

Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 4/1/2011

(Based on Reporting from 35 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

Matthew Cherni, DVM- Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported five animal bite incidents. All of the incidents involved dog bites to humans. Two dogs were current on rabies vaccination and will be home quarantined. Three dogs were not vaccinated and will be Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included two individuals bitten by recently adopted dogs, a child bitten by the family dog, an individual bitten while disciplining a dog, and a delivery person bitten while making a delivery.

Sheridan County-A veterinarian reported treating a dog with giardia and roundworms.

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)

Natrona County- A veterinary clinic reported on a dog positive for Lyme disease on an in-house diagnostic test. The dog had a recent history of travel to areas outside of Wyoming. Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported thirteen bite incidents that occurred in March of 2011. Nine of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and four were due to cat bites to humans. Four of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and three dogs were not vaccinated. One puppy was too young to be vaccinated and another dog was a stray and could not be located. The individual bitten by the stray dog was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Among the cats, one cat was vaccinated and three cats were not vaccinated. All total, six animals were home quarantined, four were quarantined at a veterinary clinic and one animal was shelter quarantined. One dog died soon after biting an individual. The dog tested negative for rabies. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included two children bitten during play with the family dog, a child bitten while trying to intervene in a cat fight and an adult bitten while trying to stop a dog fight.

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)

Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog had been startled by the wind and bit the

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dog's owner. Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. An individual was bitten by the dog while trying to breakup a dog fight.

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)

Nothing to Report

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)

Nothing to Report

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)

Park County-A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. Animal control responded to the incident but information is not yet available.

Big Horn County-A veterinarian reported seeing numerous calves with diarrhea due to unknown cause.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB)

Laramie County- Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported four bite incidents. Three incidents involved dog bites to humans and one incident was due to a cat bite. One of the dogs was current on rabies vaccinations and was quarantined at home. One dog was not current and was quarantined at the Shelter. The remaining dog was an unvaccinated puppy and was quarantined at a pet store. The cat was a recently captured stray. The cat was Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten while visiting in a neighbor's yard, an individual bitten while picking up a puppy, and an individual bitten while attempting to catch a stray cat.

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