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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 5/6/2011

(Based on Reporting from 34 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County- A human giardia case where there was exposure to cats, an ill dog and a pet bird is being investigated.

Campbell County- A human *Salmonella typhimurium* case where there was exposure to pet reptiles is being investigated.

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

Natrona County-A veterinarian reported on three cases of canine giardia and one case of canine tapeworms. A veterinarian reported on a vaccinated, but not current, cat that was exposed to a bat. The bat was not available for testing. The cat will be euthanized.

Niobrara County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by the family pet dog. The vaccinated dog was home quarantined.

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

Carbon County-A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit a child. The child had fallen on the dog and provoked the incident.

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

Sweetwater County-The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported the Shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated cat that bit a child on the face. The child had fallen on the cat's tail and provoked the incident.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on the ten day quarantine and then euthanasia of a dog that bit an individual. Other details of the incident were not available.

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

Fremont County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP after an individual was bitten by a squirrel. The squirrel was not available for testing. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog running-at-large. Animal control information on the dog is pending. A veterinarian reported a case of genetic polyneuropathy in a dog (a case was also reported last week).

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

Big Horn County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a dog. The vaccinated dog was home quarantined.

Park County-The Powell Police Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit a child. The bite victim was riding a bicycle at the time of the incident and was bitten by a dog being walked on a leash. A human salmonella case where there was exposure to turtles is being investigated.

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

Laramie County- Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported four bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites, one incident was due to a ferret bite, and one incident was due to a cat bite. Both of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and were quarantined at home. The ferret was too young to be vaccinated and was quarantined at a pet store. The cat was not vaccinated and was home quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten on the face while attempting to move a sleeping dog, individual bitten on the face while attempting to wake a dog, an individual bitten after sticking a finger into a ferret cage, and an individual bitten while playing rough with a cat.

Goshen County- A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP after an individual was bitten by a raccoon. The raccoon was not available for testing.

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