



Hunters in WMUs 118 & 119

Common name

little liver fluke,
lancet fluke,
sheep liver fluke,

Scientific name

a trematode, *Dicrocoelium dendriticum*

Lancet Liver Fluke in Cypress Hills

As part of an ongoing research project, we would like to receive intact livers from mule deer and white-tailed deer harvested around Cypress Hills.



Hunters can help

Simply collect the **entire** deer liver (fresh - within 48 hr of death, or frozen.

Label it with the species, sex, age (fawn, adult) as well as the date and location of the kill.

Drop off double-bagged frozen livers at any local Fish and Wildlife office or in a CWD freezers in Medicine Hat, Elkwater, or Dunmore. Specific freezer locations are posted on our web site shown below.

If you use one of the freezers...

DO NOT use CWD labels on livers.

Use the labels provided for livers.

So What?

Little liver flukes, close cousins of giant liver flukes, originated in livestock and can be transferred to deer and elk. Fortunately the flukes are very tiny and generally do not cause problems for infected animals.

Also fortunate, liver flukes DO NOT transfer to people or pets.

And the flukes DO NOT affect the meat of infected animals.

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