



The African Horse Sickness Trust

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AHS TRUST OUTBREAK REPORT

During the last 2 months, most suspected cases reported to the AHS Trust have been received from this season's current hot spots namely Nelspruit in Mphumulanga, Thabazimbi and the Waterberg areas in the Limpopo Province. This corresponds to the outbreak pattern from the last 2 years. So far 17 confirmed cases have been reported 4 of which have been from the Onderstepoort area and were the first reported.

In the corresponding period for 2008, 45 new suspected cases had already been reported and in 2009 - 12 horses.

Gauteng have reported their first cases this week from Muldersdrift (4) and additional 5 unconfirmed from Johannesburg North. The Eastern Cape have so far been very quiet and we anticipate that to continue due to the extremely dry conditions.

KZN has had one confirmed case north of Pietermaritzburg, one in Vryheid and two unconfirmed cases near Karkloof

In general terms far fewer suspected cases were reported during February than anticipated. Typically suspected cases reported in March account for about 60% of the total received in the season. Therefore, it would be reasonable to expect an increase in suspected cases from this point onwards. This year falling in the five-year cycles of weather patterns we can expect a higher number of cases based on the history of AHS reporting.

Higher vaccination coverage in the rural areas of KZN and the Eastern Cape hopefully will reduce in impacts significantly in these areas. The AHS Trust inoculated 2500 horses in the blanket vaccination campaign of 2009 a 40% increase on 2008.

This year, samples collected via the AHS Trust reporting system have been couriered to Equine Research Centre (ERC) which then splits them and delivers to the State laboratory, Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (OVI).

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Statistics of All Reported Cases for 2009/2010 Outbreak*

[Early Warning Map](#) | Statistics

Overall Outbreak Statistics	
Outbreak duration (months):	4
Total approved cases:	17
Number of horses that died:	4
Number of horses that survived:	13
Reported Cases by Province	
Cases in Gauteng:	9
Cases in Mpumalanga:	3
Cases in North-West Province:	1
Cases in Free State:	0
Cases in Limpopo:	1
Cases in KwaZulu Natal:	2
Cases in Northern Cape:	0
Cases in Eastern Cape:	0
Cases in Western Cape:	0
Cases in Namibia:	0
Cases in Lesotho:	0
Cases in other countries:	1
Reported Cases by Month	
December 2009:	3
January 2010:	7
February 2010:	3
March 2010:	4
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