# Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 11/9/2012

(Based on Reporting from 28 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

#### Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

(Scroll down to see reported animal to human bite incidents)

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

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported a negative rabies test on an ill cat that may have fought with a coyote. A veterinarian reported on a vaccinated, but not current, dog that had been bitten by a raccoon. The dog will either be euthanized or quarantined.

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

Natrona County- The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on the accidental ingestion of Naproxen tablets by a child and a dog after the dog chewed open a pill bottle.

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

Albany County- The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on a cat and a human both exposed to fumes from paint and varnish remover in an unventilated situation. The human reported symptoms of vertigo and the cat was being watched for signs of illness.

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

Nothing to Report

**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)

Nothing to Report

#### **Animal Bite Incidents**

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported five dog bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved bites to children. Three dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. Two dogs were not current or vaccination status was unknown. Three dogs were home quarantined. Two dogs were shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the

incidents included three individuals bitten by dogs running-at-large, and an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported nine bite incidents. Seven of the incidents involved dog bites and there were two incidents where individuals were bitten by cats. One individual was bitten by two dogs. Three incidents involved bites to children. Five of the dogs and one cat were current on rabies vaccinations. One dog was unvaccinated. One dog and one cat could not be located after the incidents. The bite victims were counseled regarding rabies PEP. Three dogs and one cat were home quarantined. Two dogs were quarantined at veterinary clinics. One dog was shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while trying to catch a stray cat, and an individual bitten by a running-at-large dog.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of two vaccinated dogs after bite incidents. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while trying to catch a stray cat, and an individual bitten during play with the family dog.

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

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported two dog bite incidents. The dogs were current on rabies vaccinations with one dog shelter quarantined and one dog quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included two individuals bitten while trying to catch running-at-large dogs.

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

Fremont County- A veterinarian reported on an individual bitten by several dogs while trying to break up a dog fight. One of the dogs (vaccinated but not current) will be home quarantined. Animal control information on the other dogs is pending.

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

Big Horn County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by the family dog. Animal control information is pending.

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

Nothing to Report

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