

## INTRODUCTION OF THE TICK RHIPICEPHALUS SANGUINEUS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AN ADDITIONAL CASE

Records of the introduction of the tick *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* (Latreille, 1806) into countries situated north of the area of its normal distribution are not rare in the last 20 years in European parasitological literature. Sometimes under suitable conditions persistence of these ticks in new habitats is possible for several years.

The first case of the introduction of this species to Czechoslovakia was reported by Černý (1985: Folia parasitol. 32: 162). Another such case is reported here. When examining the ixodological collections of the Institute of Parasitology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, the author found a glass tube containing one female *R. sanguineus*. The specimen was collected

in Prague in mid-January, 1976. It was obtained not long after fixation to the ear of its host, a female dog (a boxer), the second day after its arrival by airplane from Habana, according to the data on the label. The name of the collector was not mentioned.

The author has observed that the species is quite common on dogs in Cuba. The case under consideration demonstrates the possibility of intercontinental introduction of parasites by air transport.

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