

AHS Update:

AHS and a Ban on moving horses to Western Province.

This warning has been issued by the Western Province Horse Society: "Please note that there has been an outbreak of African Horse Sickness in Lanseria, Gauteng. This has been confirmed to be serotype 3. Movement restrictions have been put into place. Horses moving from the infected area into the Western Cape may be prevented from travelling. Road blocks will be in place at all entrances into the Western Cape and horses that are from the affected area, or which do not have valid veterinary papers will be turned away. All horses being vaccinated should be vaccinated with Bottle 1 of the AHS vaccine first as this contains the vaccine to cover type 3. Please contact the State Vet in the Western Cape for more information."

There has also been a viral outbreak near Windhoek, diagnosed as AHS by a Vet. There are two known fatalities. And there has been a suspected case at Walvis Bay.

The horse that died was at Blair Atholl, (the vet spoken to thinks it was brought in from another area recently); it got moved to North Rand Clinic and died there from confirmed AHS. So, no horses within 60km will be allowed to travel to the Cape. If no more cases are confirmed for 30 days they will review the situation.

Please spread the word!

Then this morning when getting ready to do the Newsletter I get this:

"There has been an outbreak of Type 3 AHS in the JHB/Pretoria state vet area. In order to protect the AHS free zone in the WP, a ban on all horses from the infected area is now in place. Road blocks are currently checking all horse boxes and any floats containing horses from the infected area will be turned around and denied access into WP. If you are going to vaccinate please use Bottle 1 first which covers type 3."