

African swine fever

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly infectious viral disease of pigs. The disease spreads by direct contact with infected pigs and through feeding prohibited feed to pigs. Australia is free from the disease.

What are the signs of ASF?

Clinical signs include:

- high death rate
- blotching/reddening of skin
- high fever and depression
- lack of coordination
- difficult breathing
- diarrhoea or dysentery
- vomiting.

How does ASF spread?

The African swine fever virus spreads through:

- direct contact with infected pigs
- contaminated material from the environment
- feeding prohibited pig feed to pigs.

Prohibited pig feed includes:

- raw and cooked meat
- meat products
- other food scraps – including pies, pizza and deli meats – that contain or have contacted meat.



Photos: The Pirbright Institute and African Veterinary Information Portal.

What do I do if I suspect ASF?

ASF is a notifiable disease. If you suspect the disease in your animals, you must report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888 or to your local vet.