African Swine Fever (ASF) is a viral infection with a very high risk of fatality for pigs.

- There is no treatment or vaccine for ASF, so prevention is critical!
- ASF is highly resistant in the environment and can be transmitted through direct or indirect contact with infected pigs or pork products.
- ASF cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans and is not a food safety risk.

Always keep a look out for signs of ASF in your pigs, including:

- Fever, weakness, or low appetite
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Coughing or difficulty breathing
- Red, blotchy skin or skin lesions
- Sudden abortions or death

There are some simple things you can do to protect your pigs from ASF:

- Never feed any type of meat to your pigs, including dog or cat food. This is prohibited by law in Canada.
- If you feed your pigs table scraps, boil them for 30 minutes and cool them down before feeding.
- Avoid visitors near your pigs and have clean, disinfected and dedicated equipment for pigs. Remember to wash your hands often.
- Secure your pig pen to prevent your pigs from interacting with wild pigs.

ASF is a reportable disease in Canada. Remember to stay vigilant and contact your veterinarian promptly if your pigs are unwell.

http://www.ovma.org/pet-owner-resources/african-swine-fever/