

Suggested format for NABSnet Significant Disease Investigation Reports

To complete a NABSnet SDI the veterinarian must provide a report written for the client.

Closing the loop for the client is a powerful way to encourage their participation in future investigations. A written report also becomes part of the property's (and practice) records, providing a useful, factual account as time moves on and people change.

This suggested format is designed to facilitate easy-to-do, consistent, good quality SDI case reporting. It's a guide - not prescriptive – but the headings should be considered.

The report should be written in non-technical terms to record findings and recommendations primarily for the client's benefit - for them to better understand how to manage the disease into the future. Most reports will be between 1 and 3 pages.

When sending the SDI Report to the NABSnet Vet Advisor, check that you have included:

- all original laboratory reports showing submission details of case history and lab requests**
- relevant photos.**

This full package enables the NABSnet network to understand and share key (de-identified) details of significant disease investigations in northern Australia.

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NABSnet Significant Disease Investigation Report

This disease investigation report was completed as part of the Northern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance Initiative. This is a summary of the investigation, the results, and any recommendations.

Date and location: *(First contact with the case)*

Case description & history: *(Case definition, patterns of the disease - are there clusters of cases?)*

- Presenting signs, breed, age and other characteristics of animals affected
- In total, how many animals sick? How many dead? How many at risk?
- Timeline of relevant events
- Place – if relevant, include a simple map of the cases and relevant details of the property

Investigation: *(A brief description of your investigation. Include photos.)*

- Clinical signs
- Gross post mortem exam findings
- Paddock / environment assessment
- List of differential diagnoses (any EAD or notifiable exclusions?)

Case assessment & interpretation: *(Your assessment based on field and final lab results.)*

Discussion: *(Aspects of importance to the financial and physical performance of the whole production unit, or other points of interest for the client. Any limitations in the investigation around samples taken?)*

Recommendations: *(Your recommendations on immediate actions and long-term preventative measures.)*

Author:

Date of report: