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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 6/24/2011

(Based on Reporting from 29 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The bite victim was attempting to free the cat after the cat got stuck in a hole. The cat ran away and could not be located. A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for a delivery person bitten by a dog while the bite victim was making a delivery to a business. The dog was moved to Montana before it could be quarantined.

Johnson County-WSVL reported on a rabid skunk with no human or animal exposures. A veterinarian reported on a horse positive for equine herpes virus type 1 (not zoonotic). The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported on two individuals bitten by cats. In one incident the bite victim was attempting to help a cat that had been hit by a car. The cat was euthanized and will be tested for rabies. In the second incident the bite victim was bitten by the victim's own fatally injured cat. The cat was disposed of after the incident and was not available for testing. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP.

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

Natrona County- A veterinary clinic reported a case of giardia in a puppy.

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

Albany County-WSVL and WPHL reported on a canine *Salmonella Agona* case. The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on several case of feline panluekopenia (not zoonotic).

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

Uinta County-Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents and one cat bite incident. Animal control information on the animals is pending. The cat and one of the dogs were owned by the bite victims. The individual bitten by the cat was attempting to break up a cat-dog fight at the time of the incident. One of the dog bite incidents occurred during play.

Sweetwater County-The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on a child bitten on the face by a dog running at large. The unvaccinated dog will be Shelter quarantined. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual. The unleashed dog was running at large in a parking lot at the time of the incident.

Lincoln County-A Wyoming health care provider reported on a dog bite that happened in Utah to a Utah resident. The bite victim was bitten by a dog running at large. Utah authorities were informed of the incident.

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

Teton County-A veterinarian reported malignant melanoma in a horse (not zoonotic)
Fremont County-A veterinarian reported a penile squamous cell carcinoma in a horse (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-WSVL reported on a rabid skunk. There were no human or animal exposures. WSVL and WPHL reported on a canine MRSA case.
Platte County-Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that bit an individual. The dog was running at large when the incident happened.

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