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Bluetongue

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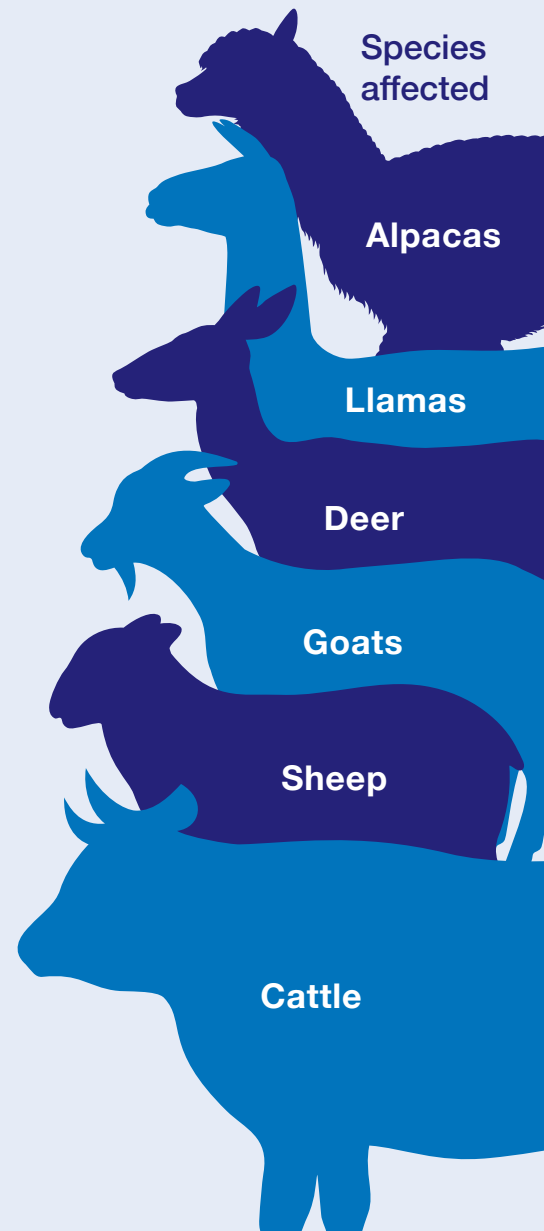
If you suspect bluetongue in your animals, you must report it to the **Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)**

Bluetongue is a viral disease spread by biting midges which affects ruminants such as cattle, sheep, deer and goats and camelids like alpacas and llamas. There are many strains of bluetongue. Cases of serotype 3 (BTV-3) were identified in England in November 2023 and the virus can also be spread through germinal products (semen, ova, and embryos) as well as transmitted maternally from mother to unborn offspring.

Clinical signs when present, can include: fever, crusting and ulcers around the muzzle area, swollen head, salivating and lameness. You may also see other signs including reduced milk yield, abortions and malaise.

Bluetongue does not affect people or food safety.

There is currently no vaccine for BTV-3



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