

# African Swine Fever

## *Know the Facts*

African Swine Fever (ASF) is a viral disease that is highly contagious among domestic and feral swine of all types and ages. Areas that are currently struggling with outbreaks are China, Africa, Europe, Taiwan and other parts of Asia. ASF does **NOT** affect human health.

### Signs/Symptoms:

- High fever
- Red blotchy areas or skin lesions on body, feet, legs and ears
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Slow behavior
- Coughing or difficulty breathing
- Abortions in females
- Death within 10 days



*If your pig is showing these symptoms, call your veterinarian and **DO NOT** attend a fair or exhibition.*

### *How can I prevent ASF?*

ASF can spread through contact with other hogs, boots, equipment and other items. Currently, there is not a vaccine for this disease. Increased biosecurity the best prevention tool.

### Pre-show checklist:

- ☐ Clean and disinfect your showbox.
- ☐ Observe pig health. If they appear sick, call your veterinarian and **do not** attend a show.

### Show checklist:

- ☐ Do not share equipment with other exhibitors.
- ☐ Monitor your pig's health for any kind of illness.
- ☐ Keep your pens and barn area clean.

### Post-show checklist:

- ☐ Watch for any signs of illness, and call your veterinarian if needed.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect your trailer and *all* equipment that was taken to or used at the show.

*For more information about African Swine Fever and the Missouri Department of Agriculture visit [Agriculture.Mo.Gov](http://Agriculture.Mo.Gov).*



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