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African horse sickness

Know the signs

African horse sickness is a viral disease that affects equids such as horses, donkeys and zebras

It is carried and spread by *Culicoides* biting midges. It's not spread directly between horses

There has never been an outbreak in Great Britain

The main clinical signs can include:

- swelling and redness around the eyes
- swollen facial tissues, neck, and brisket
- heavy breathing, coughing
- frothy discharge from nostrils
- fever
- death

There are four forms of the disease and clinical signs vary in severity and presentation between the forms

Report it

If you suspect African horse sickness in your animals, you must report it immediately by calling:

- **03000 200 301 in England**
- **0300 303 8268 in Wales**
- **your local Field Services Office in Scotland**



Swelling and redness around the eye



Frothing and discharge from nostrils



Swelling around the eye

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Find out more information and how to report African horse sickness by visiting:

www.gov.uk/guidance/african-horse-sickness

African horse sickness is a notifiable animal disease. If you don't report it, you're breaking the law.

