Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Health Alert

Testing for EIA randomly and preadmission and to comingling sites is a controversial topic and there are many equine owners who do not want to test, possibly because they don’t want to know or take a chance that an animal of theirs may be positive. This is to suggest that the correspondence from Alberta’s Chief Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Keith Lehman is informative and carefully written.

- Premises infected with EIA in Canada in 2017

Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada (HWAC) is in the process of researching some methods of increasing the practicality and costs of testing as well as timeliness of receiving results. Should equine owners and custodians assume more responsibility respecting the protection of our herd?

- Equine Infectious Anemia Surveillance Information - US Department of Agriculture

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

- Equine Infectious Anemia Disease Control Program, A Report on the Recommendations of the EIA Program Working Group
- Proposed Risk Management Strategy for EIA Control in Canada Follow Up & Next Steps
- Federally Reportable Diseases for Terrestrial Animals in Canada
- What to expect if your animals are infected
- Animal Health Compensation - What to expect when an animal is ordered destroyed

Understanding the Threat of EIA - Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Horse Journals

What is EIA?
Equine infectious anemia (EIA), also known as “swamp fever,” is a viral disease of horses and other equids (i.e. donkeys, mules, and zebras) that causes recurrent episodes of fever, lethargy and destruction of red blood cells (anemia) and platelets (thrombocytopenia).

With neither cure nor vaccine in existence, veterinarians and researchers must supervise the equine infectious anemia virus closely to avoid widespread disease.

Alberta Veterinarian Medical Association

- Understanding Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)
- Biosecurity in Practice - Planning
- Minimizing the Risk of EIA

Other Resources

- EIA in Saskatchewan, Key Facts about Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)
- Serologically silent, occult equine infectious anemia virus (EIAV) infections in horses
- Examining the stable door after the horse has bolted: Why is EIA such a challenge?
- Equine infectious anaemia in Europe: Time to re-examine the efficacy of monitoring and control protocols?
- Equine infectious anaemia and mechanical transmission: man and the wee beasties
- Equine Infectious Anemia in 2014: Live with It or Eradicate It?
- Worms & Germs Blog, promoting safe pet ownership - Equine Infectious Anemia: New info sheet
- Fight Against Equine Infectious Disease Helped by Equine Foundation of Canada
- Equine Guelph