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DIAA – National Velvet Accreditation Scheme

Deer Grower,

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It is most important that you get your paperwork and administration fee in as soon as possible as:

- ***There will be NO reminder notices sent out***
 - *The cut off date for all paperwork is 31st August.*
 - *AQIS will be informed of those accredited by September 10th.*
 - *If all your paperwork has not been received by that date, your veterinarian will be informed and you will be suspended from the program.*
 - *Items to be returned are the Administration Fee of \$198, the 2011 update exam and the Annual Return which must be signed by your veterinarian.*
1. **2010-2011 Administration Fee needs to be paid if you are not a DIAA member. The fee is \$198 inclusive of GST. Cheques should be made payable to “Deer Industry Association of Australia” and posted to (PO Box 246, Berwick Victoria, Australia 3806). Please note that this is an Annual Fee and must be paid every year in order to maintain your accreditation. If you have not paid the previous year’s fee of \$198 then you MUST include it as well as your current year’s payment.**
 2. **Lignocaine. Remember, lignocaine MUST be used when administering xylazine as a method of harvesting. All NVAS members using a sedative MUST use lignocaine in addition to the sedative.**
 3. **Drug Dosage.** Please make sure that you are applying the correct dosage of drugs used and wait the appropriate minimum time, as causing pain to an animal is both unethical and an offence under State Laws. If you are unsure as to the correct amount to use, then please check with your veterinarian again.
 4. **Tags.** All velvet that is destined for export is required to have a tag stating the grower’s NVAS Accreditation Numbers. AQIS are informed of those currently accredited and those that have been suspended.
 5. **Tag Orders.** The price of tags for this year will remain the same as last year. There will only be ONE order date, so again please be prompt in ordering your tags. Remember, tag orders will not be processed if the Admin Fee, Exam Update and Annual Audit have not been returned. It is your responsibility to ensure this.

Closing dates for orders August 20, 2010

If you have any concerns please contact Solange (email: diaa.sec@gmail.com).
Thank you all for your support of the NVAS.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman NVAS