

South Dakota Deputy Director of Animal Health

Pierre SD – location of this position is not negotiable

4 weeks – open until October 6, 2023

\$96,408 – annual salary

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board seeks to fill the position of Deputy Director of Animal Health. The role of the Deputy Director is to assist with state/federal cooperative animal health programs and disease control and eradication programs. Applicant must have a valid driver's license for statewide travel, a license to practice veterinary medicine in South Dakota, and a Category II accreditation with USDA APHIS or ability to become licensed and accredited within 30 days. This position is exempt from the Career Service Act. For more information on the SD Animal industry Board, please visit <https://aib.sd.gov/>.

Functions:

- Assist the Director of Animal Health in the expediting of all rules and orders of the South Dakota Animal Industry Board.
- Enforce compliance with State and Federal codes dealing with contagious diseases and certification programs.
- Conduct disease investigations, testing, and surveillance.
- Oversee livestock neglect and carcass disposal complaint investigations.
- Provide veterinarian and producer outreach and education.
- Assist with state/federal cooperative animal health programs and disease eradication programs.
- Assist with the coordination or administration of programs such as Animal Traceability, TB Surveillance, National Poultry Improvement Plan, the US Swine Health Improvement Plan Program, and South Dakota Voluntary Johne's Disease Program.
- Assist with interstate and intrastate animal movement requirements and compliance.
- Serve as the direct contact for CoreOne animal health database.

Required Licenses and Certifications:

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The Ideal Candidate Will Have the Capability to:

- Identify and define problems or potential problems and determine resolutions;
- Develop new programs or change existing ones to meet changing trends and needs;
- Analyze information and draw sound and reasonable conclusions;
- Interpret federal and state laws;
- Take part in additional training or experience with state or federal animal health response or communication programs.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge, skills, and conduct expected of a veterinarian licensed and accredited in South Dakota;
- Understanding of federal and state laws governing animal health, public health, food safety, and the practice of veterinary medicine;
- Knowledge of animal diseases, their causes and control;
- Knowledge of animal disease vectors and their control;
- Skills in epidemiology and population medicine;
- Principles of effective human relations and dealing with the public;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills