Prevalence and intensity of parasitic worm eggs of bali cow (Bos sondaicus Muller) feces from two different shed sanitations

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ABSTRAK


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ABSTRACT

Bali cow (Bos sondaicus Muller) is a cow that is widely maintained. Poor sanitation of cowshed is caused by cow feces that are not cleaned, and become a medium of transmission of gastrointestinal worm parasites. The study aimed to compare the prevalence, intensity and degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs in the feces of Bali cows from two different shed sanitation, from a shed with poor sanitation and a from shed with good sanitation. The eggs of parasitic worms are separated from feces by buoyant methods and by sedimentation methods. The results showed that 15 out of 16 samples of Balinese cows contained parasites with a total of 43 worm eggs. The number of parasites obtained from Bali cow feces samples from shed with poor sanitation is higher (31 worm eggs) than that obtained from a well-sanitized shed (12 worm eggs). The prevalence, intensity and degree
of parasitic infection obtained from Bali cow feces samples from a shed with poor sanitation were higher than those obtained from a shed with good sanitation. The results showed that poor shed sanitation increased the chances of cows being infected with parasites so that the prevalence, intensity and degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs were also high.

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INTRODUCTION

Bali cow (Bos sondaicus Muller) is one of the broiler cows native to Indonesia (Fachroerrozi, 2015) which is distinctive because it comes from the domestication of bulls (Bibos banteng) (Kendran et al., 2012). These cows belong to the Bibovine group (Bibos bull, Bos javanicus and Bos sondaicus) (Astiti, 2018). Many advantages possessed by Bali cow include high reproductive ability (Budiarto et al., 2013) and good growth and adaptation (Astiti, 2018). This advantage causes Bali cows to be widely raised in Indonesia (Astiti, 2018). In addition to its advantages, Bali cows also have disadvantages, including being very susceptible to gastrointestinal parasitic infections (Purwaningsih et al., 2017).

One of the parasites that infect the digestive tract of Bali cow is worms. Putra et al. (2014) reported that Bali cow in Sobangan, Mengwi, Badung, Bali were infected with Trematoda worms with a prevalence of 27%. The Trematode worm found is Fasciola spp. and Paramphistomum spp. Meanwhile, Fadli et al. (2014) reported that the Bali cow in Sukoharjo was infected with Nematode worms with a prevalence of 21%. Nematode worms found are Trichuris ovis, Trichostrongylus axei, Toxocara vitulorum, Strongyloides papillosus, Nematodirus filicollis, Chabertia ovina, and Bunostomum phlebotomum. These parasitic worms have an economic impact because they reduce the productivity of livestock (Tantri et al., 2013).

The presence of worms that infect the digestive tract of Bali cow can be caused by poor feed and maintenance environment (Purwaningsih et al., 2017). Poor sanitation of cowshed, one of which is caused by cow feces that are not cleaned (Supriadi et al., 2020). This feces can be a medium of transmission of worms that parasitize in the gastrointestinal tract because they contain worm eggs (Zulifkar et al., 2017). This study aims to compare the prevalence, intensity and degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs in Bali cow feces from two different shed sanitation, from shed with poor sanitation and from shed with good sanitation. This research is important to provide information to the public about the importance of maintaining shed sanitation.

METHOD

The tools used are a cooling box to carry fecal samples, digitital scales to weigh feces, a light microscope to observe parasite worm eggs, a Universal Whitlock Counting Chamber counter glass to count parasite worm eggs, an Optilab microscope camera to document observed parasite worm eggs, a 30 mL measuring cup, a 100 mL beaker glass, a mortar, a stirring device, a drip pipette, a sieve, aluminum foil, and a spatula to separate the eggs from the feces. While the materials used are fresh cow feces from two pens with different sanitation, sample plastic to store samples to be taken to the laboratory, Methylene blue 1% for dyes in the sedimentation method, saturated sugar solution for the buoyancy method, newspapers, latex gloves, sterile aqueducts, alcohol, and wipes.

The residents' cows to be taken feces were randomly selected as many as 8 cows from the shed with poor sanitation in Village X and 8 cows from the shed with good sanitation in Ngablak Village, Magelang, Central Java. Cow feces are taken that are still fresh or those that have just come out of the cow's rectum as much as approximately 10 grams. The cow's fecal sample is then put into a plastic clip and labeled. The fecal sample was then taken using a cooling box and observed in the laboratory.
The separation of parasite worm eggs is carried out by two methods, the buoyancy method and the sedimentation method based on Pali and Hariani (2019). The separation of eggs of parasitic worms by the buoyancy method is carried out by means of feces taken as much as 3 g, sterile aquedest of 7 mL is added, 60 mL of saturated sugar is added, and stirred in a mortar until homogeneous using a stirring rod. After the solution is homogeneous, it is filtered using a sieve. The sample solution is taken 0.5 mL with a pipette and dripped onto the glass of the Universal Whitlock Chambers counter (each one chamber has a volume of 0.5 mL). The sample solution was observed with a light microscope and an Optilab microscope camera with a magnification of 100x. The observed eggs are subsequently documented and identified.

The separation of worm eggs by the sedimentation method is carried out by means of feces as much as 3 g weighed, put in a mortar, 60 mL sterile aquedest is added, stirred until homogeneous and then put into a tube. Sterile aquedest is added to the brim and allowed to incubation for 3 minutes. The liquid at the top is discharged and at the bottom or sediment is left approximately 15 mL. The procedure is repeated three times per one feces sample. Methylene blue 1% dripped as much as 1 drop then stirred thoroughly. The suspension is further taken with a pipette and dripped onto the glass of the Universal Whitlock Chamber counter. The sample solution was observed with a light microscope and an Optilab microscope camera with a magnification of 100x. The observed eggs are subsequently documented and identified.

Eggs that have been identified are calculated for the prevalence, intensity and degree of infection. The prevalence value is the percentage of infected samples divided by the number of samples examined (Suastini et al., 2021). The intensity value is calculated by the formula of the number of parasites found divided by the number of infected cows (Tantri et al., 2013). The degree of infection is calculated by the formula of the number of eggs found per gram of feces (Zalizar, 2017).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of observations on Bali cow feces obtained from two locations, from poor shed sanitation in Village X and from good shed sanitation in Ngablak Village, Magelang, Central Java showed that 15 of the 16 Bali cow samples had parasite worm eggs with a total number of 43 worm eggs. The number of parasite worm eggs obtained from Bali cow feces samples from poorly sanitized shed was higher (31 worm eggs) than those obtained from Bali cow feces samples from good shed sanitation (12 worm eggs) (Table 1), but did not differ statistically (sign. > 0.05 at a confidence level of 95%).

Table 1. Species and number of parasite worm eggs found in bali cow feces from two different sanitary shed

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Strongyloides sp.</th>
<th>Fasciola sp.</th>
<th>Paramphistomum sp.</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Poor shed sanitation</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Good shed sanitation</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>12</td>
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The prevalence of parasites obtained from Bali cow feces samples from poor shed sanitation is higher (100%, always category/ very severe infection) than that obtained from Bali cow feces samples from good shed sanitation (87.50%, usually category/ moderate infection). The intensity of parasites obtained from Bali cow feces samples from poor shed sanitation is higher (4 worm eggs/ cow) than that obtained from fecal samples Balinese cows from good shed sanitation (2 worm eggs/ cow) although both fall into the low category. Data on the prevalence and intensity of parasites obtained from fecal samples of Bali cow from two different shed sanitations can be seen in Table 2.
Table 2. Prevalence and intensity of parasitic worm eggs found in bali cow feces from two different shed sanitations

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Infected cows (cow)</th>
<th>Parasite (worm egg)</th>
<th>Prevalence (%)</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Intensity (worm egg/ cow)</th>
<th>Category</th>
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<tr>
<td>Poor shed sanitation</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>Always (very severe infection)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good shed sanitation</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>87.50</td>
<td>Usually (moderate infection)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Low</td>
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The results of observations of Bali cow feces obtained from two locations showed that the degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs from shed cage sanitation was higher (27.92 ± 32.70 wormg eggs / gram) than from good shed sanitation (11.25 ± 20.07 worm eggs / gram) (Table 3) although all of them were still classified as low categories and did not differ significantly (sign. > 0.05 at a confidence level of 95%).

Table 3. Degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs found in bali cow feces from two different shed sanitations

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Degree of Infection (worm egg/ gram)</th>
<th>Mean ± Std</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Strongyloides sp.</td>
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<td>Fasciola sp.</td>
<td>22.50 ± 10.35</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Paramphistomum sp.</td>
<td>1.25 ± 3.54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Poor shed sanitation</td>
<td>27.92 ± 32.70</td>
<td>11.25 ± 20.07</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good shed sanitation</td>
<td>25.00 ± 29.76</td>
<td>8.75 ± 8.34</td>
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The number, prevalence, intensity, and degree of infection of parasitic infections in Bali cow fecal samples from poor shed sanitation were higher than fecal samples from good shed sanitation. Shed sanitation is influenced by several things such as shed cleanliness, fly density, location and shed construction (Zuroida & Azizah, 2018). Poor cleanliness of the shed is partly caused by cow feces that accumulate and are not cleaned (Supriadi et al., 2020). This cow's feces is a medium of transmission of parasitic worms in the digestive tract because it contains the eggs of worms (Zulfikar et al., 2017). Therefore, poor shed sanitation can trigger parasitic worm infection in cows (Majawati & Matatula, 2018).

This is reinforced by the opinion of (Supriadi et al., 2020) who stated that the cleanliness of the shed is the main factor of sanitation. Poor sanitation leads to the continued life cycle of worms so that it is easier to transmit to other individuals. This factor is what causes shed with poor sanitation to have a higher number, prevalence, intensity, and degree of parasitic infections.

The shed with poor sanitation in Village X (Figure 1) has a building construction made of wood, not permanent and sturdy materials. The floor of the stall is only from the soil so that the cow's feces are difficult to clean due to mixing the soil. The roof part of the coop uses only rumbia leaves. The shed does not have irrigation canals or ditches to drain water and sewage. Water and sewage are drained directly into the river. Cage cleaning is also rarely carried out. Cowshed should be cleaned twice a day (Zuroida & Azizah, 2018). There are many flies found around the shed. These flies can breed because there are feces of livestock that are deposited and not cleaned (Zuroida & Azizah, 2018).

Figure 1. Poor shed sanitation (personal documentation)
The shed sanitation at the cow farm in Ngablak Village, Magelang, Central Java is relatively good (Figure 2). The shed is made of a strong construction of a permanent building of cement and brick. The floor of the shed is made of hard material, so it is easy to clean, not slippery and can still support the load of cow. The roof of the stall uses a galvalume roof so that cows are protected from rain and sunlight. This shed has an irrigation canal or ditch that serves to collect water left over from cleaning cows and livestock wastewater, which is then discharged into the sewer and channeled towards the biogas reservoir. This is in accordance with the opinion of Zuroida and Azizah (2018) that a good shed has a permanent roof and floor construction. Permanent flooring makes the shed easy to clean. In addition, a good shed also has drainage to drain waste into the waste reservoir for further processing into biogas and manure.

![Figure 2. Good shed sanitation (personal documentation)](image)

The results of the study obtained three species of worms, namely *Strongyloides* sp., *Fasciola* sp. and *Paramphistomum* sp. Nugraheni et al. (2018) research on cow feces in the Progo River Basin of Yogyakarta also obtained several species of worms, namely *Fasciola* sp., *Strongyloides* sp., *Paramphistomum* sp., and *Coccidia* sp. Aryandrie et al. (2015) found liver flukes (*Fasciola hepatica*) from Bali cow feces in Sukoharjo, Pringsewu, Lampung with a prevalence of 27.62%. Putra et al. (2014) found Trematoda worms (*Fasciola* spp. and *Paramphistomum* spp.) from Bali cow feces in Sobangan, Mengwi, Badung, Bali. Meanwhile, Fadli et al. (2014) found Nematode worms (*Trichurus ovis, Trichostrongylus axei, Toxocara vitulorum, Strongyloides papillosus, Nematodirus filicollis, Chabertia ovina, and Bunostomum phlebotomum*) from Bali cow feces in Sukoharjo.

Based on Tables 1 and 2, the numbers, the prevalence and intensity of *Fasciola* sp. in both shed is the highest among other parasites. This is similar to the results of a study by Nugraheni et al. (2018) which also found *Fasciola* sp. with the highest prevalence (40%) compared to other species of worm from cow feces in the Progo River Basin of Yogyakarta. Nugraheni et al. (2018) explained that the high prevalence of worm is because the shed that are closed to the river and cow food are forage that come from the river. The high number, prevalence and intensity of eggs of the parasitic worm *Fasciola* sp. in both shed in this study, it was also based on the dietary factors consumed by cows, namely forage. Forage, especially those related to waters, is the main medium for the entry of metasercaria of *Fasciola* sp. Metacercaria enters the body of cows through contaminated food and drink. The metacercaria further enters the intestine, penetrating the intestinal mucosa, up to the abdominal cavity even to the liver. In the liver, adult worms cause tissue damage, causing bleeding and damage to the bile epithelium (Asmaydo et al., 2019). Forage is also the place of settlement of the snail *Lymnea* sp. as an intermediate host. This intermediate host also played a role in the spread of *Fasciola* sp. (Noviyanti et al., 2020)

Although based on number, prevalence and intensity (Tables 1 and 2), *Fasciola* sp. shows the highest yield but based on the degree of infection, *Strongyloides* sp. shows the highest yield (Table 3). *Strongyloides* sp. is a kind of Nematodes. *Strongyloides* sp. can enter the cow's body by penetrating the surface of the skin and peroral (Ramadhan et al., 2018) so that infection with these worm larvae is easy to occur (Ariawan et al., 2018). Unclean shed as well as accumulated
dirt also increase the chances of infection with these worms. The symptoms caused by this worm are dermatitis, cough, pneumonitis if the larvae enter the lungs (Ariawan et al., 2018).

*Strongyloides* sp. egg obtained during the observations measured 87.38 μm long and 31.18 wide μm (Figure 3). The egg has an oval shape, thin walls and appears to have worm embryos. This is in line with Triani’s 2014 opinion which states that *Strongyloides* sp. eggs are oval with thin walls and inside there are larvae. *Strongyloides* sp. often referred to as thread worms because these have a larval shape resembling threads. The eggs of these worms are produced by adult animals and excreted through feces. Inside the feces, the eggs will hatch into larvae 1 (L1). These larvae then develop into L2-L4 and then become rhabditiform larvae. After 12-24 hours, the larva will become an infectious and free-living filariform (Suastini et al., 2021).

![Figure 3. Strongyloides sp. egg (Personal documentation)](image)

The Trematode worm that infects cows in both sheds is *Fasciola* sp. and *Paramphistomum* sp. *Fasciola* sp. egg measured was 65.14 μm long and 134.44 μm wide (Figure 4) with oval-shaped and golden-yellow characteristics. These characteristics are in accordance with the opinion of Majawati and Matatula (2018) who stated that *Fasciola* sp. egg was ovoid-shaped, there is a operculum in one of the side and is yellowish in color. While the *Paramphistomum* sp. egg measured was 48.14 μm long and 109.76 μm wide (Figure 5) with characteristics an elliptical shape, bluish in color and has a protrusion at the end of the egg. This is in accordance with the opinion of Putra et al. (2014) which states the eggs of *Paramphistomum* sp. bluish in color as well as having an operculum.

![Figure 4. Fasciola sp. egg (Personal documentation)](image)

![Figure 5. Paramphistomum sp. egg (Personal documentation)](image)

Helminthiasis is a disease that often affects farm animals. Helminthiasis is mostly caused by several factors such as poor sanitation and weak resistance of cows to worm parasites. Cows raised in shed with poor sanitation in Village X have the characteristics of relatively thinner bodies compared to those raised in shed with good sanitation in Ngablak Village, Magelang,
Central Java. This is in accordance with the characteristics of farm animals infected with worm egg parasites: thinness, lack of appetite, diarrhea, and dull hair. According to Awaludin et al. (2021) the clinical symptom of cows that experience helminthiasis are dull, thin hair and foul-smelling feces (Awaludin et al., 2021). Prevention against parasitic infections can be carried out by giving anthelmintic drugs periodically and in accordance with the recommended dosage. According to Anorital (2014), the anthelmintic used are generally albendazol and mebendazol. The drug is also used to treat parasites of whipworm (*Tricuris* sp.), hookworm (*Ancylostoma* sp.) and roundworm (*Ascaris* sp.). Another prevention is by maintaining the hygiene of the shed and providing forage feed that has been served so as to break the life cycle of parasitic worms (Awaludin et al., 2021).

**CONCLUSION**

The conclusion of this study is that the prevalence and intensity of parasitic worm eggs found in Bali cow feces from poor shed sanitation (prevalence 100%, always category/ very severe infection; intensity 4 eggs/ cow) is higher than that obtained from Bali cow feces samples from shed with good sanitation (prevalence 87.50%, category usually/ moderate infection; intensity 2 eggs/ cow). The degree of infection of parasitic worm eggs found in Bali cow feces from poor shed sanitation was higher (27.92 ± 32.70 eggs/ gram) than from good shed sanitation (11.25 ± 20.07 eggs/ gram) although it did not differ significantly. Eggs of parasitic worms found in Bali cow feces from shed with poor sanitation (Village X) and from shed with good sanitation (Ngablak Village, Magelang, Central Java) are from *Strongyloides* sp., *Fasciola* sp. and *Paramphistomum* sp.

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