

Cape

- SANCOB (021 557 6155)
- Big Bay: West Beach Animal Hospital (021 554 4992)
- Muizenberg: False Bay Veterinary Clinic (021 788 1172)
- Fish Hoek: Fish Hoek Veterinary Clinic (021 782 1279)
- Heidelberg: Heidelberg Vet Clinic (028 722 2024)
- Somerset West: Tygerberg Animal Hospital (021 851 5739)
- Hermanus: Hermanus Animal Hospital: (028 312 3065)
- Hermanus: Bergview Veterinary Hospital (028 312 1390)
- Langebaan: Dr Dave Longland (083 630 9614)
- Strand: Strand Animal Hospital (021 854 6704, 021 854 7037)
- Newlands: Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital (021 674 4090)
- Bredasdorp: Dr Hensie Lategan (028 424 1242)

Euthanized birds are to be reported to the Stellenbosch provincial veterinary laboratory: 021 887 0324 (ask for Belinda)

Garden Route

- State Vet- George: Dr. Edwin Dyason (044 803 3771) edwind@elsenburg.com.

Communications:

Any media statements must be in conjunction with the State Veterinary Department as they are the responsible authority to manage notifiable diseases – either Stellenbosch or Dr Jared Strydom to be consulted in the Eastern Cape.

Important note:

All incidents must be recorded in the accompanying spreadsheet by rangers (species, number, location, date, time, symptoms, reported and collected by, vet contacted, photographs and what was done with the bird.) and submitted to their relevant regional ecologist who will provide details to wildlife veterinary services and scientific services.

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- Cape – Carly Cowell carly.cowell@sanparks.org
- Garden Route – Jessica Hayes jessica.hayes@sanparks.org

Quick Facts:

- The disease is widespread. Affected terns have been reported from all over the Western Cape, Gansbaai, Plettenberg bay, Robben Island, Hermanus and the SANCCOB centers in the Eastern Cape.
- Bird flu is mainly spread by direct contact between healthy and infected birds; it can be spread by contaminated materials. The virus is present in the faeces of infected birds and discharges from their noses, mouths and eyes.
- The virus can be spread by people who have had contact with sick birds and they can spread it to other birds, including domestic poultry. Anyone who has had contact with these birds should not come into contact with any domestic birds.
- This strain of bird flu does not affect people.

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