

Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals

Reporting Requirements for Veterinarians

Veterinarians are reminded that they are required to report the following animal cases (not wildlife) to their local public health unit:

- Suspect and confirmed cases of avian chlamydiosis
- Suspect and confirmed cases of avian influenza
- Suspect and confirmed cases of novel influenza in mammals (defined as any influenza virus not already known to be endemically circulating in Ontario's animal species)
- Suspect and confirmed cases of Echinococcus multilocularis infection

Please report animal cases to the Durham Region Health Department electronically through <u>durham.ca/vetreport</u> with the following information:

- Vet clinic contact information including contact person, clinic name, clinic address and phone number
- Location of the animal
- Full name and contact information of the animal owner(s)
- Date of onset of clinical signs in the animal(s)
- Current health status of the animal(s)
- Any laboratory results that have been received or are pending

Reminder of Avian Influenza testing in the community

Recently the province has been experiencing an increase in avian influenza in wild birds. There have been reports in Durham Region of wild dead geese as well as other birds and the public may be extra vigilant with their pets who may have had exposure to wildlife. As a reminder, the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative public reporting tool is available for all wildlife sightings of ill or dead birds. The Durham Region Health Department Avian Influenza webpage has basic information and links to other useful resources.

For more information, please contact the Health Protection Division at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 7369 (press option 2).

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