

Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 4/6/2012

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

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

Sheridan County- Veterinarians reported cases of bloody diarrhea in calves due to an unknown cause, and the ten day quarantine of a dog that had bitten a child.

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 and there were two incidents where individuals were bitten by cats. Five of the incidents involved bites to children. Four of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and were quarantined at home. One puppy too young to be vaccinated was also home quarantined. One vaccinated dog was Shelter quarantined. Two dogs and two cats of unknown vaccination status were Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten while trying to break up a dog fight, a child bitten during play with the family dog, a child bitten while attempting to pet a dog owned by an acquaintance, and a child bitten after getting between a dog and the dog's food.

Converse County-Health care providers reported on an individual bitten by a wild mouse. The mouse was captured and will be tested for rabies. Also reported was an incident where a child was bitten by a dog owned by an acquaintance. Animal control information is pending.

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

Albany County-The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported four bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites and there were two incidents where individuals were bitten by cats. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. One unvaccinated cat will be home quarantined. An unvaccinated dog will be Shelter quarantined. The remaining cat was euthanized and tested negative for rabies. Two of the incidents involved individuals being bitten while attempting to pick up newly adopted cats. The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on an individual bitten by a stray dog. Efforts are currently underway to try and locate the dog. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated running-at-large dog that bit an individual, and the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that was involved in a dog fight and bit an individual attempting to break up the fight.

Carbon County- WSVL and WPHL reported on a canine methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case (C4286) that matched the PFGE pattern of several previous MRSA human cases.

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

Sweetwater County-Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents. In one incident an individual was bitten by the victim's own pet. In the other incident a child was bitten while visiting a sheltered dog. Additional animal control information is pending. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on two incidents where children were bitten while playing with dogs. In both incidents the vaccinated dogs were home quarantined. The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported the veterinary clinic quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog was in the bed of a truck and bit an individual as the person walked by.

Uinta County-Health care providers reported three dog bite incidents. The incidents included a child bitten on the face by relative's dog, an individual bitten by a neighbor's dog, and a delivery person bitten while attempting to make a delivery. Animal control information on the incidents is pending.

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

Teton County-The Jackson Police Department/Animal Control reported on two individuals bitten while breaking up a dog fights in separate incidents. A vaccinated dog will be home quarantined and an unvaccinated dog will be Shelter quarantined.

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

Park County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a stray cat. The cat could not be located after the incident. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an animal caretaker. The Powell Police Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual.

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

Laramie County-WSVL reported on a rabid skunk. Two vaccinated, but not current, dogs exposed to the skunk will be quarantined for 45 days.

Goshen County-A confinement order was received from the CDC Denver Quarantine Station for a recently imported puppy. The puppy will need to be confined by the owner until old enough to be vaccinated for rabies, and then confined for an additional 30 days.

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