

## **Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 1/13/2012**

(Based on Reporting from 38 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Johnson County-WSVL reported on a cow with rabies. The cow was observed to be anorexic with slight hind limb ataxia before being found dead. Five individuals exposed to the cow are receiving rabies PEP.

Sheridan County-Two unrelated cases of canine ringworm were reported by a veterinarian.

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

Natrona County-Health care providers reported on nine animal bite incidents. Eight of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and there was one cat bite incident. Two of the dogs were noted to be current on rabies vaccinations. Animal control information on all of the incidents is pending. In eight of the incidents, the bite victim was also the owner of the animal. In four incidents the bite victim was a child. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten while trying to breakup dog fights, two individuals bitten during play with their pet, and a child bitten by a running-at-large dog. Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported on five dog bite incidents. One of the dogs was current on rabies vaccination and was home quarantined. Three of the remaining dogs were Shelter quarantined and one was quarantined at a veterinary clinic.

Converse County-A health care provider reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated cat that bit the cat's owner. The Douglas Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a puppy that was too young to be vaccinated for rabies. The puppy had bitten a child during play.

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

Albany County-The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a horse. The rabies vaccinated horse will be observed for signs of rabies. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The cat could not be located for quarantine. Rabies PEP was not initiated. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on a jogger attacked by a running-at-large unvaccinated dog. The dog bit only an article of clothing worn by the bite victim so no action was taken to quarantine the dog. Also reported was a negative rabies test on a dog that had bitten a law enforcement officer. The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on a dog that was surrendered to the Shelter after biting the dog's owner. The unvaccinated dog will be quarantined at the Shelter for ten days. Also reported was a child bitten by a dog. The vaccinated dog was surrendered to the Shelter by the owner. The dog will be euthanized and submitted to WSVL for testing.

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

Sweetwater County-A health care provider and the Green River Police Department/Animal Control both reported on a child bitten on the face by the family dog. The child was attempting to hug the dog at the time of the incident. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of another vaccinated dog that bit a child on the face. The bite victim was visiting a neighbor's dog at the time of the incident

Lincoln County-A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated cat that bit the cat's owner. The bite victim was attempting to remove a bird from the cat's mouth at the time of the incident.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

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

Laramie County- Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported on the Shelter quarantine of two unvaccinated dogs that bit an individual in Colorado. The dogs were running at large at the time of the incident. Also reported was the home quarantine of an unvaccinated cat that bit the cat's owner. The bite victim was attempting to pick up the cat at the time of the incident.

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