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# Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 9/13/2013

## Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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**Matthew Cherni, DVM-** Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)
Sheridan County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus. A human salmonellosis case where there was contact with a dog, cat, snake and feeder mice is being investigated.

**Richard Schwahn, DVM**- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Converse County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with a recently adopted puppy 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)
Teton County- A citizen reported being bitten by a bat. The bat was not available for rabies testing. The bite victim started rabies PEP.

**Tim Graham, DVM**- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)
Big Horn County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus. A veterinarian reported on a downer cow being tested for rabies.

**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)
Sheridan County- The Sheridan Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog had bitten a child. The child had attempted to pet the dog through a fence.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported twenty-two bite incidents. Fifteen of the incidents involved dog bites and there were seven incidents where individuals were bitten by a cat. Seven incidents involved bites to children. Seven dogs and two cats had proof of current rabies vaccinations. Two dogs and one cat were shelter quarantined. Seven dogs and two cats were home quarantined. One dog and two cats were quarantined at veterinary clinics. Four dogs and two cats were not located for quarantine. Information on one dog is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten while attempting to pet or feed a stranger's pet, two individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, three individuals bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, and two individuals bitten while trying to break up animal fights.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on several animal bite incidents. In two incidents, individuals were bitten by running-at-large dogs. The vaccinated dogs will be home quarantined. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten a child. The child was playing with a stranger's dog at the time of the incident. A report was received on the veterinary clinic quarantine of a dog and a cat that had bitten individuals in separate incidents. Both animals were overdue for rabies vaccinations. The individual bitten by the dog had entered into the dog's home domain to make a delivery. The individual bitten by the cat was also the cat's owner. The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that may have bitten an individual. The dog was running at large at the time of the incident. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a barn cat. The barn cat was current on rabies vaccinations. Animal control information is pending.

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

Sweetwater County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by the bite victim's own dog. The bite victim was bitten while trying to free the dog after the dogs' leash got caught on a truck's tailgate. Animal control information is pending. The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported the quarantine of a dog that had bitten a child. The child had entered the dog's home domain. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on the shelter quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The dog was running at large.

Lincoln County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a relative's dog. The child had entered into the dog's home domain. Animal control information is pending.

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

Fremont County- The Riverton Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten while assisting an injured dog. Additional information is pending.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Laramie County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by the bite victim's own dog. The bite victim was attempting to breakup a dog fight.

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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