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EQUINE INFLUENZA

CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER COMMUNICATION #2

Notes to all registered veterinary practitioners

WHEN EXAMINING HORSES FOR EQUIINE INFLUENZA, PLEASE ASSIST US BY FILLING OUT THE ANEMIS FORMS FULLY AND ACCURATELY

The ANEMIS 1 form has been further revised to improve ease of use for practitioners and to assist in pinpointing the exact location of suspect and infected horses.

The form is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/equine-influenza under Forms.

Could all veterinarians please take care to:

- complete the form accurately
- fill in all requested information
- write clearly
- include the exact location of the horse/s you are examining:
 - o full property name and address including standard rural addressing number
 - o property identification code (PIC) if available
 - o a sketch map of the location of the property on the second page
 - o lot and DP numbers if available from local Council rate notice
 - map reference or GPS readings if available. You may be able to borrow a GPS from the local Rural Lands Protection Board. Remember to mark on the map where you were standing when you took the reading.

Please note that a property name and locality alone is not sufficient to locate most of these horses for legal purposes – we need more precise information!

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