NASAL SCHISTOSOMIASIS AMONG LARGE RUMINANTS IN WAYANAD, INDIA

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Abstract. In May, 2007 a total of 54 cattle and 47 buffaloes were examined for *Schistosoma nasale* infection at a municipality slaughterhouse in Kalpetta, Wayanad, India. Eleven point one percent of cattle and 23.4% of buffaloes were positive, all with only mild parasite loads, with fewer than 5 per animal. The prevalence of *Schistosoma nasale* among large ruminants in Wayanad, India is relatively low compared to previous studies.

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