# Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 5/25/2012

(Based on Reporting from 39 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County- WSVL reported on two skunks with rabies. Vaccinated dogs were exposed to each of the skunks and all dogs have been placed under 45 day quarantine.

Weston County-Health care providers reported a negative rabies test result on a dog that had bitten two individuals. The bite victims were bitten while trying to break up a dog fight.

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

Converse County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a neighbor's dog during play. Animal control information is pending

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported three bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites and there was one incident where an individual was bitten by a squirrel. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations and the other dog had not been vaccinated. Both dogs will be quarantined at veterinary clinics. The squirrel was not captured for rabies testing and the bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while attempting to pet a squirrel, an individual bitten after breaking up a dog fight, and an individual bitten while attempting to pet a dog owned by an acquaintance. The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The bite victim was attempting to provide medical care to the dog at the time of the incident.

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

Sweetwater County-Health care providers reported on three bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites and there was one incident where a child was bitten by a prairie dog. Animal control information on each incident is pending. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was a history of exposure to scouring calves is being investigated.

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

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported a canine methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus intermedius* case.

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 cat owned by an acquaintance. Animal control information is pending. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was a history of exposure to live chickens is being investigated.

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

Laramie County-WSVL reported on a rabid cat and two rabid skunks that were submitted for testing. The cat and one of the skunks were from western Nebraska. The second skunk was from the Pine Bluffs area. Two vaccinated dogs exposed to the second skunk have been placed under 45 day quarantine. Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported two dog bite incidents and one cat bite incident. Two of the bite victims were children. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. The cat and remaining dog were not current and will be Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten while trying to pet a neighbor's dog, a child bitten while trying to pet a neighbor's cat, and an individual bitten by a running-at-large dog. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a recently adopted dog. Animal control information is pending.

Platte County- A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit the dog's owner. The owner was playing with the dog at the time of the incident. The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that bit an individual. The bite victim was making a delivery at the time of the incident.

Goshen County- WSVL and WPHL reported an avian Salmonella Agona (A7882) case.

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