

## **EHF, SAPS AND W CAPE STATE VETERINARIANS COLLABORATE IN AHS CONTROL TRAINING**

Collaboration between the Western Cape State Veterinary Officials and South African Police Services (“SAPS”) is required to ensure proper control of horse movements in the Western Cape controlled zones for African horse sickness (“AHS”). Regular roadblocks and the capacity to prosecute transgressors successfully is essential for this purpose.



A training workshop organised by Dr Trudie Prinsloo and sponsored by the Equine Health Fund (“EHF”) (Wits Health Consortium) for all the individuals involved in roadblocks was held on 30 June at Nuy Valley, just outside Worcester. Officials came from as far as Beaufort West and a total of 35 people attended the training, of which 15 were State Veterinary Officials, 13 SAPS members and the remainder represented the Equine Health Fund in various capacities.



Training covered the importance of AHS and the reasons for control, procedures for control of AHS in the Western Cape and documentation required for legal horse movements into the AHS controlled area.

The second session of the day dealt with the legal side of the training with a presentation of the application of the Animal Diseases Act in AHS control by Dr Trudie Prinsloo and a discussion of the Criminal Procedures Act and its relevance presented by Captain Van Lill from the SAPS.

The afternoon session was a practical demonstration on horse identification and the passport system. Two horses were kindly provided for this purpose by Dr Marianne Thomson, a private veterinarian in the area.

There was great interest and enthusiasm. This kind of initiative fosters a good working relationship between Veterinary Services and the SAPS.