

**STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

In the matter of: )  
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Monkeypox in Prairie Dogs )  
and Gambian Giant pouched Rats )  
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**ORDER**  
Order No. 2003-04

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately, the State Board of Animal Health has determined that there is an immediate threat from Monkeypox in prairie dogs and Gambian giant pouched rats.

This Order is issued this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, for the purpose of taking immediate action. Effective immediately:

1. No importations of Gambian giant pouched rats (*Cricetomys gambianus*) or prairie dogs (*Cynomys sp.*) shall be allowed into the state of North Dakota.
2. No Gambian giant pouched rats (*Cricetomys gambianus*) or prairie dogs (*Cynomys sp.*) shall be released from captivity into the state of North Dakota.

The only exceptions to this Order will be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

This Order is issued pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 36-01-08 and 36-01-12. The State Veterinarian is directed to carry out this Order pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 36-01-06. This Order remains in effect until December 31, 2003 or until modified or rescinded by the Board.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Francis Maher, President  
State Board of Animal Health