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To: Alberta Horse Owners

**Re: Equine Biosecurity**

Equine infectious anemia (swamp fever) is a potentially fatal viral disease of horses and is reportable to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Infected horses are a potential source of infection for other horses for the rest of their lives. It is not unusual for several cases per year to be reported in Alberta. More information is available at

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/disemala/equianem/equianeme.shtml>

To protect your horses from this disease, it is vitally important to develop and follow a sound biosecurity plan for your horses. Review the document "Equine Biosecurity and Best Practices" available on the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association's website and speak to your veterinarian about advice on how to best protect your horse against diseases like swamp fever.

Yours truly,

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