



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians

Association Canadienne des Vétérinaires Porcins

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African Swine Fever Awareness

The spread of African swine fever in Europe, Asia and especially in China is a concern to the Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians-Association Canadienne de Vétérinaires Porcins (CASV-ACVP), the Canadian Pork Council, and our North American pork industry in general. While swine veterinarians and commercial pork producers are well aware of the potential risk to our swine herd if the disease should enter Canada, backyard pig owners may not be informed and may not utilize the services of a swine veterinarian.

African swine fever is a reportable disease and, as such, animal owners, veterinarians and laboratories are required to immediately report to a Canadian Food Inspection Agency veterinarian if an animal has or is suspected of having the disease.

CASV-ACVP is reaching out to other veterinary associations to encourage those members to review information on African swine fever and pass along that information to any backyard pig owners served by their clinics.

The Canadian Pork Council has produced numerous information pieces regarding the disease and risk mitigation practices including for small scale producers. These are available on their website at <https://www.cpc-ccp.com/ASF-resources-printables>. CPC note for [General Practitioners](#)

In December, the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) and the Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEZD) hosted French and English webinars on African Swine Fever. Those webinars were taped and have been posted to the CAHSS website for anyone who was unable to listen to the live webinar. The links are:

EN: <https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/ldr.php?RCID=52a493fdfed537869eafe8d166b131ad>

FR: <https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/ldr.php?RCID=4791aa22953fe3e6ab34febb3daab6d6>

African Swine Fever is a Reportable Disease

Reportable diseases are outlined in the [Health of Animals Act](#) and [Reportable Diseases Regulations](#) and are usually of significant importance to human or animal health or to the Canadian economy. Animal owners, veterinarians and laboratories are required to immediately report the presence of an animal that is contaminated or suspected of being contaminated with one of these diseases to a [CFIA district veterinarian](#). It is prudent for veterinarians to include the contact information for your CFIA district veterinarian in your phone and on your computer.

The CFIA Foreign Animal Disease hotline number that is staffed 24/7 is 1-877-814-2342.

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