Do you keep pigs, even just as pets...?

Help to reduce the risk of African swine fever reaching pigs in the UK

Did you know?

African swine fever is present in Eastern Europe and Belgium and is spreading in Asia. It has led to the death of millions of pigs worldwide. It is highly contagious and fatal to pigs and if it reached the UK it would be devastating to our commercial pig industry, smallholders and pet pig keepers alike.

It is illegal to feed pigs with catering waste or kitchen scraps as these can transmit African swine fever as well as other serious diseases such as foot and mouth disease and classical swine fever.

Feed your pigs the right food

**DON’T ×**

- Feed food scraps and catering waste from any restaurant or commercial kitchen (including vegan kitchens).
- Feed domestic kitchen waste or scraps.
- Feed raw, partially cooked or fully cooked meat and fish (including shellfish).
- Feed dog and cat food.

**BUT DO ✓**

- Feed specially formulated commercial pig feed as a safe and easy way to give your pigs a balanced diet.
- Feed fruit and vegetable material that has never entered a kitchen and which has not come into contact with material of animal origin.

Practise good biosecurity

- Use dedicated clothing and boots for you and anyone coming onto your premises.
- Prevent vehicles or equipment from coming on to your premises unless cleaned and disinfected first.
- Ensure that people who look after or visit your pigs understand the disease risk of bringing back meat products and in particular wild boar meat or pork/pork products from affected countries. Trade of pork from affected areas in these countries is illegal.
- Don’t bring meat products onto the farm to avoid accidental access to pigs.

And remember

You must register your pigs with the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Visit www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-a-pet-pig-or-micropig

Seek veterinary advice promptly if your pigs are unwell.

More information about African swine fever can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/african-swine-fever.