Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 1/4/2013

(Based on Reporting from 33 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)

Crook County- A veterinarian reported a case of mycosis fungoides (epitheliotropic lymphoma) in a dog (not zoonotic).

Campbell County- A veterinarian reported the deaths of seven heifers after they ingested lead from a cracked and leaking battery.

Sheridan County- A veterinarian reported a case of equine rhinopneumonitis (not zoonotic).

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

Nothing to Report

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

Albany County- A veterinarian reported a possible echinococcus hydatid cyst in a dog. Laboratory tests are pending.

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 ringworm cases in several cats and dogs.

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

Big Horn County- A human campylobacteriosis case where there was contact with calves, an ill dog, and other possible sources is being investigated.

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

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

Goshen County- A human campylobacteriosis case where there was a history of consuming undercooked chicken as well as contact with cattle, a dog, and a cat is being investigated.

Animal Bite Incidents

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

Johnson County-The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was the owner of the dog.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Albany County- The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test on a dog that was euthanized after repeated bite-to-human incidents. Also reported were two incidents where children were bitten by the same dog. The vaccinated, but not current, dog was shelter quarantined.

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

Sweetwater County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by the family dog during play. Animal control information is pending.

Lincoln County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten and scratched by a cat. Animal control information is pending. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of an unvaccinated dog that had bitten a child. Also reported was an incident where an individual was bitten while attempting to assist an injured dog. The dog was not available for quarantine or rabies testing. Efforts are underway to counsel the bite victim regarding rabies risk and PEP.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on two dog bite incidents. Additional details were not available.

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