

Table 1 Parasitic burden of *Toxocara cati* and helminth ova in the soil in public places in four regions of Shiraz during the whole year and the wet season, 2002

Region	No. of samples ^a	Contaminated with helminth ova				Contaminated with <i>Toxocara cati</i> ova			
		All year		Wet season ^b		All year		Wet season ^b	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	36	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—
2	28	4	14.4	4	28.6	2	7.1	2	14.3
3	18	3	16.7	3	33.2	2	11.1	2	22.3
4	30	5	16.7	5	33.2	3	10.0	3	20.0
Total	112	12	10.7	12	21.4	7	6.3	7	12.5

^aNo. of samples varies in accordance with the area of the region.

^bWet season is autumn and winter. No contamination was found during the dry season.