

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators
For Week Ending 9/23/2011**

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

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

Johnson County-The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit a child.

Campbell County-The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported on human and canine exposure to chlorine gas within a home.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported fourteen animal bite incidents. Twelve of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and there were two cat bite incidents. Ten of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and were home quarantined. One of the cats was a stray and the bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Animal control information on the second cat is pending. Two dogs did not have proof of current rabies vaccination with one dog Shelter quarantined and one dog home quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while playing with the family dog, a child bitten while approaching a friend's dog, and an adult bitten while trying to help a dog hit by a car.

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

Albany County-the Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported an incident where a hiker disturbed a sleeping dog and was bitten by the dog. Also reported was a dog bite to a camper at a camp site. The bite victim was attempting to pet the dog. In both incidents the vaccinated dogs were home quarantined. Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents. Animal control information is pending on the incidents.

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

Sweetwater County-A health care provider reported on an individual bitten while attempting to catch a stray cat. Animal control information on the cat is pending.

Uinta County-The Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported the quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten an individual.

Lincoln County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a cat. The cat was not quarantined but was alive and healthy ten days after the incident.

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

WRIR-A health care provider and veterinarian reported on an individual bitten by four dogs. The dogs were running at large at the time of the incident. The bite victim was bitten over 100 times and was started on rabies PEP. The dogs were captured and all tested negative for rabies.

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported on a litter of kittens with ringworm.

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

Hot Springs County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by an ill cat. Animal control was contacted to collect and arrange for testing of the cat for rabies.

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

Platte County-The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The dog was running at large and had bitten an individual.

Laramie County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a stray cat 16 days previously. Attempts to locate the cat had failed.

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