Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 12/27/2013

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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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)
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)
Nothing to Report

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Control reported twenty-nine animal bite incidents. Twenty-two of the incidents involved dog bites and six involved cat bites. In one incident an individual was bitten by a squirrel. Seven incidents involved bites to children. There was one incident where the bite victim was bitten by two dogs. Thirteen dogs and two cats were current on rabies vaccinations. Eleven dogs and four cats were not current on their rabies vaccinations or had an unknown vaccination status. Ten dogs and two cats were home quarantined. Six dogs and two cats were shelter quarantined. Three dogs were quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Five dogs, two cats and the squirrel could not be located after the incident. Bite victims were counseled regarding rabies PEP. One euthanized cat tested negative for rabies after being shelter

quarantined for a short period. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten while attempting to catch stray animals, five individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, and five individuals bitten while breaking up animal fights. Health care providers reported on three dog bite incidents and one cat bite incident. Two of the dogs were reportedly current on rabies shots. Additional animal control information is pending.

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

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)
Sweetwater County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a dog. The dog was reportedly current on rabies vaccinations.

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

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