

## **Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 10/07/2011**

(Based on Reporting from 36 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Sheridan County-A veterinarian reported on a dog with possible rabies. The dog may have had contact with a rabid skunk in September. The dog will be isolated and observed.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported five animal bite incidents. Four of the incidents involved dog bites to humans and there was one cat bite incident. One dog and the cat were current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. Two dogs were not current and will be quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Animal control information on the third dog is pending (the bite victim was seen by a health care provider).

Converse County-A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a stray dog while making a delivery to a home. The dog has not yet been located by animal control. PEP will be administered if the dog is not located within seven days of the incident.

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

Albany County-Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The dog's puppies, too young to be separated from their mother, will be quarantined with the dog.

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

Sweetwater County-The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on a stray cat that had bitten a child. The child was attempting to break up a fight between the cat and a dog. Efforts to find the cat were not successful and the bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Lincoln County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a stray dog. PEP was not administered.

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

Fremont County-The Region 5 Regional Veterinary Coordinator assisted in the investigation of a human E. coli case where there was exposure to calves. Fecal samples collected from one of the calves had an identical E. coli PFGE match to the human case. Veterinarians reported suspected cases of goat pox (not zoonotic), ringworm in two dogs, panleukopenia (not zoonotic) in a cat, and *Salmonella typhimurium* in a cat.

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

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

Park County-The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated dog. The dog escaped while being walked on a leash and bit a child. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog when the bite victim entered the dog's home property. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

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

Laramie County-Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of two vaccinated dogs that had bitten individuals. One bite victim was bitten while attempting to break up a dog fight. The other individual was bitten while visiting a dog's home property. An individual bitten by a wild vole was counseled by a health care provider regarding rabies risk. PEP was not administered. A citizen reported being bitten by a wild squirrel. The individual planned to initiate rabies PEP through a health care provider.

Platte County-The Wheatland Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by their own dog. The dog had been run over by a tractor and the dog's owner was bitten while attempting to help the dog. The vaccinated dog was euthanized due to injuries sustained. The dog was not tested for rabies. The bite victim was seen by a health care provider but PEP was not administered.

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