

Disease Investigation Training Proposal

Project overview

The Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) is seeking approval to deliver animal disease investigation training for non-government veterinary practitioners in the NT using \$8,500 of the NT's 2020/21 allocation of National Significant Disease Investigation Program (NSDIP) funding.

It is proposed that face-to-face workshops will be held in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs in May 2021, to enhance the knowledge and skills of non-government veterinary practitioners in recognising and investigating significant animal disease events.

Objectives and scope

1. To improve the quality and increase the quantity of livestock and wildlife disease investigations conducted by non-government veterinary practitioners in collaboration with governments.
2. To promote effective collaboration between non-government veterinary practitioners and governments in livestock and wildlife disease investigations.

All veterinarians registered in the NT will be invited to attend the workshop. The workshops will focus on peri-urban mixed veterinary practice, as disease investigation training for large animal practice is being delivered through other projects in 2020/21.

Outcomes

1. Non-government veterinarians who attend the workshop:
 - Are confident and skilled investigating significant animal disease events and know how to
 - Identify and report a significant animal disease event
 - Collect and submit diagnostic samples
 - Access the NSDIP subsidy for eligible cases
 - Understand how significant disease investigations contribute to the national animal health system
 - Are aware of current and emerging emergency animal disease threats to northern Australia.
2. Non-government veterinarians are able to meet face to face with government veterinarians and veterinary pathologists to improve communication and collaboration.

Outputs

1. At least one quarter of all primary registered veterinarians in the NT attend a workshop.
2. Workshop report and evaluation presented at the NSDIP annual meeting.

Methods

Training will be delivered via face-to-face workshops facilitated by DITT veterinary officers and veterinary pathologists.

Timeframe and schedule

Milestone	Date
Training proposal accepted by out of session NSDIP Advisory Committee	14 February 2021
Darwin workshop held	May 2021
Katherine workshop held	May 2021
Alice Springs workshop held	May 2021
Workshop report and evaluation submitted to NSDIP Advisory Committee	1 September 2021

Key stakeholders and responsibilities

Stakeholder	Responsibility
NSDIP Advisory Committee	Review and accept proposal to utilise training budget
NT DITT Livestock Biosecurity Branch	Organise all aspects of workshop delivery including: - Venue and catering - Agenda, presenters and any supporting material - Allocation of Australian Veterinary Association VetEd points Complete workshop report and evaluation
Interested private veterinarians	- Register attendance and provide AVA number (if relevant) - Attend workshop - Complete feedback survey
Veterinary Board of the NT	Advertise workshop to NT registered veterinarians

Budget

Item	Estimated cost (\$)			Total \$
	Darwin	Katherine	Alice Springs	
Venue hire	1200	600	600	2400
Catering	3000	1200	1200	5400
Presenter travel expenses	1100	2000	4400	7500
AVA VetEd points	550	-	-	550
Administration and printing costs	300	300	300	900
Total proposed expenditure				16750
Proposed DITT contribution				8,250
Proposed NSDIP contribution				8,500

Evaluation and reporting

A workshop report and evaluation will be presented to the NSDIP Advisory Committee.

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