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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Reference: Movement Ban of Horses from KwaZulu Natal Province**

Several African Horse Sickness (AHS) cases have been confirmed using PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) test method in several state veterinary locations in KwaZulu Natal province in the past two weeks. As a result of this movement of horses **from KwaZulu Natal into the AHS Controlled Area of the Western Cape** is prohibited until further notice.

Protect your horses by putting them in insect proof stables particularly between dusk and dawn, consider using insect repellants which contain DEET which have been shown to effectively repel the AHS vector *Culicoides* midges. Furthermore, we encourage horse owners to discuss with their veterinarian AHS vaccination protocols and how to implement them effectively.

**Movement of horses at this point in time is not advisable** due to the stress it might place on the horse and the possibility of disease spread. It's also not good veterinary practice to move animals into a potentially diseased area.

All horse owners and managers, as well as private veterinarians are reminded, that AHS is listed as a controlled disease in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, no 35 of 1984, and therefore all AHS cases must be reported to the nearest state veterinarian.

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