

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from  
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators  
For Week Ending 6/10/2011**

(Based on Reporting from 42 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County-WSVL reported on a calf positive for rabies. Several individuals exposed to the calf have started rabies PEP. A veterinarian also reported a case of roundworms in a cat and found Cheyletiella mites (a possible zoonotic agent) on a cat.

Campbell County-A veterinarian reported a case of ringworm in a cat.

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

Natrona County- A veterinary clinic reported two cases of canine giardia and a case of canine roundworms. Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported fifteen animal bite incidents. Thirteen 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 mouse. Seven of the dogs and the cat were current on rabies vaccinations. Six dogs did not have proof of current rabies vaccination. Eight animals were home quarantined, three were quarantined at a veterinary clinic and two were shelter quarantined. Information on the quarantine status of one animal is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while playing with the family dog and a child bitten by a dog running at large.

Converse County- Health care providers reported the home quarantine of two vaccinated dogs that were involved in bite incidents to humans. The dogs were owned by the bite victim in one incident and owned by a close acquaintance in the other incident.

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

Albany County-Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by an unleashed dog. The dog could not be located after the incident. The bite victim sought medical care but rabies PEP was not initiated. Also reported was a dog bite to an individual where the bite victim was walking past a fenced-in-dog and the dog jumped over the fence and bit the individual. Animal control information is pending on the incident. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an adult. The bite victim was attempting to give the dog a bath at the time of the incident. The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. An individual had been bitten by the dog while trying to break up a dog fight. The Laramie Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated cat that bit the cat's owner.

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

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

Uinta County-Health care providers reported on the home quarantine of two vaccinated dogs. One dog had bitten a child on the face. In the second incident the family dog had bitten an adult member of the family. A health care provider also reported on another child bitten on the face by the family dog. This dog was vaccinated and will be home quarantined.

Sweetwater County- Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported three dog bite incidents. Two unvaccinated dogs were Shelter quarantined. In the third incident an individual was bitten by a dog running at large. The dog could not be located. The bite victim sought medical care but rabies PEP was not initiated. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a cat. The bite victim was holding the cat at the time of the incident. The cat was startled by a dog and bit the individual. Animal control information is pending on the incident. Another health care provider reported an individual bitten by a feral cat. The cat was killed by the bite victim and will be tested for rabies.

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

Sublette County-The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on a dog that died during a bite related quarantine at a veterinary clinic. The dog will be submitted to WSVL for rabies testing.

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

Big Horn County- A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with animals is being investigated.

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

Laramie County- A health care provider reported on the Shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The bit victim was attempting to put a leash on the dog at the time of the incident. Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported four animal bite incidents. Two cats and one dog were strays and were Shelter quarantined. Another unvaccinated dog was Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten by a dog running at large, an individual bitten while attempting to pet a stray cat, and an individual bitten while attempting to catch a stray dog

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