more information. Contact your neighbors, friends and county health and regulating officials who need to know and understand the situation. We are at a point where this tape worm introduction could rapidly become a widespread health emergency. **EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS. EVERYONE IS INVITED. TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW.**

Please come find out if the government has covered this up. Find out what we can do about it!

## **“Predator Diseases and Impacts on Outdoorsmen and Outdoor Recreational Activities”**

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In the last 15 years use of our outdoor environment has been severely impacted by the overwhelming expansion of predators, specifically Canis Lupus, the Gray Wolf. Our Northwestern area of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming has witnessed the increase of this predator from less than one hundred wolves to a population that as of December 31, 2009 was a minimum of 2,000 Wolves in 303 active packs. But, based on interviews with Fish Wildlife and Parks and Wildlife Service's Scientists, Directors and Legal Authorities, the totals are more probably nearer 4,000 animals and 600 active packs.

The impact of this Gray Wolf Population is not just limited to the ecologically rebalancing of our environment or to the killing of thousands of big game animals or the taking, “Without Due Process” of hundreds of our cattle, sheep and domestic animals. It has now risen to the “Status of Pollutant” as it

now is infecting of our environment with a World Renown Public Health, Safety and Economic Problem, which is medically referred to as the A-typical Tape Worm, ECHINOCOCCUS GRANULOSUS.

As the Gray Wolf population has grown this Disease has become so well established that over 63% of the Gray Wolf Population has become infected. These infected Predators have conservatively injected an estimated 2.8 million infected Wolf droppings on our landscape. The question then is: "What does that mean to humans, our domestic pets, our Livestock Industry and our Big Game harvesting?" Very simply this means we cannot go about business "as usual."

With our hunting seasons open, the most pressing need is to educate those of us that will be venturing out for birds, big game and other pursuits, so that we can recognize how things have changed, are changing, and what cautions we need to take. Our initial needs are to understand how the Tape Worm develops, re-acknowledge that its life cycle is firmly established in our environment, and that the Echinococcus Diseases are "ADDRESSED TO WHOM OR WHAT THEY MAY CONCERN."

The Life Cycle's short version: the Wolf excretes on the ground Tape Worm Eggs by its Scat. The Eggs adhere to vegetation, animal's hoofs, paws, fur, muzzles, anus hair, etc., and enter our rural and urban zones, specifically our pastures; grazing, hunting and riparian areas; and our creeks, streams and rivers. From these sources the eggs are ingested through contact, consumption, and/or inhalation into Grazing Animals and often man. The Eggs then migrate into these hosts' vital organs and evolve into Hydatid Cysts [larval stage], which are then consumed by Wolves as they eat their Prey i.e. Game, Livestock and Domestic animals. Thus, the life cycle is complete.

During the 14 years "Post Canis Lupus Introduction" our environment has been increasingly inundated with infected Wolves' Scat. This means that thousands of Granulosus Eggs, that live from hours to years have been scattered all over. The stability of the Life Cycle readily confirms that hundreds of our big game animals and, as likely as not, other grazing animals have ingested this Zoonotic [able to be transmitted to Man] infection. All of this presents us with an existing; government created and condoned; reality that dictates prudent action and the taking of precautions that in 1994 were not required.

Hence, if you see Wolf Scat "Leave It Be," even kicking it can cause aerosol ingestion. Watch where you walk and don't step accidentally on Scat. Avoid contact with vegetation in scat sighted areas. Don't drink water directly from creeks or streams. Look before you sit, remove your outer garments and clean/cover/bag your exposed clothes and boots before you get into your vehicle or enter your home. If your pet accompanies you don't touch it without hand coverings such as surgical gloves. Don't bring any environmentally exposed item or covering to you face and don't eat without thoroughly sanitizing. Clean/cover your pets before you let them inside your auto and don't let them into your house until they are sanitized. After your trip, thoroughly clean your vehicles and equipment, as well as yourselves.

If you are fortunate enough to take game remember to think and apply "Universal Precautions." Don't field dress it without using surgical type gloves [for big game those gloves that cover your arms to the shoulders are best], and use a nose and mouth covering. For big game it is suggested that you put on removable protective and preferably disposable clothing that is specifically carried for field dressing, and use a face mask that at least covers your nose and mouth. Remember, that even when capeing and boning big game with observable Hydatid Cyst you still have to avoid contact with Hydatid Cyst Fluid, especially if the shot penetrated an infected vital organ. Also, remember the game you are dressing can have Eggs embedded in its cape, so after removing the cape turn it inside out and place it in a plastic bag large enough to create an air seal

After field dressing an infected animal, do not leave the "Gut Pile" laying on the ground. It will only contribute to expanding the Tape Worm's Life Cycle. Instead treat it as a "Biological Hazard" and air-seal bag it and dispose of it properly. Too, if you have taken game in a Gray Wolf area and are delivering it to a taxidermist, game processing locker or a packing plant alert their personnel as appropriate for their protection.

If you take game birds in Wolf areas, place them in separate sealable bags and air seal them with a zip or other tie before depositing them in your hunting vest. Always remove bulky outer garments, possibly place them in a plastic bag, and set them away from where you are dressing game, particularly big game. Avoid direct contact with feathers when cleaning game birds.

If, when you are field dressing your big game, you see in the vital organs whitish or reddish balloon shapes; DON'T PUNCTURE THEM! They may very well be Hydatid Cyst, which according to Dr. Shauna O'Meara, May 2010, can, by transmission of its fluid, cause the development of Hydatid Cysts in humans.

Lastly, always carry with you a first aid kit that contains, large septic cleansing cloths, sterile water for washing, surgical disinfectant, dry wipes for use after sterilizing, and the normal other items in full supply. Old kits that are half stocked are nearly useless.

For more complete and specific information or for a complete series of educational classes contact the WPCA at 406-363-1653.

Note: Field dressing kits, inventory permitting, are usually available from the WPCA and donations for our educational, research and political presentation programs are always appreciated, and they are taxdeductible.