

# Pesticide Drift during Spraying Season

**PIERRE, SD** – The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) would like to remind pesticide applicators of drift risk during this spraying season.

Applicators should prevent risk of drift to non-target areas or susceptible crops and should evaluate factors such as wind speed, wind direction, temperature, spray pressure, nozzle height and surrounding properties before they begin spraying a field.

Product labels give applicators information about safe handling, rates, personal protective equipment, labeled crops, susceptible crops, tank mixes, avoiding drift, weeds controlled and more. Reading the label of a pesticide is one of the most important things an

applicator can do to get a job done correctly and safely.

Although pesticide applicators are trained to apply pesticides safely and products are labeled with instructions to prevent drift, occasionally damage occurs. SDDA receives complaint calls on pesticide drift, damage and a variety of other related incidents.

When is it appropriate to file a complaint? Below are a few suggestions:

- If damage has been done to the environment (trees, bushes etc.) or a non-target field because of spray drift
- If you notice pesticide drift occurring while an applicator is spraying
- A spill of over 25 gallons of liquid material

or 500 lbs. dry material occurs

A complaint must be filed within 30 days after the date the damage occurs. If a growing crop is allegedly damaged, the complaint must be filed before 25 percent of the crop has been harvested.

For those who want to be proactive in preventing drift from happening, SDDA has developed the South Dakota Sensitive Sites Registry at <http://arcgis.sd.gov/server/ag/sensitivesites/default.aspx>.

This is an online mapping tool which can be used to help prevent adverse drift effects as a result of pesticide or fertilizer applications.

The registry allows producers of crops such

as vineyards and organic production areas that are sensitive to pesticides to register by entering their contact information, field data and crops grown. Apiary sites are automatically included on the site through the Apiary Program. Applicators can register their service areas too; this allows the applicator to be informed via email about whatever sensitive sites are in his/her service area, whether old or new.

Registry of gardens of a half-acre or more will also be allowed on the site this year. "The allowance of garden registry is due to the recent increase of pesticide drift incidences on gardens," says Nick Wuebben, the registry's administrator.

The Sensitive Sites

Registry's success depends on participation from both producers and applicators. Both are strongly encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact Nick Wuebben at 605.773.4432.

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## Q&A With Heartland Humane Society (HHS)



Pictured: (L) Christa Krani, Shelter Coordinator and (R) Janette Kaddatz, Senior Staff

**Q** - Where do your animals come from?  
**A** - We try to help the homeless, abused, neglected, and stray animals of the area. Some are

surrendered by their owners, some are found wandering or lost. We also have received unwanted puppies or kittens from owner's that did not spay/neuter their own pet, and unfortunately, entire litters have been found on other people's properties or dumped in ditches.

**Q** - What happens if a sick animal arrives at HHS?  
**A** - All of the

animals that arrive at HHS are seen by local veterinarians and provided with necessary care, vaccinations and spayed or neutered. All adoptions include deworming, nail trims, micro-chipping with international registration, flea treatment, fourteen day medical exchange policy, free general health exam at participating vet offices, and an owner pet guide.

**Q** - What if I am looking for a pet other than a cat or dog?  
**A** - We often have a variety of different animals available for adoption, such as; guinea pigs,



rabbits, ferrets, even chinchillas and birds!  
**Q** - How do I start the adoption process?  
**A** - The first step is filing out an application, found online, via email or at the shelter. After reviewing the application we will help

make the best choice possible to ensure the animals' health, safety and happiness. We also want the adopters to make an informed choice and adopt an animal that is the best fit for their family.



### UPDATE ON ASIA

Asia was found abandoned, along with her litter of puppies on Feb. 27. Asia is now healthy, as are her 6 purries, who just turned four weeks old. They are growing fast, and will be ready for adoption April 24. Those interested in adopting Asia or any of her pups may meet them after April 1 by appointment only. April and her puppies are in need of soft puppy food, as the are going to soon be weaned. Donations can be dropped of at the facility.

Find HHS at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net), facebook and twitter.

**Q** - Do you have Adoption Fees?  
**A** - Yes, Adoption Fees help offset the costs of the animal's food, shelter, and medical expenses while under our care.

**Q** - How can I help?  
**A** - With hundreds of animals in our care per year our volunteers, donors and supporters are vital to the success and growth of HHS. Whether it's knitting blankets for shelter cats, assisting with events, volunteering at the shelter, fostering a pet, or making a cash

donation, we welcome and encourages you to get involved and make a difference in the life of a deserving animal.

As a non-profit we rely 100% on private donations. We generate funds through your generous contributions, adoption fees, w events, and sales of merchandise and services. All funds collected go directly back to the general budget to care for our animals.



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### UP COMING EVENTS

#### MEET AND GREETs

Since dogs are placed into foster homes, this give the public a chance to meet and spend time with some great dogs and learn more about our organization. There will be dogs of all different ages, sizes and breeds available for adoption. You can see all dogs and puppies available for adoption by visiting the website.

When: Saturday, April 4th  
Time: 10AM - 12PM  
Where: Heartland Humane Society, 3400 East Highway 50, Yankton, SD

When: Saturday, May 2nd  
Time: 1pm - 5pm  
Where: Missouri River Festival, Cleanup & Rendezvous

(If you are interested in adopting the day of a Meet and Greet, your application must be in and approved prior to event)

**HHS WINE AND CANVAS**  
When: Thursday, May 7th  
Time: 6:30PM.  
Event is going to be at the YAA Building on Douglas. Room for 24 People. Additional details will be added to the website closer to event!

**TASTE AND TOUR**  
When: Saturday, June 13  
Details will be added to the website closer to event!



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