



Animal Health Notes

July 29, 2020

Tularemia

Tularemia has recently been confirmed in a cat from Minnehaha County. The pet cat was allowed to roam outdoors and was an effective hunter of wild rabbits. The owner has consulted a physician to assess personal exposure.

Tularemia is a reportable, zoonotic disease that can affect several domestic and wild mammals. Please report immediately any suspicious cases of animals with clinical signs consistent with Tularemia to the State Veterinarian's office.

Additional resources:

[Tularemia Factsheet: The Center for Food Security & Public Health](#)

[Tularemia in Animals in South Dakota](#)

[Tularemia Factsheet: SD Department of Health](#)

[Tularemia: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Vesicular Stomatitis Update

Vesicular Stomatitis virus (VSV) has now been confirmed in eight states (AR, AZ, KS, MO, NE, NM, OK, TX) since the first case was confirmed in April 2020. There are currently no active cases in NM, AZ, or TX, however the virus continues to be detected in states closer to South Dakota, with new cases in AR, KS, MO, and OK in the past week.

Because VSV produces oral vesicles and other lesions similar to many foreign animal diseases, including Foot and Mouth Disease, it is important to report any suspicious cases to the State Veterinarian. A state or federal regulatory veterinarian will be assigned to examine the animal and submit samples as appropriate to rule out any foreign animal disease.

South Dakota State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair will be held September 3-7th, 2020. With the cancellation of many county fairs, there may be numerous new or first-time exhibitors who wish to show their livestock at the State Fair. Please assist your clients in meeting the requirements for showing at the Fair and be diligent when issuing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection so that only animals free of signs of contagious diseases such as ringworm, fungus, warts, etc. make the trip to Huron.

The show requirements can be found at the following links:

<https://www.sdstatefair.com/participate/competitive-exhibits/open-class-livestock/>

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 (RHDV2)

States where RHDV2 has been detected in wild, feral, and domestic rabbit populations have been designated "stable" for OIE reporting purposes. From April 8, 2020 to present, RHDV2 has been confirmed in domestic rabbits from New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, California, and Nevada, and in feral rabbits in Colorado and Utah.

[RHDV2](#) is highly contagious and lethal among rabbits. It does not affect humans or domestic species other than rabbits and is considered a foreign animal disease. Multiple dead or sick rabbits may be caused by RHDV2. If you are suspicious of RHDV2 please contact the State Veterinarian at 605.773.3321.



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APHIS Seeks Comments on RFID

On July 6, 2020, USDA APHIS published a notice and request for public comments on a proposal that only radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags would be approved for use as official identification in cattle and bison. The proposal includes a timeline for the transition. Public comments will be accepted through October 5, 2020.

Proposed timeline:

- Beginning January 1, 2022 – Tag manufacturers will no longer be approved to print the official USDA shield on metal tags or other non-RFID tags.
- Beginning January 1, 2023 – only RFID tags will be approved for use as official eartags for cattle and bison.
- Non-RFID eartags that were placed before January 1, 2023 – will be recognized as an official ID eartag for the life of the animal.

Reminder: Official RFID eartags are currently available to accredited veterinarians at no charge through USDA APHIS. Please call the USDA APHIS VS office in Pierre, SD (605-224-6186).

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2020/sa-07/rfid-eartags



African Horse Sickness

An outbreak of African Horse Sickness (AHS) in Asia continues to expand. In response the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has developed guidance, [AAEP Infectious Disease Guidelines: African Horse Sickness](#), to remind veterinarians to be on the lookout and provide education about the disease.

Electronic CVIs and SD Import Permits

Effective June 22, 2020, veterinarians using approved electronic certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) no longer need to call for an import permit number when issuing CVIs for domestic livestock moving into SD. Veterinarians who have been assigned a permanent permit number are asked to continue to use that permanent permit on all CVIs. Import permit numbers will still be required for movements of cervids and other captive non-domestic animals into SD.

Approved electronic CVI systems include:

- AgView
- GlobalVetLink
- Veterinary Services Process Streamlining (VSPTS)
- VetSentry

Please contact the SDAIB or visit our [website](#) if you have any questions regarding import permits or electronic CVIs.

SDVMA Virtual Annual Meeting

August 17-18, 2020

<http://sdvetmed.org/events/sdvma-annual-meeting/>