Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 11/25/2011

(Based on Reporting from 36 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Nothing to Report

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

Natrona County-A veterinarian reported two canine giardiasis cases.

Converse County-Health care providers reported on two individuals bitten by dogs. In one incident a child was bitten by a running-at-large dog and in the second incident a child was bitten while attempting to pet a stranger's dog. Animal control information on both incidents is pending.

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

Albany County-The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control and a health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a pet badger. Animal Control requested that the pet owner home quarantine the animal for ten days. [Note: appropriate quarantine periods have not been established for badgers and other wild animals. In most cases the animals should be euthanized and tested for rabies or the bite victim should consider rabies PEP.] A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a relative's dog. The bite victim was attempting to break up a dog fight at the time of the incident. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

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

Uinta County-The Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported on the quarantine of a cat and a dog that bit their owners in separate incidents

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

Sublette County-A veterinarian reported on liver flukes (*Fasciola hepatica*) in a group of calves.

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported three cases of giardia in cats, a canine hookworm case, and five canine ringworm cases.

Teton County-The Jackson Police Department/Animal Control reported on a child bitten by a vaccinated dog. The child was bitten while attempting to pet a stranger's dog. The dog will be home quarantined.

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 bear. The bear was euthanized but not tested for rabies. Rabies PEP was not initiated in the bite victim.

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

Laramie County-Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated, running-at-large, dog that bit a child.

Platte County-The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control also reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated, running-at-large, dog that bit a child.

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