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summarized by Pablo Nart]
<http://www.lanacion.com.ar/03/01/11/dg_465353.asp>

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome case confirmed in Buenos Aires Province

A Buenos Aires policeman has been admitted to hospital in serious condition after having contracted a **hantavirus** infection and the sanitary authorities of the province are investigating if the infection was acquired in [Buenos Aires] or in Pinamar, where the patient was working temporarily. According to the specialists, [the patient] may have contracted [**hantavirus** infection], transmitted by [the long-tailed pygmy rice rat, *Oligoryzomys longicaudatus*] present in Pinamar's police stables. [The long-tailed pygmy rice rat is a reservoir host for *Andes virus*, a **hantavirus** present in Chile and south western Argentina to about 50 degrees south latitude. This virus has been associated previously with cases of **hantavirus** pulmonary syndrome in this region. - Mod.CP]

The Health Department of Buenos Aires stated that [specialists in zoonoses] were already at the site. The aim is to corroborate the presence of long-tailed pygmy rice rats in the area, and if found to take action to eliminate them. Last Wednesday [8 Jan 2003], the policeman was moved into the intensive care unit of the Hospital San Juan de Dios, in serious condition. The Health Department of Buenos Aires [stated that **hantavirus** infection had been confirmed by appropriate diagnostic tests].

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