Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 12/28/2012

(Based on Reporting from 31 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)
Nothing to Report

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Nothing to Report

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)
Nothing to Report

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)
Lincoln County- A veterinarian reported numerous cases of a respiratory illness of unknown etiology in a group of cats turned into an animal shelter.

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)
Sublette County- A veterinarian reported a case of bovine cystitis of unknown etiology.
Teton County- An individual bitten by a stray dog in Thailand has started rabies PEP (a 2002 retrospective study in Thailand found that 40% of dogs tested for rabies from 1994-1999 were positive).

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)
Big Horn County- A veterinarian reported seven bovine deaths due to unknown cause. Also reported were 25 bovine cases of conjunctivitis out of a herd of 200 (not zoonotic).

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)
Nothing to Report

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Natrona County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a mouse. The mouse tested negative for rabies.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on a jogger bitten by a dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported three dog bite incidents. Two of the dogs were vaccinated and will be home quarantined. One unvaccinated dog will be shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while trying to pet a friend's dog, an individual bitten while trying to free a dog's leg after the leg got caught in a fence, and an individual bitten as the bite victim walked by a leashed dog.

Lincoln County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a friend's dog. Additional animal control information is pending.

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)

Platte County- Health care providers reported three dog bite incidents. In each case the bite victim was the owner of the animal. Two of the dogs were quarantined at home and one dog was euthanized after the incident. Additional animal control information is pending.

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