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Highlights

- Toxoplasmosis in marine mammals is epidemiologically and clinically important disease.
- *Toxoplasma gondii* antibodies were detected in 65 of 70 (92.9%) northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) from Washington State, USA.
- Viable *T. gondii* was isolated from 22 of 44 (50%) naturally infected northern sea otters; *T. gondii* strains were lethal to KO mice but not SW mice.
- Genetic makeup of isolates from northern sea otters was similar to those from the southern sea otters and terrestrial wildlife from North America.

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