

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from  
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators  
For Week Ending 4/27/2012**

(Based on Reporting from 33 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported nine dog bite incidents and four cat bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved bites to children. Five dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and two were not current. Two other dogs of unknown vaccination status were euthanized and tested negative for rabies. Five dogs were home quarantined, one dog was Shelter quarantined and one dog was quarantined at a veterinary clinic. One of the cats was a stray and could not be located. The bite victim saw a health care provider but did not initiate rabies PEP. In another incident, efforts to locate both the cat and the bite victim were unsuccessful so no action was taken. In the remaining two cat bite incidents, one vaccinated cat was home quarantined and a cat of unknown vaccination status was Shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten and an adult bitten in separate incidents after entering a dog's domain, an individual bitten while breaking up a dog fight, an individual bitten while jogging, and an individual bitten by a running-at-large dog.

Weston County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a family puppy. The puppy was too young to be vaccinated and remains at home.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported nine bite incidents. Seven of the incidents involved dog bites and there were two incidents where individuals were bitten by cats. Two of the incidents involved bites to children. Two vaccinated dogs and one vaccinated cat were quarantined at home and two other vaccinated dogs were quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Three dogs and one cat of unknown vaccination status were quarantined at veterinary clinics. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight, a child bitten by a running-at-large dog, and an individual bitten while attempting to free a dog caught in a fence. A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a dog. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

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

Albany County-WSVL and WPHL reported on a porcine *Salmonella infantis* case (P5551),

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

Sweetwater County-The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on the Shelter quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that bit an individual. The dog was running at

<http://www.health.wyo.gov/sho/hazards/wrvc.html>

large at the time of the incident. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a wild mouse. The mouse was not captured for rabies testing. Rabies PEP was not initiated.

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

Sublette County-A veterinarian reported on a cat with skin fragility syndrome. Not zoonotic although many cases are idiopathic.

**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-A veterinarian reported two cases of *Sarcoptes scabiei* in dogs. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog while attempting to break up a dog fight. Animal control information is pending. Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of two unvaccinated dogs. The dogs had bitten their owner as the owner attempted to break up a dog fight.

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