



British Llama Society

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Foot and Mouth Disease

Dear Member

You may well now be aware that there has been a confirmed outbreak of FMD on a Cattle farm near Guildford, Surrey. As is the norm DEFRA has imposed a 3Km exclusion zone and a 10Km restriction zone around the infected farm (this information sheet was drafted on 4 August 2007: please check news bulletins/ DEFRA for latest exclusion/restricted zones). This restriction applies even in the event that you need to take a sick llama to the vets. If this is needed you will need to contact your vets and get an authority to do so.

DO NOT TRY TO MOVE LLAMAS OR GUANACOS WITHOUT GETTING AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

As llama, guanaco and alpaca owners we are caught up in the movement restriction, and will have to abide by whatever rules the Animal Health Authority (formally SVS) impose.

British Camelid Vets have been asked for guidance in this matter and as soon as we have some we will pass it on to you.

In the meantime, may we suggest that you make sure that where possible you keep your llamas, guanacos and alpacas away from boundary fences and keep vehicles that leave the farm clean and away from the stock.

During these early days we must all be vigilant and if concerned contact your local vets.

We hope to make contact again shortly with more information and advice. You may also wish to visit the DEFRA web site.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/latest/2007/animal-0803.htm>

Although a worrying time, we need to be calm and work within the rules.

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