Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Health Alert

29 SEPT 2018 - Two positive case of equine infectious anemia confirmed in Alberta

More details on EIA may be found on the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency website](https://www.canada.ca/en/agr.gc.ca/rm/pets/health/eia.html)

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency - Equine infectious anemia, premises affected
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) - Equine Surveillance Network

**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). (more)

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

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

- Accredited Veterinarian's Manual - 8.4 Equine Infectious Anemia (Updated June 2018)
- Equine Infectious Anemia Disease Control Program - A Report on the Recommendations of the EIA Program Working Group
- 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

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

Other Resources

- Equine Guelph - Fight Against Equine Infectious Disease Helped by Equine Foundation of Canada
- SK Horse Federation - EIA in Saskatchewan, Key Facts about Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)
- The Veterinary Journal - Serologically silent, occult equine infectious anemia virus (EIAV) infections in horses
- The Veterinary Journal - EIA such a challenge?
- US Equine Disease Communication Center - CURRENT EQUINE DISEASE OUTBREAK ALERTS
- US Department of Agriculture - Equine Infectious Anemia Surveillance Information
- Equine Veterinary Journal - 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