

DIAGNOSING OF RABBIT TOXOPLASMOSIS AND VETERINARY SANITARION OF THEIR MEAT

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Summary. Blood sera from 118 different age rabbits have been tested in Kaunas and Zarasai regions by Complement fixation test in cold in 1995-1997.

More than 24% of the rabbits were found to have antibodies against *Toxoplasma gondii*.

A latent atypical form of toxoplasmosis has been established in the animals tested.

No striking sensoric, biochemical, microbiological and pathoanatomical changes were determined in the rabbits' carcasses.

However their meat is not suitable for long storing.

The biological test on mice confirmed our diagnosis. Meat from positive rabbits must be sterilised (boiled) before using it for human consumption.

While slaughtering and processing of the rabbits strict adherence to the regulations of personal hygiene is essential.

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