Nematodirus life-cycle

Host stage 14 days

Adults lay eggs

L4 worms mature and develop into adults



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3rd stage L3 larvae

are infective. They migrate into

the herbage and wait

to be eaten by the sheep



Eggs in dung

Free-living stages

(May take eight to nine months)
Development slower and usually
too cold before L3s are ready
so they sit dormant until
following spring



2nd stage larvae develop in the eggs



1st stage larvae develop in the eggs