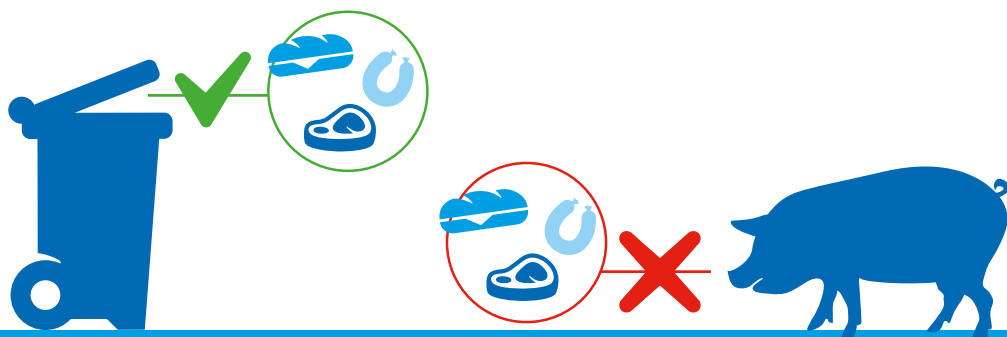




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Prevent the introduction of **African swine fever**



African swine fever (ASF) is an infectious viral disease that occurs in pigs and boars. The disease is advancing towards Western Europe via Eastern European countries.

Since 2014 the disease has appeared in various EU countries, such as Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Romania. The virus can be found in local pork products. Though it does not cause illness in humans, the virus can be spread if pigs and wild boars find contaminated food waste.

What can you do?

Do not take meat products from infected areas. This applies to everyone who travels

to Eastern Europe for any reason whatsoever, including tourists, truck drivers, business travellers and hunters. ASF can be transmitted through food. Never give food to pigs or carelessly discard food waste in the environment or near a farm or petting zoo. Only throw food away in sealable rubbish bins.

Pig farmers must ensure that visitors do not take food products with them. Avoid contact with pigs. If this cannot be avoided, take full hygienic measures such as showering and putting on clean clothes and shoes. Clean and disinfect livestock wagons from infected areas.

Hunters

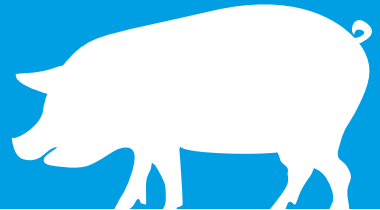
Do not use dogs when hunting. Bear in mind that the bones of pigs carrying ASF can also spread the disease. Clean and disinfect all materials and means of transport that have been used for hunting.

Use gloves and wash your hands thoroughly. Never touch a potentially infected boar; report your discovery to the local authorities.

Symptoms and infection

Infected animals can develop fever and become weak. They lose their appetite and

can exhibit bloody mucous membranes, red hide, (bloody) diarrhoea and vomiting. Laboratory tests are necessary to make a diagnosis. Infection can occur through direct contact between pigs as well as via contaminated materials and food. The virus is resistant and can also survive in bones for long periods of time.



Contact

In case of suspected African swine fever in the Netherlands, please contact the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) immediately:

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