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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 7/26/2013

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)
Campbell County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus.

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Natrona County- A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for a child bitten by a stray dog. The dog could not be located after the incident. A human salmonellosis case where there was exposure to a variety of animals as well as other exposures is being investigated.

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)
Carbon County- A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a squirrel. The squirrel was not captured after the incident, and the bite victim requested PEP.

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)
Uinta County- Several cases of ringworm in sheep and an associated human case were reported.

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)
Nothing to Report

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)
Park County- A veterinarian reported a negative rabies test on a dog that had signs suggestive of rabies.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB)
Platte County- A human salmonellosis case where there was exposure to chickens, dogs, horses and pigs is being investigated. WSVL reported on a dog positive for Lyme disease. The dog had a history of travel to a Lyme disease endemic area.

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- Health care providers reported two dog bite and two cat bite incidents. The two dogs and one of the cats were current on rabies vaccinations. The vaccination status of the other cat was not known. Additional animal control information on the incidents is pending.

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

Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that was running-at-large. The bite victim was riding a bike at the time of the incident. A health care provider reported on an individual that was counseled regarding rabies PEP after being bitten by a stray dog. Rabies PEP was not initiated. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual.

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

Uinta County- The Lyman Police Department/Animal Control reported the shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten a child. The dog was running-at-large at the time of the incident. The Evanston Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported the shelter quarantine of a dog that bit a child. The bite victim was riding a bike at the time of the incident.

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported the shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten a delivery person.

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

Teton County- Several individuals reported exposure to bats in two separate incidents. In one incident a family was exposed to a bat while sleeping. In the second incident an individual had shot a bat with a pellet gun. The bat in the first incident was captured and tested negative for rabies. The bat that was shot was not available for testing, but rabies risk was considered low.

Sublette County- The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual. The dog was running-at-large at the time of the incident.

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

Nothing to Report

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

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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