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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 8/2/2013

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Sheridan County- A human *Campylobacter* sp. case where there was exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated. A citizen reported a family's exposure to a bat. The family was sleeping at the time of the exposure. The bat escaped and was not available for rabies testing. The family was counseled regarding rabies PEP.

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

Converse County- A human *Campylobacter* sp. case where there was exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

Natrona County- A possible *Chlamydophila psittaci* case in a macaw is being investigated.

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

Nothing to Report

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)

Weston County- A health care provider reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was attempting to break up a dog fight.

Johnson County- The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported the shelter quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The dog was surrendered to the shelter by the owner after the incident.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported twenty-one bite incidents. Nineteen of the incidents involved dog bites. Two incidents involved cat bites. In one incident the bite victim was bitten by two dogs. Twelve of the incidents involved bites to children. Six children were bitten on the face. Eight dogs and two cats were vaccinated for rabies. Twelve dogs were not current on their rabies vaccinations or had an unknown vaccination status. Four dogs and one cat were home quarantined. Three dogs were quarantined at veterinary clinics. Ten dogs were shelter quarantined. Information on three dogs is pending. One cat was euthanized and tested negative for rabies. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included four individuals bitten while attempting to pet dogs, three individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, three individuals bitten while breaking up dog fights, and two individuals bitten while grooming cats.

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

Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The bite victim was attempting to capture the cat at the time of the incident. The cat will be home quarantined. A health care provider reported on a child bitten by the family dog. The incident happened during play with the dog. Animal control information is pending.

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

Uinta County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a cat. Additional information is pending.

Lincoln County- Health care providers reported on two incidents where individuals were bitten by dogs. In one incident a child was bitten by a relative's vaccinated pet dog while the child attempted to pet the dog. The dog will be home quarantined. The second incident also involved a child bitten by a dog. Animal control information is pending.

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

Fremont County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten after entering into a dog's home domain. Animal control information is pending.

Sublette County- The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was bitten after entering into the dog's home domain.

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

Park County- The Powell Police Department/Animal Control reported on a child bitten on the face by the family dog. The vaccinated, but not current, dog will be home quarantined.

Hot Springs County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a friend's dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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

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Platte County- The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a friend's dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. The bite victim had entered into the dog's home domain.

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