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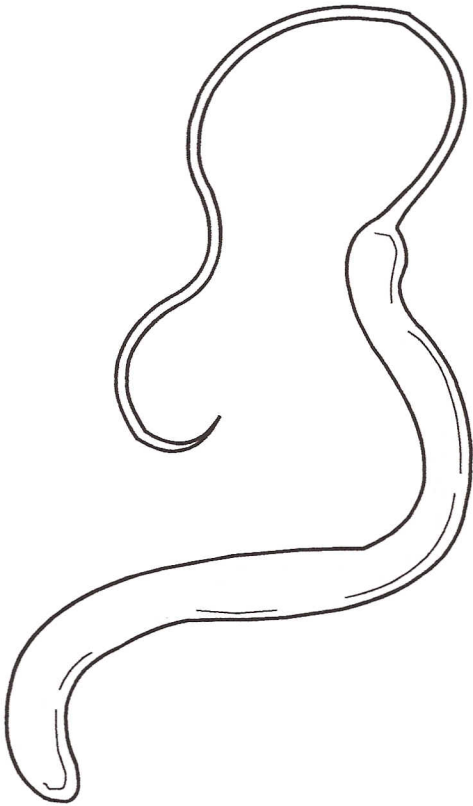
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Whipworm: Adult whipworm and whipworm infection.



Actual size 1/4" (6mm)

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Adult whipworms live in the cecum or colon of the dog and cause irritation to the intestinal lining. A dog that has whipworms will have severe, watery diarrhea that contains blood, and will usually suffer from weight loss and poor body condition. The diarrhea will usually be chronic or persistent. The infection is diagnosed by identification of whipworm eggs during microscopic examination of a fecal sample. Since whipworm females produce only small numbers of eggs at infrequent intervals, a stool sample may be negative even if the dog has an infection. Whipworm infections are more common in dogs that live in crowded conditions.