Although most Americans may not realize it, parasitic-related diarrheal diseases are the 3rd major cause of sickness and death in the United States. According to experts from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), "Not only do parasitic diseases affect thousands, if not millions, in the United States, they also disproportionately affect people with compromised immune systems, such as people with AIDS."1

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "More than 60 million people in the United States probably carry the Toxoplasma parasite, but very few have symptoms because the immune system usually keeps the parasite from causing illness." Although infection is usually asymptomatic or mild, toxoplasmosis can cause serious infection in women exposed during pregnancy, especially during the first trimester. In severe cases, infection can cause central nervous system disorders, including mental retardation, blindness, seizures and death in children. Although toxoplasmosis is one of the most common pet-related parasitic infections, it is also transmitted by eating undercooked meat, particularly lamb and pork, or unwashed vegetables contaminated with dirt containing cat feces. Some recent outbreaks of toxoplasmosis have been attributed to contaminated drinking water, a previously unrecognized source of infection. Toxoplasmosis is also transmitted congenitally from an infected pregnant woman to her baby—approximately 85% of women of childbearing age in the U.S. are susceptible to acute infection with the parasite Toxoplasma gondii. While toxoplasmosis can be life-threatening in individuals with compromised immune function, even healthy individuals can suffer permanent vision loss if the parasite gets into the eye—ocular toxoplasmosis is the most common infection of the retina (the inner lining of the eye) in many parts of the world, including the United States.2-5

The ease and frequency of worldwide travel, combined with increased migration to the United States, is resulting in increasing numbers of parasitic infections. However, just eating at the local fast food restaurant can result in exposure to parasites. An article published in 2008 in the journal, Annals of Diagnostic Pathology, documents that out of 8 fast food hamburger brands tested, 2 brands contained Sarcocystis parasites. Parasites can cause numerous acute and chronic symptoms, including severe and sometimes explosive diarrhea; bloody, greasy or foul-smelling stools; abdominal pain and cramps; bloating and gas; constipation; nausea; fever; malaise and weakness; weight-loss; chronic fatigue; food allergies; milk and/or gluten intolerance; hives; yeast overgrowth; vitamin B12 deficiency; irritability; chemical hypersensitivity; arthritis; asthma; and immune dysfunction. Furthermore, all types of parasites can cause lethal infections in individuals with poorly functioning immune systems.6-9

Para-Cleanse is a 10-day herbal supplement program formulated to support and cleanse the gastrointestinal tract, while providing a special emphasis on destroying parasites, yeast, fungi and other unhealthy microbes. Para-Cleanse also improves digestion and liver health, supports immune function, and soothes and heals gastrointestinal tract tissues. Each packet of Para-Cleanse contains:

**Herbal Pumpkin** is designed to rid the body of parasites and worms in the intestinal tract and improve bowel function. Herbal Pumpkin combines the anthelmintic (parasitic worm-killing) activity of black walnut, sweet violet and pumpkin seeds with herbs that improve digestion, soothe inflamed tissues and fight bacterial infection.10-13

**Black Walnut ATC Concentrate** (*Juglans nigra*) - Black walnut hulls have been traditionally used to expel intestinal worms. A compound isolated from black walnut hulls, known as juglone, appears to be responsible for the herb’s antiparasitic effects. Research has shown that juglone is potentially toxic to the parasite Toxoplasma gondii. In addition, juglone demonstrates antimicrobial activity, acts as a mild laxative, and enhances the liver’s detoxifying functions.11,12,14-16

**Artemisia Combination** is an herbal intestinal parasite formula that includes powerful anthelmintics—substances that are used for destroying and removing parasitic worms in animals and humans. Artemisia Combination contains herbs that have been shown to be effective not only against parasitic infections, but also bacterial, viral and fungal infections, including Candida albicans. In addition, Artemisia Combination provides herbs that help soothe inflamed tissues, improve digestion and elimination, and relieve abdominal cramping.17,18

**Paw Paw Cell-Reg** is a specialized product designed to support the immune system. Paw Paw Cell-Reg provides a
standardized paw paw twig extract, containing substances known as "annonaceous acetogenins" that have been shown to inhibit the growth of cancerous cells in vitro. Paw paw acetogenins have also demonstrated potent anthelmintic, antimicrobial and antiviral activity.19-20

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