

My pig is sick – what should I do?

Unusual Signs for concern

- **Sick or dead pigs** from unexplained causes
- **Lameness** (unwilling to stand)
- **Fever**
- **Loss of appetite**
- **Diarrhoea or vomiting**
- **Blisters** on snout or feet
- **Skin discolouration** of the ears, belly rump, legs or tail
- **Nervous signs:** fitting, tremor, wobbly on legs or difficulty walking
- **Respiratory Disease**

If your pig is sick, act immediately

Separate the sick pig in a quiet, warm place with water and food.

Your veterinarian can help

A veterinarian who regularly treats your herd is in a great position to understand your enterprise, herd structure and goals.

A Veterinarian can diagnose the problem and work with you to treat or manage the problem in the rest of the herd.

Examination, collection of samples and/or euthanasia and necropsy of a sick pig may be needed to support a diagnosis.

Check for funding

Ask your veterinarian to check if funding support can be provided for your situation.

Biosecurity Tasmania's Animal Health Laboratories provide subsidised testing for production animals, including pigs, in Tasmania (samples must be submitted through your veterinarian).

Government veterinary officers (VO) can support your local veterinarian to investigate significant disease events or unusual signs.



Keep your pigs healthy and happy (Image: AHA)

For significant or unusual disease events, Biosecurity Tasmania will provide financial and technical support to your veterinarian to carry out a complete investigation, including all laboratory testing.

For more information visit our website at:

www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity

If you think you have an Emergency Animal Disease - call immediately (all hours and leave a message):

**EMERGENCY ANIMAL
DISEASE HOTLINE**

☎ 1800 675 888

LEAVE A MESSAGE