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## TULAREMIA

Tularemia has recently been diagnosed in a cat from the St. Lawrence area in Hand County. Tularemia is a reportable, zoonotic disease that can affect a number of domestic and wild mammals. Please report any suspicious cases of animals with clinical signs consistent with Tularemia to the State Veterinarian. For additional resources visit <http://aib.sd.gov/tularemia.html>

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF OFFICIAL EARTAGS

1. DO NOT REMOVE - State and Federal regulations prohibit the removal of official ear tags. If there is a problem with a certain official tag on an animal, please notify the SDAIB.



2. DO NOT DOUBLE TAG – when an official tag is present, it has been recorded in a traceability database. Please read/record the existing tag instead of double tagging.

### *Except for the following situations:*

- Captive cervids – two types of official ID are required for intrastate and interstate movement.
- Scrapie tags in sheep and goats – regulation allows the application of additional scrapie tags to sheep and goats in commerce. Tag numbers and date applied must be recorded.

- Official calfhood vaccinates for brucellosis - although any existing official ID may be listed on an OCV certificate, it is allowable to add an orange NUES or AIN tag for visual indication that the animal is an OCV. In that case, both numbers must be recorded on the OCV certificate and on any future test charts or ICVIs.
- An AIN tag may be applied to an animal with an existing NUES tag. Both tags must be recorded at the time of application and on any future test charts or ICVIs.
- In certain specific cases when there is an intensified need to maintain identification on an animal, such as for export shipment.

3. DO READ AND RECORD ALL OFFICIAL TAGS when more than one official tag has been applied to an animal.



All official identification tags must be recorded on regulatory test charts, brucellosis vaccination certificates, ICVIs, and on any laboratory submission forms for samples submitted for regulatory purposes.

4. DO REPORT any missing, lost, or stolen official tags to SDAIB or to the USDA office in Pierre.