



## Every SDI counts

Every NABS SDI case provides an opportunity to demonstrate that Australia is free of certain diseases. The SDI featured in this newsletter is a good example where AAHL testing in a relevant disease event has added to the 'evidence of absence' for our industry.

Don't forget to mark up your Lab accession forms with one of the stickers, or write 'NABS SDI' clearly at the top.

Also down below there's an update on African Swine Fever which has entered and exploded in China in the last couple of months. Good to refresh on this one – definitely would not want to miss AFS if it came here.

Cheers Kev  
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## 30 dead in 800 yarded brahman weaners and yearlings

Animals in good body condition developed a high temperature, dyspnoea, panting, nasal discharge and swollen eyelids soon after yarding.

One very sick heifer with a temperature of 41oC was euthanased for post mortem. Fixed and fresh samples and swabs of lung and eye lesions were sent to the lab, along with an EDTA blood and smear. Field and lab diagnosis provided the basis for recommendations for prevention, and AAHL testing excluded exotics.

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Compare findings in endemic and exotic diseases with [respiratory signs](#)

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## How to find the bronchial lymph nodes (Tristan Jubb)

You wouldn't want to miss that case of TB! The retropharyngeal and the mediastinal lymph nodes are easy enough to find but the bronchial lymph nodes can sometimes be tricky. They are usually found in the bifurcation of the trachea between the two bronchi or at the bend where the trachea runs into the main bronchi. Give-it-a-go finding them at your next autopsy.

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Haemorrhagic nasal discharge, photo Dr J Carr

## **African Swine Fever on the move**

African Swine Fever is a highly contagious viral disease of domestic and wild pigs. It was detected in China for the first time in August 2018 and has already spread to six provinces. It is almost certain to spread to other Asian countries through movements of infected pork products.

ASF has never occurred in Australia and we're keen to keep it that way. [More info.](#)

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## **Investigating repro disease in northern beef herds**

Sandi Jephcott and a Technical Advisory Group (or TAG team!) of northern vets are currently developing simple comprehensive guides for producers and veterinarians investigating reproductive disease and calf loss.

Expect to see a draft for input by the NABS network before the next Masterclass.

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## For the network

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](#)

**Events coming up:** Workshop on Emergency Animal Disease management for small, mixed and large animal veterinarians practising in North Queensland, at JCU Townsville 3-4 November [info here](#)

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### Happy to help

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