

EXOTIC African swine fever

Fact sheet

Introductory statement

African swine fever (ASF) is **not** found in Australia. ASF is a highly contagious, generalised viral disease affecting only pigs.

ASF is transmitted by direct contact, inanimate objects and ticks. The virus is very resistant to inactivation. The acute form of the disease is characterised by a mortality of up to 100% in infected herds. Milder forms of the disease also occur.

Pigs that survive acute disease or are infected by mild strains can become chronically infected for several months, although virus is thought to be excreted for only 5–6 weeks.

In Europe, wild pigs can become infected and may be a reservoir of infection for domestic pigs.

If you suspect a case of ASF you should immediately call the free **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline (1800 675 888)**.

References and other information

The latest information on ASF is available from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) website: [www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal Health in the World/docs/pdf/Disease cards/AFRICAN SWINE FEVER.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Health_in_the_World/docs/pdf/Disease_cards/AFRICAN_SWINE_FEVER.pdf) and [www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health standards/tahm/2.08.01 ASF.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/2.08.01_ASF.pdf)

OIE detection, reporting and control measures are located at: [www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre asf.htm](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_asf.htm)

The Disease Strategy for the control and eradication of African swine fever, version 4.1, 2016 is available as part of the AUSVETPLAN series. Wildlife considerations as part of response are addressed in the WARS AUSVETPLAN. Both can be found at: www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/our-publications/ausvetplan-manuals-and-documents/.

Information available on distribution and abundance of feral pigs in Australia can be accessed through “Distribution and abundance of significant invasive vertebrate pests” (2008) www.pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/West2008_3.pdf

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