

# EXOTIC

# Vesicular exanthema

## Fact sheet

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### Introductory statement

Vesicular exanthema (VE) is **not found** in Australia. Clinically, VE is indistinguishable from foot-and-mouth disease. The VE virus is closely related to a family of viruses that are isolated from marine animals. Disease in pigs has been associated with the feeding of contaminated food scraps containing marine animal product. The pig is the only terrestrial mammal in which VE has been observed under natural conditions.

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

### References and other information

The Response Policy Brief for the control and eradication of vesicular exanthema, version 3.6, 2012 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 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](http://www.pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/West2008_3.pdf).

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