

LICE AND FLEAS OF ANIMALS IN MALAYSIA

Sir, — During a recent survey on the species of lice and fleas infesting domestic animals in Malaysia a total of 17 species were identified, 8 of which have not before been recorded (Table I). The specimens were either collected personally by the author or sent in by field officers from all over Malaysia.

TABLE I
SPECIES OF LICE AND FLEAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE SURVEY

Host		Lice/Flea
Poultry	Lice	<i>Goniodes dissimilis</i> <i>Gonicotes gallinae</i> * <i>Gonicotes gigas</i> <i>Lipeurus caponis</i> <i>Menopon gallinae</i> <i>Oxylipaeurus dentatus</i> *
Dog	Lice	<i>Heterodoxus spiniger</i> *
Cat	Lice	<i>Felicola subrostratus</i> *
Goat	Lice	<i>Damalinia caprae</i> <i>Damalinia limbata</i> * <i>Linognathus africanus</i>
	Flea	<i>Ctenocephalides orientis</i> *
Cattle	Lice	<i>Damalinia bovis</i> <i>Haematopinus eurysternus</i> <i>Haematopinus quadripertusus</i> * <i>Linognathus vituli</i>
Buffalo	Lice	<i>Haematopinus tuberculatus</i>
Monkey	Lice	<i>Pedicinus</i> spp.* (nymphs)
Pig	Lice	<i>Haematopinus suis</i>

*not described before in Malaysia

The new species were all identified by Dr. T. Clay of the British Museum of Natural History except for the single species of flea which was identified by Dr. F.G.A.M. Smit of the Zoological Museum, Herts., England. The author is grateful to the above named and to those who have submitted the specimens.

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