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“F” TESTS

Test Name	Synonyms	Panels	Clinical Significance
Fecal Float		Fecal Exam	Used to detect the presence of internal parasites or "worms" in stool.
Fecal smear		Fecal Exam	Used to detect the presence of internal parasites or "worms" in stool.
Fecal Sedimentation			This test is used to retrieve trematodes from feces. Trematode infection in dogs and cats is rare compared with infection rates for nematodes and cestodes. However, because of the severe disease associated with some trematodes, awareness and control of these parasites is essential in certain geographic areas, e.g., <i>N. salmincola</i> in the Pacific Northwest and <i>Pla. fastosum</i> in the coastal southeastern United States and Hawaii.
Folate	Folic Acid, RBC Folate, Folacin, Vitamin B9		Folate is needed for DNA and RNA synthesis and anemia associated with its deficiency is characterized as megaloblastic. Folate is destroyed by catabolic processes every day and levels decrease rapidly with deficient diets.