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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 9/21/2012

(Based on Reporting from 38 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Sheridan County-A veterinarian reported a negative rabies test on a bat. Several dogs and cats had possible exposure to the bat. A canine giardia was also reported.

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

Natrona County- A veterinarian reported a canine giardia case. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with a recently purchased puppy is being investigated.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

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

Fremont County-WSVL reported a positive test for West Nile virus on a horse.

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-Veterinarians reported two unrelated cases of *Sarcoptes scabiei* in dogs.

Animal Bite Incidents

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported fourteen dog bite incidents and two cat bite incidents that occurred in August of 2012. Seven of the incidents involved bites to children. One child was bitten on the face. Ten dogs and one cat were current on rabies vaccinations. Four dogs and one cat were not current or vaccination status was unknown. Nine dogs and two cats were home quarantined. Four dogs were shelter

quarantined and one dog was quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten by dogs running-at-large, three individuals bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, an individual bitten while jogging, and an individual bitten while rollerblading.

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported a negative rabies test on a dog that had bitten a child. The dog had been hit by a car and was euthanized after the incident.

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

Natrona County-Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported ten bite incidents. Nine of the incidents involved dog bites and there was one incident where an individual was bitten by a cat. Four of the incidents involved bites to children. Five of the dogs and one cat were current on rabies vaccinations. Three dogs were unvaccinated. One dog could not be located after the incident. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Five were home quarantined. Two dogs were quarantined at veterinary clinics. Animal control information on the cat is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual attacked by three dogs as the individual entered the home of an acquaintance, an individual bitten during play with a dog, and an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight.

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

Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the shelter quarantine of a cat that had bitten an individual. The cat was surrendered to the shelter due to the cat's aggressive nature.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Fremont County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a squirrel. The squirrel was not available for rabies testing. The parents of the child were counseled regarding rabies PEP. PEP was not initiated. A veterinarian reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The cat died soon after the incident. The cat tested negative for rabies.

Sublette County-The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on two children bitten on the face by a dog. Additional animal control information is pending.

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

YNP- A report on an individual bitten by a coyote was received. The coyote was captured and will be tested for rabies.

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

Platte County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. The bite victim was attempting to break up a dog fight at the time of the incident. Animal Control is currently looking for the dog.

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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