**WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?**

Explaining key terms in animal health

**ENDEMIC DISEASES**
Endemic diseases are always present in a community to one degree or another. Incidence levels may fluctuate, but the disease always remains a continual concern.

**EPIDEMIC**
An epidemic is a widespread occurrence of disease in a community at a particular time.

**ZOONOTIC DISEASES**
Zoonotic diseases are those which can be passed between animals and humans.

**VECTOR BORNE DISEASES**
Vector-borne diseases are transmitted by the bite of an infected species, such as mosquitoes or ticks. Some diseases (such as Lyme disease) are vector-borne and Zoonotic.

**PATHOGEN**
A pathogen is a bacterium, virus or microorganism that can cause disease.

**FOODBORNE DISEASES**
Foodborne diseases are caused by bacteria, viruses or parasites transmitted when food is contaminated, such as through poor storage, in the supply chain.

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