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ACT MOBILE PATROLS TO ENFORCE QUARANTINE

ACT Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Will Andrew has reminded all owners of Canberran horses, donkeys and mules that they are required to adhere to the restricted movement conditions while the ACT remains under quarantine.

Dr Andrew said that while the checkpoints in place at NSW/ACT borders will be gradually stepped down, mobile patrols would police the ACT for breaches of the quarantine.

“ACT Rangers and other staff enacted under the Animal Diseases Act, will continue the surveillance and detection of any horse movement throughout the ACT with the support of ACT Police,” said Dr Andrew.

“Although the ACT quarantine has been in place since Saturday it is still very important to adhere to the quarantine requirements to help restrict the spread of the disease.

“Horse owners and carers are being asked to avoid contact between their horses and other horses where possible and not to move their horses.

People who need to move a horse urgently can apply for a permit.

“In short, a permit will only be issued if the need is urgent and does not pose a risk to the horse population.

“To apply for a permit in the ACT call 6205 3828.

“The quarantine will remain in place in the ACT until further notice,” said Dr Andrew.

For updates and information on the equine influenza call **1800 234 002** or visit www.outbreak.gov.au

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