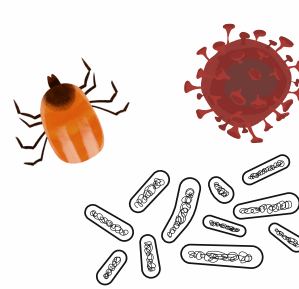


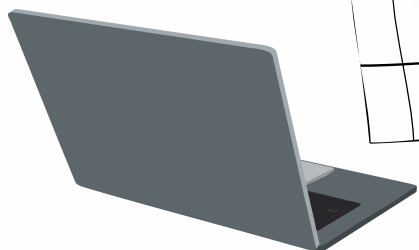
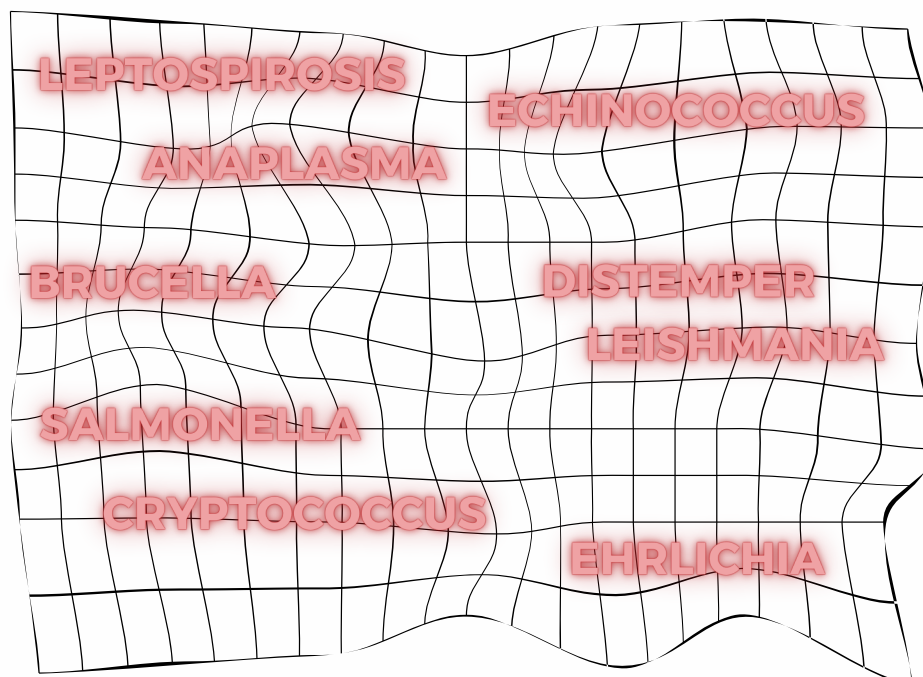
# Infectious Disease

## Spread the Surveillance Net!



I was a serious Rick Mercer fan, including his university wide “Spread the Net” campaign. I am not inviting you to a competition, but in the spirit of nationwide participation I am inviting you to learn how to spread the “surveillance net” of infectious diseases. **We need you!** All members of the veterinary team are invited to help improve the record keeping and reporting of infectious diseases across Canada especially in the companion animals area. Truth be told, we need to catch up to the reporting instincts on the large animal side. The **Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS)** is a network of animal health surveillance networks including equine, bovine, poultry and companion animal medicine among others.

True North participates in quarterly meetings on the companion animal side as well staying up to date on information provided in the equine, poultry, and bovine areas. We look forward to this infectious disease nationwide “check up” and the wealth of information provided by all participants.



# Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System

Observe | Connect | Detect | Protect

Which groups are empowered to connect by CAHSS and where do they get their data from?

- National, Provincial & Regional Agricultural Producer and Industry Organizations
- Federal, Provincial & Territorial Governments
- Regional & Animal-type Surveillance Networks
- Community for Emerging & Zoonotic Diseases
- Council of Chief Veterinary Officers
- Animal Health Laboratories
- Veterinary Surveillance & Epidemiology Network
- Public Health Authorities
- Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative
- Private Practitioners
- Academia
- Veterinary Medical Associations

At the last meeting it was emphasized the important role that each clinic and shelter can take to help detect disease trends as well as disease entry points.

**Individual clinics can report infectious diseases to CAHSS here with this [form](#) or simply email [cahss@animalhealthcanada.ca](mailto:cahss@animalhealthcanada.ca)**

You can find weekly infections disease alerts [here](#).

If there is someone in your clinic with a keen interest in infectious disease, consider making them the dedicated reporting liaison. Your effort will make a difference in the lives of pets and one health!



P.S. Have a tick to report or ID? Click [here](#).