## The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is seeking assistance from Veterinary Practitioners for Sick Bird Investigations

Due to the ongoing Avian Influenza investigation in Western Canada, we are seeking assistance from veterinary practitioners who would be willing to conduct sick bird investigations on behalf of the CFIA. It is anticipated that the need for these investigations could continue for the foreseeable future and through the fall.

The CFIA is working to establish a repository of interested practitioners that we could call upon to perform an investigation and sampling if we receive notification of a sick bird particularly in a small or backyard flock. In addition to sampling and biosecurity protocols to be followed, the CFIA will provide appropriate sampling supplies and transport media to have on hand in the event that a flock should require investigation and sampling. The CFIA will pay for the work performed by the veterinary clinic billed at customary rates. This is not a contract. There is no guarantee of work nor is there an obligation to perform the work if requested to do so. This work will not include any activity associated with wild birds.

If you are interested in supporting the investigation please email <a href="mailto:cfia.ABSickBird-">cfia.ABSickBird-</a>
<a href="mailto:Lesoiseauxmalades@inspection.gc.ca">Lesoiseauxmalades@inspection.gc.ca</a> indicating your interest along with contact details including shipping information so that we can supply sampling materials.

