

Animal rabies cases rise for second year

South Dakota animal rabies cases were up in 2012, climbing for the second straight year, according to the yearly surveillance report recently released by the Department of Health. There were 60 animal rabies cases in 2012, up from 40 the year before.

While animal rabies is reported every year, the disease tends to be cyclical, with years of high case numbers followed by years with lower numbers, noted Dr. Lon Kightlinger, State Epidemiologist for the Department of Health.

"Rabies is a risk every year in South Dakota and that risk is statewide," said Kightlinger. "Rabies vaccination is readily available, inexpensive and important to protect your pets and the people around them."

In 2012 there were rabies detections in 29 South Dakota counties. Those rabies positives included 21 domestic animals – 16 cattle, three horses, two cats – as well as 36 skunks and three bats. South Dakota's last human rabies case was reported in 1970.

The 16 rabid cattle in 2012 was the highest number of cases in 15 years for South Dakota and higher than any state in the country.

Beef and dairy cattle are usually exposed to rabies through

bites from skunks and people can in turn be exposed by contact with the cattle's saliva.

Dr. Russ Daly, State Public Health Veterinarian, noted that signs of rabies in cattle can be very vague and may start as subtle behavior changes and progress to salivation, abnormal bellowing, persistent heat cycles, and incoordination. Contact a veterinarian right away if you suspect rabies in an animal and avoid contact with the saliva of that animal.

"Rabies vaccine is available for cattle but routine vaccination of cattle herds isn't practical," said Dr. Daly. "However, show animals and others that have a lot of human contact should be vaccinated for rabies starting in the spring. The vaccine for cattle is good for one year and has a 21 day withdrawal period."

In addition to vaccinating pets and other animals with frequent human contact, reduce the risk of rabies with these precautions:

- Do not handle, adopt, or attempt to feed wild animals. Teach children to avoid animals they don't know and to tell you immediately if they are bitten or scratched by any animal. Avoid any animal, wild or domestic, that behaves strangely and immediately report it to your

local veterinarian, animal control, conservation, or law enforcement office.

- Do not handle dead, sick or injured animals. If you must, use heavy gloves, sticks, or other tools to avoid direct contact. Farmers and ranchers should wear gloves and protective eyewear when treating sick animals to prevent exposure to saliva.

- Close outdoor trash containers tightly to avoid attracting skunks and raccoons.

- Clear wood or junk piles from homes to deter wild animals from moving in.

- Do not handle bats. If bats are found in a room with small children or sleeping people, call the Department of Health, your physician, or local animal control officer.

If you suspect rabies in a wild animal, pet or livestock – or if your animal has been bitten by a possibly rabid animal – contact your veterinarian immediately. If you have a potential exposure to rabies, wash the affected area with soap and water right away and call your doctor or the Department of Health at (800) 592-1861. Your veterinarian will instruct you as to handling of animals involved.

SD Oral History Center moves to ID Weeks Library

The South Dakota Oral History Center is finding a new home at the I.D. Weeks Library on the campus of the University of South Dakota.

The center holds thousands of recorded interviews dating back to the 1950s that document personal experiences from the people who lived the history of the Northern Plains and the state of South Dakota. About half of the interviews preserve Native American memories and experiences from the 1890s to the present.

"This move will stabilize the future of the collection and make sure these unique recordings are here to benefit future generations," said Dan Daily, dean of libraries at USD.

Currently the Oral History Center is housed in Dakota Hall as part of the Institute of American Indian Studies. For the past three years a federal grant has paid for workers to transfer the interviews from magnetic tape to digital recordings and to create a catalog of the contents.

That grant is ending, but Daily says he will continue to seek new grants to continue the work on the collection.

For now he plans to add a staff member who will work with the South Dakota Oral History Center as well as other special collections in the library archives. Library staff also will continue the work of preserving and cataloging the interviews.

"I envision that SDOHC will continue to work with academic departments collecting and preserving interviews and making them accessible for research on South Dakota, the Northern Plains and Native Americans," Daily said.

Library archives at USD already contain significant manuscript collections of Native Americans such as artist Oscar Howe and USD alumnus Chuck Trimble. The I.D. Weeks building provides a climate-controlled environment for the master tapes of the oral history collection, which is not available in Dakota Hall.

The South Dakota Oral History Center has existed for more than four decades. It includes six collections of recordings:

- The American Indian Research Project, begun in 1967 and containing recordings of Native Americans from the Northern Plains.
- The South Dakota Oral History Project, featuring recordings from every county in South Dakota on a broad range of topics.
- The Stanislaus Maudlin Collection, recordings by Father Stanislaus Maudlin of the Blue Cloud Abbey.
- The John S. Painter Collection, recordings collected between the 1950s and the 1980s.
- The James Emery Collection, including Native American music, dating back to the early 1950s.
- The Lindley Collection, recordings that detail the lives of people in the Northern Plains.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF PRESS BRIEFING

03/24/13 20:35 – A deputy found boards with nails in them on 302nd St. It appeared they fell from a vehicle. The deputy removed the debris from the road.

03/25/13 18:35 – A deputy served a protection order to a Vermillion man.

03/25/13 18:50 – A vehicle was observed with a non-functioning tail light and brake light. The driver was stopped and notified of the problem.

03/26/13 06:56 – A report was received of a horse on the highway on 456th Ave. A deputy responded and located the owner who removed the horse from the road.

03/26/13 12:25 – A report was received of llamas on the highway near Wakonda. A deputy responded and did not locate any llamas. A message was left for the owner.

03/26/13 13:29 – A deputy responded to Irene after receiving a report of a non-injury accident on private property. An accident report was completed.

03/26/13 13:30 – A deputy took a report of a sweepstakes fraud attempt. The reporting party had been suspicious from the beginning so he did not pay any money or given out any personal information. The Attorney General's Office was notified.

03/26/13 13:59 – A wanted person who was arrested in Winner for Clay County charges was transported to Yankton on a prisoner shuttle. A deputy met the shuttle in Yankton and transported the inmate to the Clay County Jail.

03/26/13 16:23 – A deputy mediated a dispute between a man and his ex-wife. The dispute was over ownership of some property and a child refusing to live with the custodial parent. The teenager was informed he needed to stay with the custodial parent until a court ordered a change in custody.

03/26/13 19:30 – A deputy followed up with new information on a previously reported prowler complaint in Wakonda. The investigation is continuing.

03/26/13 20:44 – Officers checked a rural residence where the homeowner had returned to find a door open. No one was found in the residence and nothing was disturbed.

03/27/13 00:27 – A deputy received a request to check on the welfare of a baby in Wakonda because of suspicions of drug use. The mother and baby were not located. This information was passed on to the caller. Deputies will continue to attempt to locate the woman to assess the baby.

03/27/13 09:00 – The School Resource Officer investigated a report of a Jolley School student assaulting another on the playground. This student has been previously disciplined for violence. This case was forwarded to the States Attorney for consideration of juvenile delinquency charges.

03/27/13 09:11 – A deputy responded to a report from a parent of a child in Wakonda refusing to go to school. The deputy convinced the boy that he needed to go to school.

03/27/13 11:03 – A deputy

encountered a disabled vehicle on the highway. The driver had already called for assistance so no further assistance was required.

03/27/13 13:33 – A patient was transported from the Sanford Emergency Room to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

03/27/13 15:41 – An inmate was transported from the State Penitentiary Trustee unit in Yankton to the Clay County Jail for a court appearance.

03/27/13 19:39 – A deputy transported a patient from Sanford Emergency Room to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

03/28/13 12:05 – A deputy responded with fire units to a controlled burn that got out of control. The fire had been started in Union County. The Union County Sheriff's Office

was notified.

03/28/13 12:22 – An inmate was transported from the Clay County Jail to the Yankton State Trustee Unit after being brought here for a court appearance.

03/28/13 14:31 – A driving complaint was received about a pickup pulling a trailer loaded with crushed cars. The caller complained about erratic driving. A deputy located the vehicle and observed Motor Carrier offenses. Motor Carrier Officers with SD DOT followed up with those issues.

03/28/13 14:54 – A deputy received an anonymous complaint of mistreatment of dogs in Irene. The Irene Police Department was notified and it was found that the Irene Police Chief was aware of it and would follow up. This information was passed along to the caller.

03/29/13 01:35 – A caller reported a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 46. A deputy

responded and found a pickup with a flat tire parked in a field approach. The driver was not present but the vehicle had no damage and had not been in an accident. A message was left for the registered owner to contact the Sheriff's Office if he needed any assistance.

03/29/13 10:52 – Two inmates were transported to the Union County Jail for temporary holding due to overcrowding in the Clay County Jail.

03/29/13 11:16 – A deputy responded along with fire units to a grass fire near Bluff Road and Frog Creek Road.

03/29/13 14:08 – Deputies investigated reports a person wanted in Lincoln County was residing in a barn at a rural residence. The man was not found and was reported to be out of state now.

03/29/13 14:40 – A deputy assisted a motorist with alternate directions around bridge construction since the

implement he was pulling was too wide to fit.

03/29/13 19:53 – A deputy investigated allegations of one inmate passing medication to another in the jail. The matter is under investigation.

03/30/13 01:37 – A group was found camping at the Clay County Park boat ramp. Camping is not permitted in this area so the group was given information about an approved camping location.

03/30/13 03:18 – A report was received of a man walking on Highway 50 and not dressed for the weather. A deputy responded and found an intoxicated man walking to Yankton. The man was given a ride to his friend's residence in Gayville.

03/30/13 11:37 – A caller reported a dog was running on the Burbank Road. The caller was concerned for the dog. A deputy responded but the dog was no longer in the area.

03/30/13 18:17 – A caller

reported losing two pistols. The weapons will be entered into a national database. The matter is under investigation.

03/30/13 18:45 – Deputies responded to a report of a dog attacking a child at a neighbor's residence. Clothing was torn but the child was not injured. The dog had previously bitten a neighbor. The neighbor had shot and injured the dog. The dog owner agreed to humanely euthanize the wounded dog.

03/30/13 20:12 – Deputies assisted with an ongoing dispute over personal property owned by a couple who is divorcing.

03/30/13 21:01 – A deputy investigated a car/deer crash east of Vermillion on Highway 50.

03/30/13 23:04 – A deputy investigated a report of a party on a gravel road near Hub City. No one under 21 was found drinking and no citations were issued.

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