



# Animal Health Notes

March 16, 2020

## COVID-19 Resources

The global response to COVID-19 in humans, caused by SARS-CoV-2, is unprecedented. With schools, sports, and many other major events on hold or cancelled, many people's daily routine has been disrupted. However, animals still need to be fed and cared for. Animals, whether pets or livestock, may provide certainty and routine that many will find comfort in.

There is no evidence that animals are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2. However, the CDC recommends that COVID-19 patients limit interaction with pets and other animals, just as they would limit interaction with people.

Veterinary services are considered essential, and veterinarians are therefore encouraged to continue to operate using best practices to limit the potential spread of SARS-CoV-2. Both the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html) and [AVMA](https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19) have excellent resources that veterinarians may find useful. In addition, the [SD Department of Health](https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx) has information specific to South Dakota.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>  
AVMA: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19>  
SD DOH: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

As always, please let us know if we can provide additional resources or advice as you continue to provide care for animals.

## EIA Testing

Veterinarians who submit samples for EIA testing must use the FEB 2018 version of VS Form 10-11. Effective April 15, this is the only approved version of the USDA form for EIA testing.

The form is available only to accredited veterinarians and only through the USDA-APHIS office at 314 S. Henry Pierre, SD 57501. (605)-224-6186.

Your NAN – National Accreditation Number must be included on every form and leave no fields blank - use “*NONE*” if necessary. The complete written description of the animal is required: tattoos, brands, microchips, whorls and scars must be recorded. Field #5 on the VS 10-11, (location of animal) should reflect the current home premises of the equine: ranch/farm/stable/market,” and field #6 should reflect the county of home premises of equine.

Complete instructions on how to complete the form can be found at the following link:

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/eia/downloads/vs\\_form10-11\\_inst.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/eia/downloads/vs_form10-11_inst.pdf)

Use of the FEB 2018 version of the form will be mandatory effective April 15, 2020. If you use the wrong form, approved laboratories will not run the test.

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## We're Hiring!

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board is seeking a veterinarian to perform regulatory veterinary duties including animal disease control, meat inspection, livestock neglect investigations, livestock auction market licensing, captive non-domestic permitting, and other animal industry regulatory duties. The position is field based in the eastern-central part of South Dakota and includes supervision of inspectors.

Benefits of employment with the State of South Dakota include:

- 15 days vacation leave
- 14 days sick leave
- 10 paid holidays
- Employee health insurance
- Group rates on other insurance
- Retirement plan
- Professional training opportunities
- And more

Additional information about the position can be found on the SD Career Space website (<http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus>), Job ID# 13759, or call Dr. Oedekoven: 605-773-3321.