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## Peste des petits ruminants

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#### Introductory statement

Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) has **never been recorded** in Australia. PPR in sheep and goats resembles rinderpest of cattle and is caused by a closely related virus. PPR produces high morbidity and mortality. It tends to be more severe in goats than in sheep. Recovered animals do not become chronic carriers.

Some species of deer have been infected during natural outbreaks; however, wild animals do not seem to have an important role in the epidemiology of PPR. If you suspect a case of PPR you should immediately call the free **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline (1800 675 888)**.

#### References and other information

The latest information on PPR is available from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) website:

[www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/ppr-portal/](http://www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/ppr-portal/) and  
[www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health\\_standards/tahm/2.07.10\\_PPR.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/2.07.10_PPR.pdf).

OIE detection, reporting and control measures are located at:

[www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre\\_ppr.htm](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_ppr.htm).

The Disease Strategy for the control and eradication of PPR, version 3.0, 2009 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/](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/our-publications/ausvetplan-manuals-and-documents/)

Information available on distribution and abundance of feral goats and deer 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](http://www.pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/West2008_3.pdf)

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