

AHS CONTROL – ROADBLOCK REPORT

On 5 August 2016, 6 officials from the South African Police Services, 7 officials from the Western Cape Veterinary Services as well as 6 individuals representing the Equine Health Fund met at the weighbridge near Rawsonville next to the N1 to conduct a roadblock organized specifically as part of the ongoing control of horse movements into the AHS controlled areas in the Western Cape.



Warrant Officer Nico du Toit from the Worcester Stock Theft Unit was in charge of the operation on behalf of the SAPS and Dr Gary Bührmann headed up the Veterinary Services team. The Provincial Traffic Department has officials present at this site daily and the operation was approved by Mr Giba, the Head of the Provincial Traffic Department for the Worcester area. Mr Giba personally attended the roadblock to meet some of the officials involved and he is very supportive of collaboration between the various state departments.

The traffic officials on the N1 pulled over all vehicles transporting horses. Identification spot checks were done and all documentation was checked. There was one transgression where the SV movement permit had been issued, but was not present in the vehicle. The owner was contacted and reprimanded. The people transporting the horses were very co-operative and supportive.

Since this site falls within the jurisdiction of the Worcester State Veterinary Office, Dr Christi Kloppers and his team made use of the opportunity to check for other transgressions in terms of the Animal Diseases Act and the Meat Safety Act. Vehicles with livestock, hides and skins and meat were inspected.

The SAPS made use of the opportunity to inspect livestock for the presence of branding and tattooing marks as required by the Animal Identification Act. Two members of the Breederivier K9 Unit were also present with sniffer dogs that check vehicles for the presence of illegal drugs.

This was an extremely successful operation and the aim is that it will become a regular activity.

OFFICIALS INVOLVED		
Western Cape Veterinary Services	Equine Health Fund	SAPS
Dr Gary Bührmann	Dr John Grewar	WO WN Du Toit (Stock Theft Unit Worcester)
Dr Christi Kloppers	Dr Camilla Weyer	Sgt M Du Toit (Stock Theft Unit Worcester)
Mr Dawid Visser	Dr Phillipa Burger	WO A Van Greunen (Stock Theft Unit Kuilsrivier)
Mr Malcolm Cupido	Dr Trudie Prinsloo	WO S Van Zyl (Stock Theft Unit Kuilsrivier)
Mr Rudolf Nieuwenhuis	Ms Danielle Pienaar	WO G Dippenaar (K9 Unit Breederivier)
Ms Thuli Tsele	Ms Esthea Russouw	Sgt Baadjies (K9 Unit Breederivier)
Mr Marius Vrey		