

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from  
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators  
For Week Ending 9/30/2011**

(Based on Reporting from 28 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 two dog bite incidents. In one incident two individuals were bitten while attempting to breakup a dog fight. The dogs fighting were both current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. In the second incident a child was bitten by a dog. The vaccinated dog was home quarantined. A human salmonellosis case where there was exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

Campbell County-A veterinarian reported a ringworm case in a horse. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

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

Natrona County-A veterinarian reported a possible animal hoarding situation.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported two bite incidents involving dogs and one incident involving a cat. The cat was current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. In one of the dog bite incidents a child was bitten by a neighbor's dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. In the other dog bite incident an individual was bitten while trying to break up a dog fight. Both of the vaccinated dogs involved in the fight will be quarantined at a veterinary clinic. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on a dog running at large that had bitten an individual. The dog could not be located after the incident. The individual sought medical attention from a health care provider but it is not known at this time if rabies PEP was initiated. Also reported was a child bitten by the family dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. The child was attempting to help the dog after the dog became trapped between a bed frame and a wall.

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

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten while trying to catch a stray cat. Animal control officers were able to capture the cat and place in quarantine.

Uinta County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

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

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

Nothing to Report

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

Park County- The Wyoming Livestock Board reported on two 13 month old heifers with high serologic titers to *Brucella abortus*.

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

Laramie County- Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported nine animal bite incidents. Six of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and three incidents were due to cat bites. Three of the bite victims were children. Five dogs were current on rabies vaccination and were home quarantined (one bite incident involved two vaccinated dogs). The other two dogs were vaccinated but not current and were Shelter quarantined. Two of the cats were not current and were Shelter quarantined. The third cat was euthanized due to illness and tested negative for rabies. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten while restraining cats, a child bitten by a dog running at large, an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight, and, and an individual bitten while grooming a dog.

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