



The NABS SDI approach

The NABS SDI reports I'm seeing show a wealth of veterinary sleuthing and good outcomes for producers. Each newsletter we'll feature one - this time it's a significant loss of bulls investigated by private and government vets in the network.

We'll also put summaries of some of the SDIs on the web, covering the presenting signs and case definition, details of the investigation, lab findings and recommendations to the producer.

Make sure everyone in your practice who may do a NABS SDI knows the process required. See this outline for [a quick refresh](#).

It would be great to see 25 SDIs completed by September, so keep your eye out for suitable disease events. Contact me and/or your state government vet before or soon after you start an SDI to discuss sampling - sometimes specific samples are sought for priority diseases.

And the **next NABS Masterclass is in the planning stage**. Heads up - Darwin, Feb Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd, 2019. Contact me or Pauline if you have a burning opinion on topics to be included.

Cheers Kev
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13 bulls dead at a holding yard

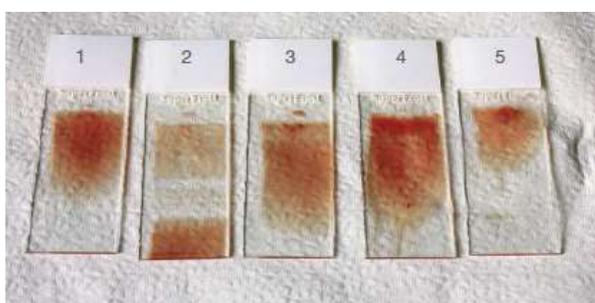
In June-July 2018 thirteen bulls were found dead or died within 4 hours of being found ataxic or recumbent. All were from consignments to a holding facility from a single property. Within a few days of the manager seeking help, a diagnosis had been made. [Find out more](#)

Master your blood smear technique (DPIRD WA)

The NABS Field Guide suggests you submit blood smears with all NABS SDIs to significantly increase the chance of getting useful haematology.

Tip: Making great blood films takes practice; don't be discouraged by less than perfect smears. Submit all blood smears, perfect or otherwise, as areas of the film may be suitable for examination.

Quiz - which blood smear below is the one you are hunting for?



DPIRD WA has a great poster guide to [mastering the technique](#) (and the answer to the quiz). Print it out and put it in your kit.



Vet students seeing (and loving) the north

Vet students who would like to do their course placements in cattle-oriented practice or community dog health in Northern Australia can apply for a bursary from the NABS program to assist with their travel and accommodation costs.

In 2018 some of these students were hosted by SDI Network vets and they reported having great experiences and developing their interest in becoming rural vets.

For some, the flame was lit to come north after graduation.

More info about these vet student placements [here](#).

For the network

Date for the diary - the **next Masterclass** will be held in Darwin on 22-23 February 2019. NABSnet practices will be able to send 2 vets as part of their package - more info to come.

Events coming up: [info here](#)

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