

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from  
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators  
For Week Ending 5/27/2011**

(Based on Reporting from 26 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported nine animal bite incidents. Eight of the incidents involved dog bites to humans. One incident was due to a cat bite. Four dogs were current on rabies vaccination and will be home quarantined. Three dogs and the cat were not vaccinated and will be Shelter quarantined. One dog was not located after the incident. Rabies PEP was not administered to the bite victim by the health care provider. Another dog was euthanized after the incident and tested negative for rabies at WSVL. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child and adult bitten by dogs running at large, a child and adult bitten while trying to break up dog fights, an individual bitten while rescuing a cat stuck in a fence, and a child bitten while playing with the family dog.

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported giardia in a canine, *Mycoplasma felis* in several cats, and a puppy that was recently imported from Indiana with roundworms and whipworms. Canine whipworms rarely infect people. Also reported was a trauma incident in a dog that became impaled on a metal stake. WSVL and WPHL reported on a bovine *Campylobacter jejuni* (B7702) case with PFGE matches to previous Wyoming bovine and human cases reported since 2004.

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

Niobrara County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by the family dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported nine animal bite incidents. Seven of the incidents involved dog bites to humans. In addition there was one cat bite incident and one incident where an individual was bitten by a rat. Three of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. Three dogs and the cat did not have proof of current rabies vaccination. Three animals were home quarantined, one was quarantined at a veterinary clinic and two were shelter quarantined. One dog and the rat were euthanized and tested negative for rabies. In the remaining incident an individual was bitten while trying to help a dog that had been hit by a car. The dog ran off and could not be located by animal control. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies risk and rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while making a delivery, a child bitten while playing with the family dog, an individual bitten by a dog running at large, and an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight.

<http://wdh.state.wy.us/sho/hazards/wrvc.html>

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

Carbon County- WSVL and WPHL reported on a canine Staphylococcus aureus (C7273) case.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Teton County- A veterinarian reported on a dog with possible bubonic plague. Test results are pending. The dog had recently traveled from an area of New Mexico where there have been two confirmed canine plague cases so far this year.

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

Big Horn County- A human salmonella case where there was exposure to turtles is being investigated

Washakie County- A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten the owner of the dog.

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

Laramie County- WSVL reported on a rabid skunk. The skunk was killed by three dogs. Two vaccinated dogs have been placed under 45 day quarantine. One unvaccinated dog was placed under a six month strict isolation.

WGFD- Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
WSVL- Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory  
WPHL- Wyoming Public Health Laboratory  
PFGE- Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis  
PEP- Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis