

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators
For Week Ending 7/15/2011**

(Based on Reporting from 33 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County-A health care provider and a veterinarian reported on a human and a cat both bitten by a bat. The bat was not available for testing. The human will start rabies PEP and the vaccinated cat will be placed in 45 day quarantine.

Johnson County-WSVL and a veterinarian reported on a rabid skunk. A vaccinated, but not current, dog will be placed under 45 day quarantine. The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported on two dog bite incidents. In one of the incidents the bite victim was bitten by three dogs. All dogs were vaccinated and will be home quarantined.

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported three animal bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites and one incident was due to a cat bite. The cat was unvaccinated and will be Shelter quarantined. One dog was home quarantined for two days since it had already been eight days since the incident. The third dog could not be immediately located. The bite victim was seen by a health care provider but did not start rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included a child bitten by an unleashed dog that was being walked by an adult, an individual bitten by his own cat, and a delivery person bitten by a dog. A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a dog that bit an individual. The bite victim was attempting to pet the dog at the time of the incident.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported seven animal bite incidents. Six of the incidents involved dog bites to humans. There was one cat bite incident. Two of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. Four dogs and the cat did not have proof of current rabies vaccination. Two animals were home quarantined and four were quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Information on the quarantine status of one animal is pending. Health care providers reported on two dog bite incidents. One dog was quarantined at a veterinary clinic and the other dog was Shelter quarantined. In one of the incidents the bite victim was attempting to break up a dog fight.

Converse County-Health care providers reported on an individual bitten by a rattlesnake and an individual bitten by his own pet dog. The Glenrock Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog had lunged over a fence and bit the bite victim. Two human campylobacteriosis cases where there was contact with sheep are being investigated.

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

Albany County- Health care providers reported six animal bite incidents. All of the incidents involved dog bites to humans. Information on the quarantine status of the animals is pending except for two vaccinated dog that were home quarantined by Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten when the child got between two dogs that were playing and three individuals bitten while trying to break up dog fights in two separate incidents. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported the veterinary clinic quarantine of a vaccinated cat. The cat had bitten an individual while the bite victim was attempting to carry the cat.

Carbon County-WSVL and WPHL reported on a canine methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case (C11807).

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

Sweetwater County-Health care providers reported three dog bite incidents and one incident where an individual was bitten by a raccoon. The individual bitten by the raccoon has started rabies PEP. Information on the quarantine status of the dogs is pending. Circumstances surrounding the dog bite incidents included an individual bitten while trying to clean his dog's ears, an individual bitten when the bite victim got between her dog and the dog's food, and an individual bitten when the bite victim approached a dog owned by an acquaintance. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported the Shelter quarantine of a dog that bit an individual when the bite victim was attempting to intervene in a dog fight. The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported reported an incident where an individual was bitten by a stray cat. The bite victim was attempting to capture the cat at the time of the incident. The stray cat could not be located and the bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported the veterinary quarantine of a dog that had bitten an individual.

Lincoln County-A human campylobacteriosis cases where there was contact with goats is being investigated. A veterinarian reported testing a bat for rabies. A human and a family's pet dog both had contact with the bat.

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

Sublette County-WSVL and WPHL reported an equine methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case (E11931).

Teton County- A bat that was captured by a mouse trap in an individual's bedroom is being tested for rabies.

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported possible calicivirus infection in several cats.

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

Nothing to Report

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

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

Laramie County-Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The dog was allowed home quarantine because she was nursing a litter of puppies. The bite victim was attempting to pet the dog at the time of the incident. A human *Salmonella typhimurium* var. *copenhagen* case where there was a history of a pet snake in the household is being investigated.

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