Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 11/30/2012

(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 health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The cat could not be located after the incident. The bite victim planned to start rabies PEP. A veterinarian reported on a cat with neurological signs possibly consistent with rabies. The six month old cat had never been outside. The cat will be observed to see if the disease progresses.

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

Natrona County- A veterinarian reported seeing numerous cancer cases, of all cancer types, in small animals. A veterinarian reported on three horses with clinical signs suspicious of botulism.

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

Carbon County- A veterinarian reported on an individual bitten by a stray cat. The cat is being looked for. Rabies PEP will be initiated if the cat is not located.

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

Lincoln County- A veterinarian reported on a cat that died from ingestion of an unknown poison.

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)

Laramie County- A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with a newly adopted puppy is being investigated. A veterinarian reported seeing cases of sarcoptic mange (*Sarcoptes scabiei*) in dogs and several cases of dogs with sucking lice (*Linognathus setsus).* Canine sucking lice are host specific and are not known to feed on humans. A veterinarian reported continuing to see several cases of equine pigeon fever (*Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*).

Platte County- - A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with a variety of animals is being investigated.

Animal Bite Incidents

Matthew Cherni, DVM- Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)
Nothing to Report

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Nothing to Report

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)
Nothing to Report

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

Sweetwater County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog in an unprovoked situation. Animal control information on the incident is pending. The Evanston Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on two dog bite incidents. Both dogs have been placed in home quarantine.

Uinta County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. Animal Control has been contacted. Animal control information on the incident is pending.

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

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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