The Formentera Office of Rural Environment has launched a push to curb trichinosis by testing pig meat from animals which were slaughtered domestically.

Trichinosis is a parasitic disease that can be transmitted to humans through raw or undercooked pork, wild boar and horse meat and sausages such as sobrassada which have not been heat-treated. To avoid it, pork from traditional matances should be tested for trichinae.

Formentera residents who wish to have meat tested have until 30 March 2023 to contact the Formentera Office of Agriculture and Livestock (Centre Antoni Tur "Gabrielet"). The office can be reached via email at <u>veterinari@conselldeformentera.cat</u> or, by phone, at 971 321 087.

Interested parties can receive material and instructions for taking samples and, afterwards, the Consell de Formentera veterinary service will test slaughtered pig meat for trichinosis to ensure its fitness for home consumption. This service is free of charge.

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