

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators
For Week Ending 9/2/2011**

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

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

Sheridan County-WSVL and a veterinarian reported on a rabid skunk. There were no human or animal exposures to the skunk. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with chickens and other animals is being investigated.

Campbell County-The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on an incident where a child and a dog both ingested portions of a Tramadol pill.

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

Natrona County-Veterinary clinics reported cases of ringworm in kittens and a case of canine giardia.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. Also reported was an incident where an individual was bitten while trying to break up a dog fight. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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

Sweetwater County-A health care provider and the Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on a child bitten by a leashed dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. The bite victim was attempting to pet the dog at the time of the incident.

Lincoln County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a snake. The child was unable to identify the type of snake. Two skin puncture marks and quickly worsening symptoms in the child suggested a rattlesnake bite. Crofab antivenom was administered.

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

WRIR-A veterinarian reported on a dog bitten by a stray, possibly rabid, dog. Attempts will be made to capture the stray dog and test it for rabies.

Sublette County-The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on a child bitten by an unvaccinated dog. The dog will be quarantined at a veterinary clinic. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with dogs, cattle and horses is being investigated.

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)

Park County-The City of Powell Animal Control reported an individual bitten while trying to capture a stray dog. The dog, of unknown vaccination status, was later captured and will be home quarantined. Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test on a euthanized cat that had bitten an individual. The individual was bitten after rescuing the stray cat at a city park.

Washakie County-WSVL reported on a rabid skunk. A vaccinated, but not current, dog that had an exposure to the skunk was euthanized. There were no direct human exposures to the skunk. The two owners of the dog chose to start rabies PEP.

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

Laramie County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a stray dog. The dog could not be located after the incident. A human *Salmonella enteritidis* case where there was contact with a variety of animals is being investigated. Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported 17 animal bite incidents. All of the incidents involved dog bites to humans except for one incident due to a cat bite. Seven of the bite victims were children. Five dogs were current on rabies vaccination. The other dogs and the cat were not current. Nine dogs were home quarantined. Seven other dogs and the cat were Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten while breaking up dog fights, three individuals bitten during play, three bitten while attempting to leash or put a collar on a dog, and three bitten when they entered onto a dog's home property.

Platte County-The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit a child. The child was walking by the fenced-in dog when the dog leapt onto the fence and bit the child.

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