# Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 9/6/2013

### **Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration**

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**Matthew Cherni, DVM-** Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)
Campbell County- WSVL reported on two horses positive for West Nile virus.

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

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

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

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

Uinta County- A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a skunk. The bite victim was attempting to capture the skunk at the time of the incident. The skunk escaped and was not available for rabies testing.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Washakie County- WSVL reported on a rabid bat. There were no human or animal exposures to the bat.

YNP- A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual who may have been bitten by a bat.

Park County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus. A human campylobacteriosis case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of 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)

Campbell County- Health care providers reported on an individual bitten by a cat and an individual bitten by a dog. In the dog bite incident a child was bitten while attempting to break

up a dog fight. In the cat bite incident a child was bitten by the neighbor's cat. Animal control information on both incidents is pending.

Sheridan County- The Sheridan Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test on a cat that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was attempting to pet the caged cat.

Johnson County- The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual bitten by a neighbor's dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

Weston County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a vaccinated dog during play. The dog will be home quarantined.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Albany County- A health care provider reported on a jogger bitten by a dog. The dog was running at large at the time of the incident. Animal control information is pending. Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated, running at large, dog. The dog had bitten a child at a public park.

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

Sweetwater County-The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported four animal bite incidents. Three of the incidents involved dog bites and one incident involved a cat bite. Two of the incidents involved bites to children. Both children were bitten on the face. Two dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. One dog was vaccinated, but not current. The cat was euthanized and tested negative for rabies. All three dogs were home quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while helping an injured kitten, an individual during play with the family dog, an individual bitten by a running at large dog, and an individual bitten after entering a dog's home domain. A health care provider reported on a child bitten by the family dog. Animal control information is pending. The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on two individuals bitten while attempting to stop a cat fight. One cat died and was not available for rabies testing. The other cat will be shelter quarantined. The bite victim bitten by the cat that died was counseled regarding rabies PEP. Also reported was the home quarantine of a dog that bit a child. The bite victim was attempting to hug the dog, owned by a relative, at the time of the incident.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control/Animal Shelter reported on a child bitten by a running at large dog. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

Lincoln County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a dog. Additional 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 stray dog. The child was riding a bike at the time of the incident. The dog could not be located after the incident. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP.

Fremont County- A veterinarian reported on two dog bite incidents. In one incident an individual was bitten after getting between two dogs. In the second incident an individual was

bitten while walking by a dog in a vehicle. Animal control information on both incidents is pending.

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

Park County-The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a dog that bit a child. The child was riding a bike at the time of the incident. The dog was running at large.

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

Laramie County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a stray dog. The dog could not be located after the incident. Rabies PEP was discussed but not initiated.

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