**Dear citizens**

**please allow us to inform you about aggravated infection situation regarding African swine fever. This infection, which currently doesn’t occur within our territory, progresses in Poland and Germany towards our border with these states in the area of Frýdlant and Šluknov Hook.**

**African swine fever is a viral disease, highly transmissible, usually deadly, contagious, affecting domestic pigs and wild boars, which represents serious threat for breeders of domestic pigs.**

**It is not transmissible to humans or other animals, but there is no treatment or vaccination available. The infection transfers via oral and nasal cavity, by contact with infected domestic pigs or wild boars, by public catering waste not treated by heat, contaminated litter, straw, etc. Transmission is rarely possible by cannibalism, ticks, and insects. Also, humans may act as infection transmitters, by means of clothes and tools contaminated after contact with infected animals, or by mean of food (meals, products) made of wild boars, following insufficient heat treatment.**

**The disease may have severe health impact on domestic pig breeding economy, as the pigs are killed in case the infection is found. This liquidation and subsequent measures cause great economic losses and the disruption of trade with animals and animal products on a domestic and international scale.**

**We hereby demand that the citizens limit their entries to forests where wild boars dwell. Human presence scares the animals, which further increases restlessness of and migration of animals and that helps the infection to spread. At the same time, it negatively affects the possibility to reduce the population of game by shooting or by other means.**

**Do not manipulate with any dead wild boars you may find, and report the finding and the location to the Regional veterinary administration cell phone number – 720 995 207.**

**Reducing the populations and mechanical barriers preventing migration are significant means to prevent the spreading of this infection.**

**Thank you for your understanding and help with solving this formidable task.**

**Regional veterinary administration**

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