

**Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from  
Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators  
For Week Ending 7/27/2012**

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

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

Johnson County- A human *Campylobacter sp.* case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported on a raccoon found dead in a homeowner's yard. A veterinarian reported a negative rabies test on an unvaccinated cat that had bitten an individual. The individual was attempting to groom the cat at the time of the incident. The bite victim was started on rabies PEP pending test results on the cat.

Campbell County- A human *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7 case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

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

Natrona County- A veterinarian reported a possible canine plague case. Laboratory tests are pending.

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

Albany County- A citizen reported on a family exposed to a bat while sleeping. The individuals received rabies PEP. The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of an unvaccinated cat that bit an individual.

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

Sweetwater County-Health care providers reported on two dog bite incidents and one cat bite incident. One of the dog bite incidents involved a child. The child was attempting to pet a relative's dog. The vaccinated cat, owned by the bite victim, will be home quarantined. The cat owner was bitten while trying to break up a dog/cat fight. Additional animal control information on the incidents is pending. The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on a negative rabies test for a dog that had bitten the dog's owner. The vaccinated dog was euthanized. A human shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported one dog bite incident. Additional information is pending. Health care providers reported on two incidents where children were bitten by dogs. In both incidents the children were bitten while playing with the family dog. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations. Additional animal control information is pending.

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

Sublette County- A human shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* 0157 case where there was a history of exposure to areas where livestock had been is being investigated. A veterinarian reported a case of pigeon fever (*Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*) in a horse.

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

Park County-Health care providers reported on a cat bite incident, an incident where an individual was bitten by a squirrel, and two dog bite incidents. The cat and one of the dogs were the bite victim's pets. The individual bitten by the squirrel was attempting to pet the squirrel. One of the dog bite victim's was attempting to break up a dog fight. Additional animal control information on the incidents is pending.

Hot Springs County- A human *Escherichia coli* 0121:NM case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated. A veterinarian reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of a vaccinated, but not current, cat that had bitten an individual.

Washakie County- WSVL reported on a rabid bat. The bat was found flopping on the ground. No animals or humans were exposed to the bat. A veterinarian reported on the veterinary clinic quarantine of an unvaccinated cat that had bitten an individual.

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

Laramie County-WSVL and a veterinarian reported on a feline tularemia case. Individuals exposed to the cat have been placed on fever watches. WSVL reported on a rabid bat. The bat was found dead and there were no human or animal exposures. A citizen reported seeing numerous dead birds and squirrels in her neighborhood. WSVL reported on a rabid skunk. The skunk was shot by a landowner. Two vaccinated dogs that may have been in contact with the skunk will be placed under 45 day quarantines. A veterinarian reported on a dog with giardia, *Toxocara canis*, and *Trichuris vulpis*. A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. An individual was bitten while trying to break up a dog fight.

Platte County- Glendo State Park Law Enforcement/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The chained dog had bitten a child when the child attempted to pet the 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