



giardiasis

Cause: *Giardia lamblia intestinalis*

Occurrence in animals: Most mammals, especially young ones.

Source in animals: Feces, even without diarrhea.

Exposure: Accidental ingestion, both directly and indirectly through contaminated objects.

Symptoms:

- Animals: usually without symptoms, possible diarrhea.
- Humans: possible diarrhea, bloating, abdominal pain, weight loss; often without symptoms.

Precautions:

- **WASH HANDS** after handling animals and their environment.
- Avoid hand-to-mouth contact.
- Use gloves to handle feces or animals with diarrhea.
- Wear gloves, safety goggles and face mask when cleaning contaminated areas.

Additional information about giardiasis can be found at

<http://www.research.cornell.edu/care/Documents/OHP/GIARDIA.pdf>

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/giardiasis/2004_PDF_Giardiasis.pdf

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/msds-ftss/msds71e.html>