Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 6/29/2012

(Based on Reporting from 35 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

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

Campbell County-A veterinarian reported on a child bitten by the family dog. The dog was euthanized. The owners declined testing of the dog for rabies. A veterinarian reported on the 45 day quarantine of a vaccinated cat that had exposure to a bat. The bat was not available for rabies testing.

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

Converse County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a rattlesnake. A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a stray cat. Rabies PEP was not initiated. The child was attempting to play with the cat at the time of the incident.

Niobrara County- The Glenrock Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. An individual was bitten through a fence by a neighbor's dog while the individual was lawn mowing.

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

Carbon County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by one of three dogs that were running at large. The dogs were captured and will be Shelter quarantined.

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

Sweetwater County-Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated dog. The dog slipped its head through a fence and bit an individual. Health care providers reported four dog bite incidents. Animal control information on the incidents is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included a child bitten while trying to pull the family dog away from food, a child bitten by a running-at-large dog, and a child bitten while trying to pet a vaccinated dog owned by an acquaintance.

Lincoln County- A veterinarian reported a case of equine salmonellosis. Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents. Animal control information on the incidents is pending. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten by a running-at-large dog at a camp site, and a child bitten by a neighbor's running-at-large, vaccinated, dog.

Uinta County- Health care providers and the Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported on the Shelter quarantine of two dogs that bit individuals. One of the dogs was vaccinated and bit an individual as the bite victim was attempting to break up a dog fight. The other dog was unvaccinated and bit a child on the face during play.

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

Fremont County-A veterinarian reported on two horses exhibiting neurological signs. Lab tests are pending. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by the family dog. The dog was unvaccinated and was exhibiting strange behavior. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

Sublette County- A veterinarian reported on a canine ringworm case.

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 a dog. The dog was in a parked vehicle and the bite victim was bitten while walking by the vehicle. Animal control is looking for the dog,

Park County- Health care providers reported three dog bite incidents. Animal control information on the incidents is pending. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included a child bitten on the face by the family dog and two individuals bitten in separate incidents after entering into the dogs' home domains. One dog was noted to be current on rabies vaccinations. A human cryptosporidiosis case where there was a history of contact with cattle is being investigated. Rabies PEP was initiated for a child bitten by a feral cat. The cat could not be located after the incident. The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual at a Park. The bite victim was attempting to pet the dog at the time of the incident.

Washakie County- WSVL reported on a rabid bat. A vaccinated dog that may have had contact with the bat will be quarantined for 45 days.

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

Laramie County-Rabies PEP was initiated for a child after the child had handled a bat. The bat was submitted for rabies testing but the specimen was not suitable for testing.

Platte County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. Animal control is looking for the cat

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