VETERINARIANS

7 WAYS TO PROTECT PIGS FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Veterinarians are crucial in defending against this highly contagious and deadly virus. Work with clients to protect their pigs and livelihoods.

1. Limit On-Farm Traffic
Urge your clients to limit traffic as much as possible and keep detailed records of all people, vehicles, and equipment at their sites.

2. Teach Prevention Practices Regularly
Everyone needs to understand how to prevent and stop this virus.

3. Shower-In/Shower-Out
People can bring the virus onto your farm as it can live on clothing, shoes, and equipment. Remove clothing and accessories on a designated dirty side and dress in laundered items on the clearly marked clean side before entering or exiting restricted animal areas.

4. Wear Clean Coveralls and Boots at Each Site
Because the virus can stay on clothing, this step limits disease spread for anyone moving between sites.

5. Keep Pigs From Trash and No Eating Near Animals
Swine should not eat from trash as it can be contaminated. The virus can survive for months in pork and pork products and be a source of spread. Tell clients to keep all outside food products in a specific area away from animals.

6. Wash All On-Farm Equipment and Vehicles
The virus can stay on vehicles and equipment. Alert clients to follow specific cleaning and disinfection protocols for all vehicles entering or leaving the site.

7. Keep Pigs Away From Wildlife
Feral swine can carry the virus. Urge farmers to keep their herd away from contact with feral swine. Tell farmers to store feed where wildlife cannot access and contaminate it.

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