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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 11/8/2013

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Campbell County- The Campbell County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on a child that had started rabies PEP after being bitten by a cat. The child was attempting to catch the cat. Animal control was unable to locate the cat after the incident.

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

Natrona County- A human salmonellosis case where there was contact with a pet turtle as well as other exposures is being investigated.

Converse County- A human salmonellosis case where there was contact with a pet lizard is being investigated.

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

Albany County- The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on a dog and child that had both ingested an unknown quantity of promethazine. The dog had chewed the cap off the pill bottle.

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

Sweetwater County- A human salmonellosis case where there was contact with a pet lizard is being investigated.

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 eleven animal bite incidents. Nine of the incidents involved dog bites and two involved cat bites. Five incidents involved bites to children. Eight dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. Both cats and one dog were not current on their rabies vaccinations or had an unknown vaccination status.

Eight dogs were home quarantined. The two cats and one dog were shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included two individuals bitten while attempting catch stray cats, two individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, two individuals bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, an individual bitten while attempting to break up a dog fight, and a passerby bitten by a dog that lunged over a fence. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog had bitten an individual visiting the dog in the dog's home domain. Also reported was the home quarantine of a vaccinated, but not current, dog that had bitten an individual. The dog was running at large at the time of the incident.

Johnson County- The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test on two dogs that had bitten individuals in separate incidents. In one incident the bite victim was attempting to prepare the dog for possible adoption at the time of the incident. In the second incident a dog had bitten an individual at a place of business. Both dogs were euthanized for aggressive behavior. A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten a child.

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

Sweetwater County- The Green River Police Department/Animal Control and a health care provider reported on child bitten by a running at large dog. The child was riding a bike at the time of the incident. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on a dog bite and a cat bite incident. The cat was euthanized after the incident and will be tested for rabies. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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- The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on a running at large dog that had attacked an individual. The individual was able to fend off the dog and was not bitten.

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

Laramie County- The City of Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported three dog bite incidents. In one incident an individual was bitten by a running at large dog. The dog could not be located after the incident. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. In the second incident an individual was bitten while giving a dog a treat. The vaccinated dog will be observed for 10 days. In the last incident, a child was bitten on the face by a dog during play. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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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