



AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is African Swine Fever?

- **African swine fever (ASF)** is a **SERIOUS VIRAL DISEASE** that affects wild and domestic pigs.
- There is **no vaccine**.
- There is **no treatment** for affected pigs.
- Warthogs and bush pigs **carry the virus** but do **not show signs** of the disease.

2. How do the pigs get sick?

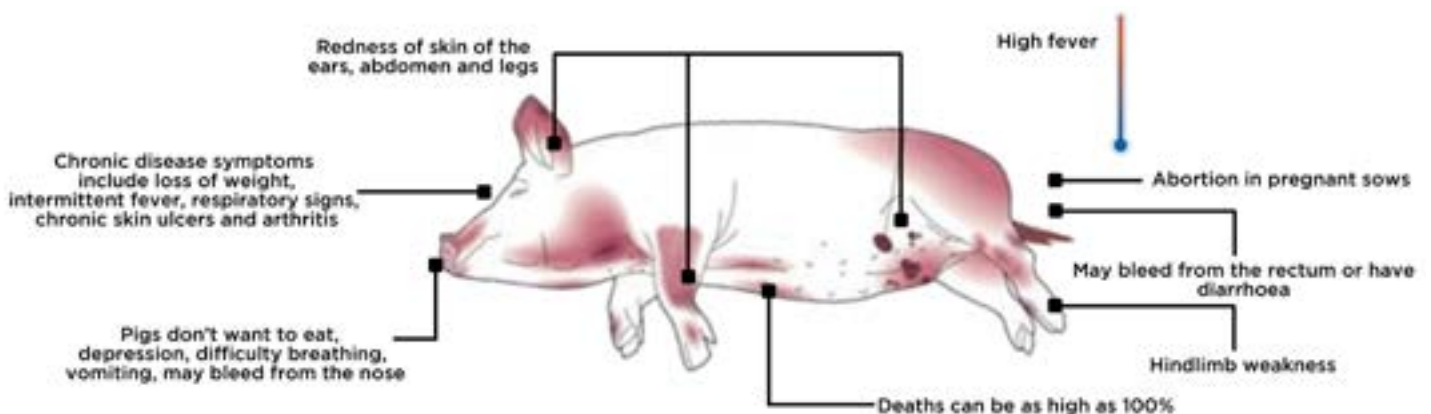
- Contact with sick domestic pigs.
- Ingestion of **contaminated** material (such as food, waste, feed and garbage).
- Contact with contaminated people, shoes, clothing, vehicles and equipment.
- Soft ticks.

3. Does ASF affect people?

- ASF is not transmitted to humans. However, it is not recommended to eat the meat of any sick animal or animal that has died.

4. What are the Symptoms?

- Redness of skin of the ears, abdomen and legs.
- High fever.
- Abortion in pregnant sows.





- May bleed from the rectum or have diarrhoea.
- Hindlimb weakness.
- Deaths can be as high as 100%.
- Pigs don't want to eat, depression, difficulty breathing, vomiting, may bleed from the nose.
- Chronic disease symptoms include loss of weight, intermittent fever, respiratory signs, chronic skin ulcers and arthritis.

5. Preventative measures?

- If ASF is suspected inform your nearest animal health official immediately.
- Prevent **access** to your pigs from other pigs of unknown health status, unknown people, warthogs and wild pigs.
- If you purchase from an **auction**, insist on a health declaration by the seller to confirm that they come from a healthy herd.
- Only buy pigs from reputable owners, insist on a **health certificate** from their vet on the health status of the farm and its animals.
- Preferably do not feed **kitchen waste**, but if you have no option, remove all meats and cook the kitchen waste thoroughly.

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