POSSIBLE ZOONOSES OF SHEEP AND GOATS

<u>Use of animals from approved vendors and proper use of personal protective equipment makes the risk of transmission of these diseases unlikely.</u>

Pathogen	Transmission	Animal Disease	Human Disease
Brucellosis (Brucella spp.)	 Aerosol Direct contact urine, semen or by handling fetal membranes Highly infectious with only a few organisms required to cause infection 	 Abortions, epididymitis in sheep Abortions, arthritis, spondylitis, mastitis, orchitis in goats 	 Fever, chills, sweating, anorexia, constipation, insomnia, headache Neurologic signs
Q-Fever (Coxiella burnetii)	 Aerosol Resistant to most commonly used disinfectants Highly infectious with only a few organisms required to cause infection 	 Usually asymptomatic Abortions in pregnant animals 	 Fever, chills, anorexia, ocular pain Pneumonitis, gastroenteritis Caution especially for those that are pregnant or immunosuppressed, or have a heart valve disease or replacement
Contagious ecthyma, "Orf" (Pox virus)	 Direct contact of animal or fomites Virus may remain viable in scabs for months 	 usually young sheep/goats opular, vesicular, pustular, crusty lesions on lips mouth nostrils, eyelids, ears, udder, teats 	 Vesicle or pustule on hands, arms Axillary (regional) lymphadenopathy Usually self-limiting, remission in 2-4 weeks
Campylobacteriosis (C. jejuni, C. fetus)	Direct contact, contaminated water, or fecal-oral route	 Late-term abortions or very weak neonates in sheep Metritis, placentitis leading to septicemia and death 	 Acute enteritis, bloody/mucoid diarrhea, abdominal pain, vomiting Headache, muscle and joint pain
Chlamydophia	Inhalation, direct contact	Abortions, polyarthritis, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease	 Abortions, polyarthritis, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease Disease can progress to systemic infection and death
Colibacillosis	Fecal-oral, direct contact	 "White diarrhea" in lambs Septicemia, neurologic signs, ascites 	 Profuse, watery/bloody/mucoid diarrhea, abdominal pain, vomiting, dehydration Urogenital infections

Corynebacteria spp. "Caseous Lymphadenitis"	Fecal-oral, direct contact	Abscessation of regional lymph nodes	Ulcer, lymphadenitis, tonsillitis
Cryptosporidium parvum/bovis	Fecal-oral transmission	 Diarrhea especially in young or immunosupporessed animals Can be asymptomatic 	DiarrheaCan be asymptomatic
Leptospirosis	Direct contact with urine, contaminated water, aerosol	 Fever, anorexia Jaundice, hemoglobinuria, anemia Abortion, infertility 	 Infection may resolve asymptomatically or develop severe icterus, fever, headache, conjunctivitis, gastrointestinal signs, gastrointestinal hemorrhage
Listeria	Fecal-oral	 Encephalitis, septicemia Depression, paralysis of facial muscles, profuse salivation, strabismus 	 Meningitis, septicemia, abortions Very severe in immunocompromised individuals
Mannheimia hemolytica (formerly Pasteurella hemolytica)	Inhalation, fecal-oral	 "Shipping Fever", secondary infection Purulent nasal discharge, cough, diarrhea, malaise, hemorrhage 	Bronchiectasis, bronchitis, pneumonia
Sarcoptes scabei	Direct contact, fomites	 Usually infests face, ears, forelimbs Vesicle or papule formation, keratinization Alopecia with intense pruritus 	 Usually infests face, ears, forelimbs, torso Vesicle or papule formation, keratinization Alopecia with intense pruritus
Spongiform encephalopathies (Scrapie, bovine - BSE)	 Consumption or inoculation of/with infected tissue Largest amount in the central nervous system May be present in colostrums, bone marrow, peripheral, and autonomic nervous tissue, and lymphoid tissue (not present in muscle) Organism is resistant to all commonly use 	Long incubation period (years) followed by neurological abnormalities	 Scrapie not likely transmissible but extreme caution should be followed when handling infectious tissues. BSE is transmissible. Long incubation period (years) followed by neurological abnormalities

Vesicular Stomatitis (Rhabdovirus)	disinfectants and to autoclaving • Direct contact, insect vectors	Mammary, interdigital, and oral vesicles with fever	 Flu-like signs Vesicles in mouth, hands, feet
Tularemia (sheep) (Francisella tularensis)	Direct contact, wound infection, flea/tick vector	 Lymphadenopathy of head, neck Pneumonia High mortality 	 Lymphadenopathy, necrotic ulceration Fever, conjunctivitis, bronchopneumonia
Yersinia pseudotuberculosis	Fecal-oral	Abortions, suppurative orchitis, abscessation	 Acute abdominal pain, fever, vomiting, diarrhea Arthritis, iritis, nephritis Septicemia if immunocompromised
Salmonellosis (S. typhimurium, dublin, newport etc)	Fecal-oralDirect contactFomites	 Abortion Acute and chronic enteritis Septicemia in young animals 	 Severe diarrhea and debilitation Increased severity in the very old, the very young, and the immunocompromised.