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## **One Health in the real world: Zoonotic parasites important to veterinarians and pet owners**

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Parasites commonly infect and can debilitate or kill animals, including our pets. Many common parasites are also zoonotic, exemplifying the One Health concept. Parasite prevention is thus critical in pets, as is awareness of the risks these organisms pose to individuals and public health. This presentation will highlight several especially important zoonotic pet parasites and provide information on preventative strategies to minimize exposure and risk.

### **Biography**

Dr. Tischendorf holds a BS degree in Zoology from Ohio University and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (DVM) degree from Colorado State University. He serves as a regional veterinarian with Merck and is based in the Houston area. His special interests include emerging and zoonotic diseases, anesthesiology, dermatology and animal cruelty forensics and investigations. Prior to becoming a DVM he worked as an endangered species biologist and wildland firefighter. In his free time he trains natural resource professionals on wildlife tracking and immobilization. He is former Marine and has lived in roughly 15 states over the course of his career.

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