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Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 9/20/2013

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Converse County- WSVL reported on a horse positive for West Nile virus. A human salmonellosis case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals as well as other exposures is being investigated.
Natrona County- WSVL reported on a rabid bat. An investigation is taking place to see if there were human or animal exposures to the bat. A human *Campylobacter* sp. case where there was exposure to a variety of animals is being investigated. The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported the death of a bird and several ill individuals after a household exposure to paint stripper and masonry water proofer.

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

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)
Nothing to Report

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)
Nothing to Report

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)
Park County- The Nebraska Regional Poison Center reported the exposure of several dogs and two individuals to black mold in a household. The people reported illness.

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-A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a pet rat. No animal control action was taken.

Weston County- A health care provider reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog. The bite victim was playing with the dog at the time of the incident.

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

Natrona County- Health care providers reported three dog bite incidents. Two of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and will be home quarantined. One dog had an unknown vaccination status. Animal control information on this dog is pending. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included an individual bitten while intervening in a dog fight, an individual bitten while helping an injured dog, and a child bitten while near a dog that was stung by a bee.

Converse County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a dog owned by an acquaintance. Animal control information is pending.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Sweetwater County- Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on a vaccinated dog that will be euthanized and tested for rabies. The dog had bitten a child and another individual. Also reported was an incident where a child had been bitten by a vaccinated, running at large dog. The dog was caught and will be home quarantined. The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test for a dog that had bitten a child. The vaccinated dog was surrendered to animal control due to an aggressive nature. Health care providers reported on an incident where an individual was bitten by a stray cat. The cat was not located after the incident. The bite victim was counseled regarding rabies PEP. The bite victim was attempting to catch the cat at the time of the incident.

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

WRIR- A veterinarian reported on an individual bitten by a pet raccoon. Animal control information on the incident is pending

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- The City of Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported thirteen bite incidents. Twelve of the incidents involved dog bites. One incident involved a cat bite. Three of the incidents involved bites to children. Nine of the dogs were current on vaccinations for rabies and were home quarantined. One dog and the cat had an unknown vaccination status. Both were shelter quarantined. Two dogs were strays and ran off after the incidents. The bite victims were counseled regarding rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included two individuals bitten during play with dogs, two individuals bitten by stray dogs, an individual bitten while intervening in a dog/cat fight, and a bicycle rider bitten by a running at large dog.

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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