

Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 3/11/2011

(Based on Reporting from 33 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported five animal bite incidents. Four of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and one of the incidents was due to a cat bite. Two dogs were current on rabies vaccination and will be home quarantined. One dog was a stray that has not yet been located (not known at this time if the bite victim started rabies PEP). Another dog was euthanized after the incident and tested negative for rabies. The cat was not vaccinated and will be Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while trying to move a dog off of a bed and an individual bitten while visiting the home of an acquaintance.

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

Natrona County- A confinement order for an unvaccinated, recently imported puppy was received from the Houston Public Health Service Quarantine Station. The pup will be confined until old enough to receive rabies vaccination, and then for an additional 30 days.

Niobrara County- A health care provider reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual. The bite victim was playing with the family dog when the incident occurred.

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

Albany County- A health care provider reported on the Shelter quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual. The bite victim was attempting to extricate the dog's leg from where it had become stuck in a gate. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a dog. The dog was running at large at the time of the incident. The dog, of unknown vaccination status, was captured and will be quarantined.

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WSVL- Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory
WPHL- Wyoming Public Health Laboratory
PFGE- Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis
PEP- Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis

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

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

Uinta County- Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents. In one incident a child was bitten on the face and in the other incident a public servant was bitten. The dog that bit the public servant is in quarantine. Animal control information is pending on the other incident. A human salmonella case where there was contact with a lizard in the house is being investigated.

Sweetwater County-Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a lizard. The bite victim received medical attention but no action was taken on the lizard.

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

WRIR- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a stray cat. The child's parent declined rabies PEP.

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported a suspected canine coccidioidomycosis case in a dog that had recently lived in Arizona. A veterinarian reported a suspected canine parvo case (not zoonotic)

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-Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported the Shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that bit an individual. The recently adopted dog was acting aggressively when the incident occurred. Also reported was rabies testing of a dog that was hit by a car and died of its injuries. The dog had bitten a good samaritan who attempted to help the injured dog.

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