Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 5/10/2013

(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) 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 incident where a child and an adult were started on rabies PEP after both were attacked by the family cat. The cat was not provoked. The cat was not available for rabies testing; the father had killed the cat after the incident.

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 health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten after being attacked by three dogs. One of the dogs was caught while running-at-large and placed under shelter quarantine. The other two dogs were not available for quarantine or rabies testing. The bite victim did not know which of the three dogs was responsible for the bite.

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 bit an individual. The bite victim was making a delivery at the time of the incident.

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

Natrona County- Health care providers reported on two dog bite incidents. In one incident an individual was bitten while attempting to break up a dog fight. Additional information on both incidents is pending.

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

Albany County- The Laramie Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on two separate incidents where individuals were bitten while attempting to feed squirrels. In both instances the squirrels were not available for rabies testing. The bite victims were counseled regarding rabies PEP. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a neighbor's dog. The dog had jumped onto a fence and bit the individual on the other side of the fence. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a cat. Additional information is pending.

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

Sweetwater County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a dog. The dog was attempting to take a food item from the child. Animal control information is pending.

Uinta County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a dog. Animal control information is pending.

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

Sublette County- The Sublette County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on a child bitten by a running-at-large dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

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

Big Horn County- Health care providers reported on three dog bite incidents. Additional information is pending on each incident.

Hot Springs County- A veterinarian reported the home quarantine of two vaccinated, but not current, large dogs that had been involved in a dog bite to human incident. The dogs were running-at-large at the time of the incident. A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a dog. The dog had bitten a child after the child had entered into the dog's home domain. The vaccination status of the dog was not immediately known.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB) Nothing to Report

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