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Poultry plays a vital role in human nutrition, economic development, and scientific research. However, the poultry industry in the Philippines is increasingly affected by gastrointestinal nematodes (GIN), which compromise bird health and productivity. This study investigated the prevalence, intensity, and common genera of GIN infections in free-range chickens at Braveheart Farms and Nursery in Barangay Paco, Kidapawan City, Cotabato. A total of 103 chicken feces were examined through modified McMaster technique from February to March, 2025. A statistically significant association ($p<0.001$) was observed between sex and prevalence of GIN, where 9 out of 23 of male chickens (39.13%) tested positive compared to female chickens with 1 out of 80 (1.25%). The overall prevalence of GIN infection was 9.71%, with *Capillaria* spp. (5.83%) being the most prevalent, followed by *Ascaridia galli* and *Heterakis gallinarum* (both 1.94%). Male chickens also showed higher mean egg per gram (EPG) count of 633.33 indicating a moderate infection, whereas females had a mean EPG of 50, which falls within the light infection category. The findings

suggest a sex-related susceptibility to GIN, likely influenced by behavioral and hormonal factors. These results underscore the necessity for targeted parasite control strategies, particularly for male chickens in free-range systems, and support the implementation of improved farm management practices, regular monitoring, and further research into sex-based immunity and environmental risk factors.

Keywords: Epidemiology, free-range chickens, gastrointestinal nematodes (GIN), mcMaster technique, prevalence

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Gastrointestinal helminths are among the most prevalent parasites that lead to health problems in dogs globally, including in the Philippines. This study aimed to identify the common gastro-intestinal helminths affecting dogs in Barangay Kilada, Matalam, Cotabato based on their age and sex and the number of infected dogs. The study was conducted in Barangay Kilada, Matalam, Cotabato. A total of 100 dog fecal samples were gathered. These samples were examined using the fecal flotation technique at the Veterinary Parasitology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Southern Mindanao, in Kabacan. The most common parasite identified was *Ancylostoma* spp.; while *Trichuris vulpis* and *Toxocara canis* were also observed. The life cycle of common gastrointestinal helminths in dogs involves the shedding of eggs in feces, development of larvae in the environment, infection through ingestion or skin penetration, larval migration through body tissues, and maturation into adult worms in the intestines, where they

reproduce and continue the cycle. In light of these results, the researcher recommends that homeowners implement preventive measures such as regular deworming and routine veterinary check-ups. Proper environmental management and observance of preventive protocols are crucial in reducing the risk of helminth infections and promoting better overall health of the dogs.

Keywords: Dogs, fecal samples, flotation technique, gastro-intestinal helminths.

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The Nile tilapia stands out as one of the freshwater fish species in the Philippines from a commercial perspective. The presence of parasites poses a risk to the aquaculture industry. Public markets selling freshwater fish harboring endoparasites could potentially endanger consumers by exposing them to contaminated fish products. This study was conducted to determine the endoparasites of Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) sold in different markets in the barangays of Midsayap, Cotabato. Specifically, it aimed to determine the presence of endoparasites affecting the tilapia sold in different markets; identify the endoparasites of tilapia; and determine the endoparasites present in kidney, liver, stomach and intestines of tilapia. A total of 100 Nile tilapia sold in different markets in the barangays of Midsayap were used in the study, where 20 tilapia were collected from each of the five different market sources, namely Barangays of Sadaan, Upper Glad 1, Villarica, Central Katingawan and Bagumba. Each fish was dissected to access its internal organs to determine the presence of internal parasites. Results reveal that

only 6% of the total samples were infected with nematodes, 4% for the *Contracaecum* eggs and 2% for the *Contracaecum* larvae. The positive samples were found in Sadaan and Upper Glad 1 while fish from the rest of the barangays tested negative. The parasites were only found in the stomach (4%) and in the intestine (2%). The presence of parasite eggs in the digestive tract may be due to incidental ingestion rather than actual infection. The relatively low prevalence of parasites suggests that there is good management of tilapia aquaculture and limited availability of intermediate hosts in the primary source of tilapia.

Keywords: Endoparasites, Examination, Internal organs, Markets, Nile tilapia, Prevalence

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Muscovy ducks *(Cairina moschata)* are one of the most popular duck-farming species due to their large size, high meat quality, and significant economic value to both small-scale farmers and major companies. The study was conducted to determine the carcass quality of Muscovy duck supplemented with ginger decoction. One hundred (100) 90-day-old healthy Muscovy ducks were used as experimental animals randomly distributed into five (5) treatments. Treatments 1, 2, and 3 were administered with one (1) liter of water added with ginger decoction at varying doses: 300 ml, 350 ml, and 400 ml, respectively. Treatments 4 and 5 served as the positive control (commercial vitamins) and negative control (plain water). The breast part of the duck was collected at approximately four months of age, with four ducks per treatment randomly selected, slaughtered, and subjected to a meat quality test. The results revealed that supplementing Muscovy duck with ginger decoction improved the quality of meat in terms of texture, color, odor, tenderness and taste. Among the treatments tested, the highest concentration of ginger decoction (400 ml per 1

L of water) consistently yielded the best results for both fresh and grilled carcasses. At the same time, the lower concentrations are the commercial vitamin-electrolyte supplements (positive control) and plain water (negative control). The findings suggest that increasing the concentration of ginger decoction enhances these quality attributes, with a dosage of 400 ml per liter being the most effective.

Keywords: Carcass quality, concentration, ginger decoction, muscovy duck, slaughtered

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Coccidiosis is a protozoan infection that affects goats' health, growth, and reproduction. This study aimed to determine the prevalence of coccidiosis in goats based on age, sex, and rearing practices in Barangay Dagupan, Kabacan, Cotabato. The study was conducted from September to October 2024 at the Parasitology Laboratory, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Southern Mindanao. A total of 150 goats were examined using the Simple Salt Flotation Technique; where 90 goats (60%) tested positive for coccidiosis. Prevalence by age showed 0–5 months: 18.67%, >5–12 months: 20.67%, and >12 months: 20.67%. However, age showed no significant association with infection (χ^2 = 0.535; p = 0.765). Male goats had a higher infection rate (32%) than females (28%), with a significant relationship observed between sex and infections (χ^2 = 4.87; p = 0.027). Regarding rearing systems, semi-confined goats had the highest prevalence (20%), followed by free-range (18.67%), tethered (12%), and confined (9.33%). A highly significant association was found between rearing type and infection rate (χ^2 = 12.3; p = 0.006). The study highlights the

importance of management practices and sex in the occurrence of coccidiosis. Effective control measures and improved goat-rearing systems are recommended to reduce the diseases impact in the area.

Keywords: Coccidiosis, goats, prevalence, Simple Salt Flotation Technique

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Abattoir can be a valuable source of information on the occurrence of animal diseases, and even those without clinical signs can be identified. This study aimed to determine the carcass/organ condemnation in slaughtered cattle and carabaos at Kabacan Abattoir. Specifically, the study aimed to determine the percentage of cattle and carabaos slaughtered according to species, carcass/organ condemned, and the causes of carcass and organ condemnation. Primary data were obtained from actual meat inspection conducted at the slaughterhouse from September 2023 to December 2023. All carcass/organ condemnation records from January 2020 to August 2023 in cattle and carabaos at the Kabacan Municipal Agriculturist Office were taken as secondary data. According to species, cattle slaughtered totalled 9,352 (88.70%) and 1,191 (11.30%) carabaos from 2020 to 2023 and 2,630 (90.80%) in 2023. For carabaos, 323 (15.20%) were slaughtered in 2020, 351 (14.10%) in 2021, 250 (8.25%) in 2022, and 267 (9.22%) in 2023.

In 2022, more cattle were slaughtered indicating an overall increase in the number of cattle slaughtered. No condemnation was recorded in any of the organs particularly the liver, lungs and kidney of cattle and carabaos slaughtered and inspected from 2020 to 2023. All organs examined did not show any visible lesion that would warrant condemnation. Thus, all carcass/organs were marked as passed for consumption. The study concludes that the number of slaughtered cattle and carabaos varies according to species and year of slaughter. No organs/carcass were condemned in cattle and carabaos slaughtered at Kabacan Abattoir from 2020 to 2023. All inspected carcass/organ of slaughtered cattle and carabaos during the duration of the study passed the inspection and were considered safe for public consumption.

Keywords: Abattoir, Carcass, Condemnation, Organ, Slaughtered

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Successful swine production requires good water quality. The importance of water in addressing challenges related to swine are vital for optimal production outcomes in animal health, welfare and standards. Water is essential to sustain life. It is one of the most essential compounds for physiological processes of cells, tissues and organs. However, the presence of *Escherichia coli* in water sources can lead to gastrointestinal infection and reduced growth rates, affecting overall production efficiency and economic viability and causing financial losses. The study aimed to determine the presence of *E. coli* fecal contaminants and the most probable number of fecal coliform from different water sources used for swine production in Carmen, Cotabato. The study was conducted in Carmen, Cotabato in December 2024 and at the College of Science and Mathematics, Biology, Water Laboratory, USM, Kabacan, Cotabato. A total of 30 water samples from tap and deep well water sources were collected and examined using Multiple Tube Fermentation Technique. Tap water exhibited a higher level of fecal coliform contamination,

resulting in ≥46.3 Mean MPN/100 mL of samples, with 100% of the samples testing positive for fecal coliforms and 40% of the deep well water samples (DWW 2 and DWW 3), testing positive, resulting in ≥32.0 Mean MPN/100 mL of samples, and 60% of deep well water samples (DWW 1, DWW 4 and DWW 5) were negative. It is concluded that the all tap water supply and 40% of deep well water in barangays Tondo and Tacupan, Carmen, Cotabato are not safe for consumption for pigs since they had been found to be contaminated with *E. coli* bacteria. It is recommended that tap water and deep-well water in the affected farms should not be used for drinking, or food preparation unless properly treated.

Keywords: *Escherichia coli*, Multiple Tube Fermentation Technique, swine, water

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Cattle play a vital role in the agricultural economy and rural livelihoods, serving as a key source of meat, milk, draft power, and income for millions of farmers worldwide. Gastrointestinal nematodes (GINs) are among the most significant parasitic threats to cattle worldwide, causing substantial economic losses due to reduced productivity, poor weight gain, decreased milk yield, and increased susceptibility to other diseases. This study aimed to determine the prevalence of gastrointestinal nematodes in relation to age, sex, and place of origin among cattle in selected barangays of Tupi, South Cotabato. The study was conducted in barangays Bunao, Cebuano, Linan, Palian, and Poblacion Tupi, in South Cotabato, from January to February 2025 and at the College of Veterinary Medicine, USM, Kabacan, Cotabato. A total of 100 fecal samples from cattle were collected and examined using the salt flotation technique. Out of 100 animals examined, 46% of cattle were positive for GINs. However, statistical analysis revealed that the prevalence was not dependent on the age of the cattle (p =.647). Cattle aged more than 12 months old showed the highest infection rate at 54%, compared to those aged 0 to 3

months and more than 3 to 12 months old. Similarly, statistical analysis showed no significant difference in terms of sex and prevalence (p =.87), although female cattle showed a higher observed prevalence. In terms of place of origin, statistical analysis revealed a highly significant relationship (*p* =<.001) between the prevalence and place of origin. Barangay Poblacion had the highest prevalence, 95% (19/20), among the five barangays. This study highlights the importance of determining the prevalence of GIN infection in cattle and the associated risk factors to lessen their economic impacts.

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