## Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 2/17/2012

(Based on Reporting from 32 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported seven animal bite incidents. Six of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and one of the incidents was a cat bite to a human. Two dogs were current on rabies vaccination and will be home quarantined. Two dogs were not current on rabies vaccination and will be Shelter quarantined. The cat was a rescued stray and will be Shelter quarantined. Two dogs were euthanized after the incidents and tested negative for rabies. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included two individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, an individual bitten while breaking up a dog fight, a child bitten by the family dog, and an individual bitten by an unleashed dog being walked by the dog's owner.

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported four cases of *Mycoplasma felis* in cats.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported ten bite incidents. Eight of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and there were two incidents where individuals were bitten by cats. Six of the incidents involved bites to children. Seven of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and were quarantined at home. Two animals of unknown vaccination status were quarantined at the Shelter (a cat) and at home (a dog). Information on the second cat is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten on the face by a dog during play and an individual bitten while entering an acquaintance's home. A veterinarian reported a case of canine tapeworms.

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

Albany County- One case of canine roundworms was reported.

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

Sweetwater County-The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of dog that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was attempting to catch the dog at the time of the incident.

Uinta County-The Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported on the Shelter quarantine of a dog that had bitten an individual.

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

Fremont County-Possible cases of Cache Valley virus in sheep were reported.

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

Park County-The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by one of two dogs while trying to break up a dog fight. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations. One dog had been vaccinated, but was not current. Both dogs will be home quarantined. The Park County Sheriff's Department/Animal Control reported on the euthanasia and rabies testing of a dog that had bitten a child on the face. The dog had not been vaccinated for rabies. Health care providers reported on two pet owners bitten by their own animals (one by a dog and one by a cat). The individual bitten by the cat was attempting to break up a cat fight at the time of the incident. Additional animal control information is pending on each incident.

Big Horn County-A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a cat. Animal control information is pending. Also reported was the euthanasia and rabies testing of an unvaccinated dog that had attacked a child. Results of the rabies test are pending.

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

Laramie County- Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported two children bitten by dogs and an adult bitten by a cat. Both dogs had proof of current rabies vaccination. One dog will be home quarantined and one dog will be Shelter quarantined. The cat was a stray and was captured after the incident. Circumstances surrounding the two dog bite incidents involved children interacting with acquaintance's dogs. The individual bitten by the stray cat 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