



Johne's disease, also known as Paratuberculosis (or MAP), is a chronic, contagious bacterial disease of the intestinal tract that primarily affects cattle, but can also affect sheep, goats and other ruminant species.

Cattle are typically infected as calves within the first month of their life by ingesting contaminated faeces, colostrum or milk from older animals. Animals can be infected and shedding without showing clinical signs so testing and robust biosecurity is the main way of controlling this disease in a herd.

Once an animal is infected the disease is slowly progressive over several years. Infected cattle can start spreading the disease before developing clinical signs. Eventually, the infection progresses enough that the animal

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