Chapter X.Y.  
  
**Infection** **WITH *LEISHMANIA* SPP. (LEISHMANIOSIS)**

Article X.Y.1.

**General provisions**

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, *infection* with *Leishmania spp.* is defined as an *infection* of dogs and catsby parasites of the family *Trypanosomatidae*,order *Kinetoplastida*.

The *infection* is usually transmitted by the bite of an infected *Phlebotomus* sandfly.

The following defines the occurrence of *infection* with *Leishmania* spp.:

1. *Leishmania spp.* amastigotes have been observed in samples from a dog or a cat, or
2. Nucleic acid specific to *Leishmania* spp.has been detected in a sample from a dog or a cat showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with infection with *Leishmania* spp., or epidemiologically linked to a case, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Leishmania* spp.,or
3. Antibodies specific to *Leishmania* spp.that are not the consequence of vaccination have been detected in a sample from a dog or a cat showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with infection with *Leishmania* spp., or epidemiologically linked to a case, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Leishmania* spp.

Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines are described in the [*Terrestrial Manual*](https://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/3.01.11_LEISHMANIOSIS.pdf).

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