

# SHEEP MEASLES INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS



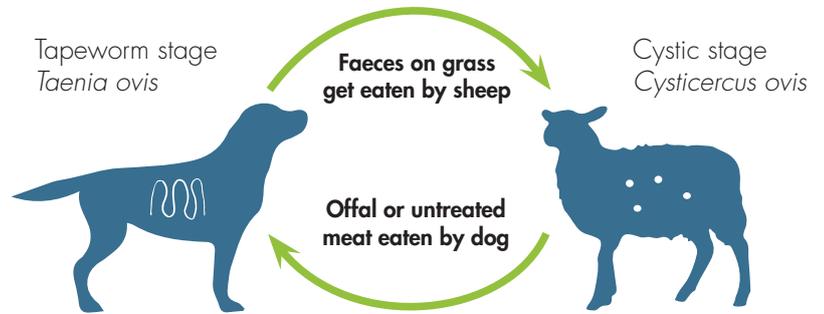
“ Sheep Measles poses no risk to human health but it does cause blemishes in sheep meat which are undesirable for consumers both at home, and most certainly for the export market. ”

## SHEEP MEASLES: THE ISSUE

Sheep Measles (*Cysticercus ovis*) are small cysts found in the muscle tissue of infected sheep (and goats).

Cyst identification means downgrading or condemning of lamb or sheep carcasses.

The Farmers are financially disadvantaged if stray dogs get onto their farms and pass this on. So please do your bit to support them, and protect their livelihood, but also the reputation of New Zealand.



## THE ROLE OF DOG OWNERS

As a dog owner you can play a key role in reducing the spread of sheep measles by:

- 1. Freezing or cooking all sheep or goat meat before feeding to dogs.**
  - Freeze all sheep or goat meat at -10°C or colder for 10 days before feeding to dogs
  - Cook meat by heating to core temperature of 72°C or greater
  - Do not feed untreated scraps of meat to dogs
- 2. Controlling dogs**
  - Dogs should be under control at all times when not under supervision
  - Do not let your dogs go onto or enter sheep pasture without permission from the landowner
- 3. Treating dogs to remove infection**
  - Dogs should be dosed to remove any infection on a regular basis
  - Monthly dosing provides best control option
  - Any new dogs should be dosed 48 hours before going on or near sheep pasture



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