

OCCURRENCE AND IDENTIFICATION OF *UNCINARIA* (FROHLISH, 1789) (NEMATODA : ANCYLOSTOMIDAE) PARASITES IN STRAY CATS (*FELIS CATUS*) FROM RIO DE JANEIRO - BRAZIL.

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SUMMARY: At the examination of 30 fecal samples from Rio de Janeiro stray cats, were found two positive animals for eggs of Genus *Uncinaria*, in mixed infections with *Ancylostoma braziliensis*, *Toxocara* sp, *Cystoisospora felis* e *Cystoisospora rivolta*. Both cats were necropsied and adults of *Uncinaria* sp. were found. Such finding is important since *Uncinaria* eggs are easily confounded with the ones of other ancylostomides, and has a higher prevalence in temperate and arctic areas. The first occurrence of *Uncinaria* in cats from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is reported.

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