

The new *Animal Health Act*, Alberta's primary animal disease control legislation, came into effect on January 1, 2009, along with three new regulations. This Act will ensure a rapid and effective response to an animal disease occurrence.

An article was recently published in the Red Deer Advocate which sensationalized the requirements for horse/land owners. The article also misquoted Dr. Darrell Dalton who made a short presentation regarding the new legislation at the recent Horse Breeders & Owners Conference in Red Deer, and also delivered an educational session on biosecurity. For a little "Horse Sense and Premise ID" clarification from the Ag Info Centre, [click here](#) .

The Traceability Premises Identification Regulation requires that all those keeping "recordable animals" on their property must have a premises identification number. Horses are included in the list of recordable animals.

For more information on the Animal Health Act, the Traceability Premises Identification Regulation, or to obtain a copy of the premises ID application, [click here](#) .

For more information, contact the office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian at 780-427-3448.