

Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 1/28/2011

(Based on Reporting from 43 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County-The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported on two dog bite to human incidents. Both dogs were current on their shots and both dogs completed home quarantines. In both instances the dogs were running at large and attacked other dogs. The owners of the dogs under attack attempted to intervene and were bitten.

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

Natrona County-A veterinarian reported on a kennel worker bitten by a vaccinated dog. The dog will be quarantined for 10 days. The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on an incident where a pet bird had died and a human illness was reported possibly related to burning creosote treated posts in a wood stove. A veterinarian reported a case of canine tapeworms, a case of canine hookworms, two canines with giardia, and one canine with giardia, roundworms and a non zoonotic coccidia.

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

Albany County- The Laramie County Animal Control Shelter reported on the Shelter quarantine of a family's unvaccinated dog that bit a child on the face. Also reported was the home quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that bit the dog's owner while jogging, and the Shelter quarantine of a cat that bit an animal caretaker. The caretaker was attempting to trim the cat's claws at the time of the incident.

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

Sweetwater County-the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on two incidents where dogs were shot by the owner after dog bite incidents. In one incident the owner was bitten while trying to break up a dog fight and in the second incident the dog was shot in the head after biting a child. In both cases the bite victims were counseled about rabies risk but chose not to initiate rabies PEP. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten the dog's owner. The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control

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<http://wdh.state.wy.us/sho/hazards/wrvc.html>

reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit the dog's owner on the face. The owner was attempting to free the dog's leg from a fence. WSVL and WPHL reported an equine Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus case (E718).

Uinta County-A health care provider reported on the administration of rabies PEP to two individuals. The two individuals were worried about exposure to their cat. Their cat had a history of fighting with a stray cat and their cat recently developed an illness. In a separate incident reported by the Evanston Animal Control Shelter, a cat was euthanized and tested negative after the cat had bitten the cat's owner.

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 health care provider reported three dog bite incidents. Two of the dogs were vaccinated, but not current. One dog was shelter quarantined and one was home quarantined. The remaining dog was current on rabies vaccinations and was home quarantined. The circumstances surrounding the incidents included a child bitten while approaching a dog, a child bitten in the head area by the family's dog, and an adult bitten by a dog while the bite victim was walking on a trail. The dog was with the dog's owner at the time but not on a leash.

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

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