Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 10/19/2012

(Based on Reporting from 31 Veterinary Clinics and Other Sources)

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

(Scroll down to see reported animal to human bite incidents)

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

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported a hookworm canine case, a roundworm canine case, and two canine giardia cases.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Albany County- The 45 day home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had been bitten by a raccoon was reported.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Fremont County- 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)

Big Horn County- A human salmonellosis case where there was a history of contact with animals is being investigated

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

Nothing to Report

Animal Bite Incidents

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

Crook County-A health care provider reported on a dog that was euthanized and will be tested for rabies. The bite victims are the owners of the dog.

Weston County-A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by the family dog. The unvaccinated dog will be home quarantined. The child had startled the dog while the dog was eating.

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

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported sixteen bite incidents. Twelve of the incidents involved dog bites, three were cat bite related, and one individual was bitten by a pet skunk. Three of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. The remaining dogs and cats were either unvaccinated or of unknown vaccination status. These animals were shelter quarantined (five dogs, one cat), quarantined at a veterinary clinic (three dogs, one cat), or euthanized (one dog). The skunk was euthanized and will be tested for rabies. Animal control information is pending on one cat bite incident. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included three individuals bitten after entering into dogs' home domains, two individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs (in separate incidents), and an individual bitten while riding a bike.

Converse County-A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by an ill barn cat. The cat was taken to a veterinary clinic and is under 10 day quarantine.

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

Albany County- the Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported looking for two dogs that were involved in separate dog bite incidents. In one incident a delivery person was bitten by a running-at-large dog, and in the second incident an individual was bitten after attempting to pet a dog being walked on a leash.

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

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported four bite incidents. Two of the incidents involved dog bites and two were cat bite related. One dog was current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. Both cats were euthanized and tested negative for rabies. The remaining dog could not be located. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, an individual bitten while trying to assist an injured cat, an individual bitten while trying to break up a dog fight, and an individual bitten while trying to rescue a stray cat.

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

Nothing to Report

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie) Nothing to Report

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

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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